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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

The Union County Sheriff's Office reported that the Labor Day holiday weekend was pretty quiet.

Dave Fombelle has received the Seven Seals Award from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve organization. More on this to come.

The 2018 primary election "officially" gets underway this week.

The Boy Scouts of America are conducting sign-up nights throughout the region.

A new "bridge" can be seen in Cobden.

Local gardeners would probably like to see a little bit more rain.

September promises to be a pretty busy month in the Union County area.

Grandparents Day is Sept. 10.

Sept. 11 is commemorated as Patriot Day.

Sept. 22 is the first day of autumn.

A community yard sale day is planned Oct. 7 in Cobden.

A fall clean-up day is scheduled Oct. 18 in Cobden.

Illinois State Board of Education

A-J student selected to serve on advisory council



Bryce Massey
By Lindsey Rae Vaughn

Bryce Massey, a junior at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, has been selected to serve on the Illinois State Board of Education, ISBE, Student Advisory Council, SAC.

The council is composed

of 16 sophomores, juniors and seniors from throughout the state. Massey will serve on the council for two years.

Members of SAC have an opportunity to see the state board's policymakers in action and to work with them to provide student perspectives and concerns on the state's education policies.

Each year, the members of SAC select a topic to research in depth and present it to the state board of education.

In previous years, SAC has examined best practices for recognizing vocational education, grading scales for the school districts, the effects of cyber bullying, the effects of mandatory physical education on high school students, district

budgets and the dropout crisis.

Massey, the son of Ronald Massey and John and Paige Maginel, initially showed an interest in serving on the SAC during his sophomore year, but was not selected, though he was named as a finalist.

After gaining another year to familiarize himself with his research subject, socioeconomic effects in rural and poverty-stricken areas, his next attempt was successful.

One way he became more familiar with the issue was by volunteering his time to a low-income tutoring program.

Massey had to write two essays: one about himself and another about the issues he would research if selected to serve on the SAC.

"I knew I had this passion to better my community," Massey said.

Massey is the first student from A-JCHS to be selected to serve on the board.

He comes from a family of educators, including his grandmother and mother.

"The importance of education was instilled in me," Massey said.

While his mother was obtaining her Ph.D., he became fascinated with her research. He said that interest steered him towards the field.

"I can work with the state board and like-minded peers to make a difference," he said about being on the council.

As for his future, Massey wants to attend Brown University in Providence, R.I.

He has spent previous summers there.

An attraction he has to Brown is its open curriculum policy. He said it would give him free time for academic avenues. He is interested in biological sciences and policy.

"I love learning for the sake of learning," he said.

Massey thinks he can bring a vital perspective to SAC coming from an underrepresented region.

"I am honored and very excited to represent my community," he said.

The ISBE SAC meets in person four times per school year, occasionally in conjunction with meetings of the state board of education. The council also conducts three conference calls.

The council's first meeting is scheduled Sept. 12-13 in Springfield.

Shawnee School District teacher honored to be finalist for award

A Union County school teacher says she is honored to be one of the finalists for a state honor.

The Illinois State Board of Education, ISBE, recently announced the 10 finalists for 2018 Illinois teacher of the year.

One of the finalists is Jamie Nash-Mayberry. Nash-Mayberry is a social studies teacher at Shawnee High School in Wolf Lake. The high school is part of Shawnee Community Unit School District No. 84.

ISBE will name one individual from the 10 finalists as the 2018 Illinois teacher of the year during a Those Who Excel banquet which is planned in October.

Shawnee superintendent Shelly-Clover Hill

nominated Nash-Mayberry through ISBE.

Clover-Hill, along with a parent, a student and an administrator, all wrote letters of recommendation.

Nash-Mayberry had to answer, in writing, a number of questions about her teaching.

"I'm very excited and honored. Since I am the only one from Southern Illinois, I am going to do my best to make Southern Illinois proud," she said.

Nash-Mayberry voiced appreciation to Clover-Hill for nominating her for the honor. The Shawnee teacher also voiced appreciation to the students she has had over the years "for contributing to my success."

Nash-Mayberry has worked hard as an educator

to help her students become aware of critical issues, most notably the condition of river levees in the Shawnee School District.

The state's annual educator recognition banquet and program will acknowledge the contributions and accomplishments of more than 230 educators and school personnel from throughout the state.

The Those Who Excel banquet is planned Saturday, Oct. 28, in Normal.

The teacher of the year will represent Illinois at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala., and in the Council of Chief State School Officers' National Teacher of the Year Program.

Weather: Union County remains very dry

The Union County area remained very dry as August came to an end and September arrived.

No measurable rainfall was recorded in Union County during the period from Aug. 29 through Sept. 4. Stormy weather was seen in the area on Monday night.

Temperatures ranged from a high of 91 to a low of 46 during the period.

Following are temperatures for the period as re-

corded by weather observer Dana Cross in Jonesboro:

	H	L
Tuesday, Aug. 29	86	65
Wednesday, Aug. 30	86	62
Thursday, Aug. 31	81	65
Friday, Sept. 1	74	56
Saturday, Sept. 2	80	46
Sunday, Sept. 3	89	55
Monday, Sept. 4	91	67

August Weather

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

The high temperature for the month was 95 degrees,

which was recorded on Aug. 21. The average high was 86.

The low for the month was 52, which was recorded Aug. 5. The average low was 64.

During the month, precipitation totalled 1.76 inches of rain. The most rain in a 24-hour period was recorded Aug. 6, with .80 of an inch.

Precipitation for the year, through the end of August, totalled 40.98 inches.

Kornthal Church

ice cream supper set

An ice cream supper is planned Saturday evening, Sept. 9, at the historic Kornthal Church in Union County.

The church is located 2.5 miles south of Jonesboro, just off Illinois Route 127.

Serving at the ice cream supper begins at 5 p.m. The menu also will feature bratwursts, pork steaks, hamburgers, hot dogs and desserts.

Music will be provided by the Back Porch Company.

Donations of non-refrigerated dessert items are welcomed. Desserts can be brought to the church from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the day of the event.

For more information, contact Duane Hileman at 833-8745.

2018 primary election

Candidates can circulate nominating petitions for Union County offices

Candidates could begin circulating nominating petitions this week for the March 20, 2018, primary election in Union County.

Republican and Democratic party voters will elect their candidates for the 2018 general election in the primary.

Locally, voters will be electing two members of the Union County Board of Commissioners, a sheriff, a county clerk and a treasurer.

The incumbents include county commissioners Danny Hartline, a Democrat, and Max Miller, a Republican; sheriff Scott Harvel,

a Democrat; county clerk Terry Bartruff, a Democrat; and treasurer Darren Bailey, a Republican.

The Union County clerk's office in Jonesboro reported that Sept. 5 was the first day to circulate nominating petitions.

Petitions for local races are available at the clerk's office, which is in the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

The filing period for nominating petitions is from 8 a.m. on Nov. 27 through 5 p.m. on Dec. 4 at the county clerk's office.



New playground equipment at Jonesboro Elementary School

Work was completed during the summer on playground improvements at Jonesboro Elementary School. All of the school's staff gathered for a picture in recognition of the special achievement. The school's Parent Teacher Organization, PTO, has been raising funds for several years for playground improvements. The PTO presented a \$10,000 donation to the school during the summer.





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Illinois education funding bill signed

Flanked by school children and legislative leaders, Gov. Bruce Rauner on Aug. 31 in Chicago signed school funding legislation that he said puts children first and makes lasting changes that will help generations of children to come.

The signing of the legislation was highlighted in a news release which was issued by the governor's office.

"The passing of this historic legislation was no easy feat, but it's a reminder of the good things we can accomplish when we put politics aside and focus on what's important: our children and our future," Rauner said.

"I am proud to sign this bill, which will bring more money to school districts based on the needs of the children, guaranteeing that

all Illinois students have access to adequate education funding," he said.

"This historic first step ensures our schools stay open now and that from this day forward the resources invested in public education are committed to providing equity and fairness for all students regardless of where they live in Illinois," said Illinois Senate President John J. Cullerton, D-Chicago.

Under the compromise legislation, the majority of education funds will go to those districts that have the largest gap between their adequacy targets and available local resources.

The legislation also provides school-choice protection for parents who want the best education possible for their children, the governor said.

This is accomplished

by ensuring that district-authorized charter schools receive equal funding and by offering families with limited financial resources better access to private schools through a tax credit scholarship program, Rauner said.

"This new school funding law, born of bipartisan collaboration and compromise, is exactly what Illinois schools need and deserve," said Senate Republican Leader Bill Brady, R-Bloomington.

"Today is a victory for our schools, our students and our communities," said Illinois House Speaker Michael J. Madigan, D-Chicago.

"It's also a victory for compromise that I hope we continue to build on. By working together and in good faith, even when we do not totally agree, Democrats and Republicans have created a plan where every school district wins.

"As we move forward, it will be vitally important that the legislature remain vigilant in protecting the funding mechanism passed and that we ensure all students throughout the state are receiving the support they need to be successful."

"This historic measure is the result of thousands of parents, teachers, school superintendents and students working together over the last four years with one common goal: fixing the most inequitable school funding formula in the nation," said State Sen. Andy Manar, D-Bunker Hill, the chief sponsor of the bill.

"Thanks to their hard work, generations of children in every corner of our state will finally receive the quality education they deserve."

Supporters said the legislation also provides much-needed mandate relief for school districts and presents avenues for property tax relief to homeowners.

"I've said for the past two-and-a-half years that we can make progress on the major issues facing our state as long as both sides respect the priorities of the other, and that's precisely what happened," said House Republican Leader Jim Durkin, R-Western Springs.

"This compromise ensures that all Illinois children will have access to an education that is funded fairly and equitably.

"It also provides flexibility to school districts and relief to homeowners through lower property taxes and expands opportunities for school choice for children from low-income families.

"My hope is that, moving forward, this will serve as an example of what can happen when we put partisan bickering aside and negotiate in good faith to get things done for the families of Illinois."

State Superintendent of Education Statement

Illinois State Superintendent of Education Tony Smith on Aug. 31 issued the following statement about the legislation:

"The Illinois State Board of Education is proud to

have supported the historic work of the General Assembly and the Governor's funding reform commission.

"Our Board Chairman, James Meeks, deserves special recognition for his years of relentless leadership and advocacy that set the foundation for this new agreement.

"I would like to thank my staff for working through the multiple proposed models to produce the numbers that made approving a more equitable funding formula possible.

"Illinois' educators and local educational leaders have shown remarkable resourcefulness and dedication to their students and communities throughout this process.

"We are celebrating progress today. The evidence-based funding formula takes a historic step toward equity and ensuring every student gets the resources they need for academic excellence and postsecondary success.

"When the students in the greatest need receive the most support, the entire state benefits. I believe equity in education funding in Illinois is an important step to ensuring our long-term economic and civic success."

Smith said the Illinois State Board of Education, ISBE, is moving forward with preparations to implement the evidence-based funding, EBF, formula, including verifying the necessary data elements with school districts.

ISBE will work as quickly as possible to issue vouchers to the Illinois State Comptroller so that her office can make payments.

The estimated timeline for school districts to receive payments was about one week from Aug. 31.

ISBE will not have final EBF calculations for a few months.

Therefore, Smith said, initial payments to school districts will be the preliminary base-funding minimum amounts based on final fiscal year 2017 distributions.

This means districts will receive hold harmless payments until ISBE completes the EBF calculations.

Each district's preliminary base-funding minimum amounts can be viewed online at www.isbe.net/ebf2018.

Districts will receive payments on the 10th and 20th of each month from September through June in Fiscal Year 2018

In future years, the schedule will remain the same as General State Aid was previously distributed: 22 payments in total distributed August through June.

The EBF formula requires ISBE to go through a data-verification process with school districts to ensure all of the data incorporated into the formula is accurate.

ISBE will post a final database of all school districts' data elements and EBF allocations on the ISBE website.

Refinery variance granted

The Illinois EPA has granted a provisional variance to ExxonMobil Oil Corporation Joliet Refinery to allow the loading of gasoline onto barges at the Joliet refinery wharf loading facility without the required vapor control system.

The variance will provide temporary relief to better meet the need for motor fuels that has been disrupted following Hurricane Harvey.

The variance follows a federal fuel waiver that was issued by the U.S. EPA on Aug. 31.

A similar variance was granted following Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Regulatory relief requested by ExxonMobil is intended to provide a higher volume loading of gasoline for delivery to communities where primary sources of gasoline supply have been disrupted following the catastrophic events that have occurred as a result of Hurricane Harvey.

Relief is granted until such a time as relief barge loading operations have concluded or Sept. 22, whichever occurs first.

Public Record

from the files at the Union County Courthouse

Realty Transactions

The following real estate transactions were recorded at the Union County clerk's office in Jonesboro:

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Charlotte Demery, Charlotte L. Rooney. Grantee: Charlotte Demery, Kenneth Demery, Charlotte Rooney. Tract Section 10 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Rory John Jaros. Grantee: Kimberly Ann Cole, John Darby Reeve. Tract Section 6 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Betty Jean Dickerson. Grantee: Bennie L. Dunville, Janet K. Dunville, Kelsey E. Goins. Tract Section 30 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Cathy Jo Dishinger, Jan Fredric Dishinger. Grantee: Andrew D. Livesay, Jessie D. Livesay.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Lisa Roach, Lisa Turner. Grantee: Sharon R. Swink, Kenneth R. Swink Jr. Name: John Grammer's Donation to the City of Jonesboro, Lot 82.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Cecil E. Stearns. Grantee: Cecil E. Stearns Revocable Trust, Cecil E. Stearns. Tract Section 35 Township 11S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Debra K. Hess, Dennis R. Hess. Grantee: Amanda Filson, Ryan Filson. Tract Section 27 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Carlos Daniel Gurley, Crystal Gurley. Grantee: Jared A. Rumfelt, Kathleen E. Rumfelt. Tract Section 10 Township 11S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Bobby G. Pruet, Linda L. Pruet. Grantee: Aleesa D. Royster, Philip K. Royster. Name: A. Boone Addition, Lots 2, 3.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Julian Paul Lopez, Danielle M. Quick. Grantee: James M. Kirkland, Julian Paul Lopez, Noreen S. Lopez. Tract Section 1 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Dana L. Allen, Terry L. Allen. Grantee: David Allen, Ricky Allen. Name: Original Plat of Anna, Portion 33.

Anna woman sentenced for burglary

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds reported Sept. 1 that Samantha Jo Stanton, 24, of Anna, has been sentenced to three years in the Illinois Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to burglary, which is a Class 2 felony.

Stanton will also serve a two-year term of mandatory supervised release, formerly parole.

Stanton was arrested in October 2016 following an investigation by the Union County Sheriff's Office.

Stanton stole checks from the residence of an elderly man in rural Anna and then used the stolen checks to purchase items from an Anna retailer.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jennifer L. Snell, Justin L. Snell. Grantee: Joel McHarry. Tract Section 26 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Denny Stephens. Grantee: Patrick R. Trainor. Tract Section 1 Township 12S Range 1W. Tract Section 28 Township 11S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: John M. Trainor, Patrick Trainor, Paul M. Trainor. Grantee: John M. Trainor, Patrick Trainor, Paul M. Trainor. Tract Section 28 Township 11S Range 1E. Tract Section 1 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Edward S. Martin, Grace D. Martin. Grantee: Bethany Martin, Rosene Martin. Tract Section 30 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: U.S. Bank National Association. Grantee: Paul Morgan, Paula Morgan, RMAC Trust Series 2016-CTT. Name: Original Plat of Wolf Lake, Block 3, Lots 29, 30.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Tishea Pearson. Grantee: Rosamaria Davis, Christopher Pearson. Name: Village of Alto Pass, Block 5, Lots 4, 5.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: April Cunningham, Michael S. Cunningham, April Gwyn. Grantee: City of Anna. Name: George W. Norris 1st Add. of Anna, Lot 3.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Joel R. Dallas, Stella M. Dallas, Stella M. Littrell. Grantee: Megan Sherrill. Name: S.A. Walton's 1st Add. of Anna, Lot 12.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Steven Basler, Wanda J. Basler. Grantee: Collin J. Cain, Beverly Earnhart, Gerald E. Cain Trust. Tract Section 31 Township 11S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Eugene Short, Gary Short. Grantee: Deborah Morrison. Name: T.J. Eddleman's 1st Add. of Dongola, Portions 7-8.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Shayne Paul Stephens. Grantee: Berto Properties LLC. Tract Section 21 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Deneille McMahan, John D. McMahan. Grantee: Illinois Department of Transportation. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Bernetta Holshouser. Grantee: Bernetta Holshouser, Bryan Lee Holshouser. Tract Section 14 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Bernetta Holshouser. Grantee: Bernetta Holshouser, Boyd Blayne Holshouser, Terri Lynne Hutchason. Name: Orchard Drive Sub., Lot 407.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Rita A. Belcher. Grantee: Sarah Treece, John Watson. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W.

Traffic Citations

The following people were cited for speeding and were assessed \$120 in fines and court costs as recorded at the Union County circuit clerk's office in Jonesboro:

Wallace D. Smith, Anna. Billy L. Edwards III, Carbondale. Mary L. Donahue, Chicago. Tasha Lynn Holland, Carverville. Orlando Carreno, Joliet.

Charles C. Moore, Louis-

ville, Ky. Ruben G. Guzman Jr., Cobden. Sami L. Kern, Johnston City. Samantha Sue Brim, Thebes. Tasha K. Smart, Crest Hill. Rachel Louise Spinks, Scott City, Mo.

Jennifer A. Mesick, La-Grange Park. Ho Thanh Ma, Carverville. Jeremy W. Small, Benton. Quiana M. Jackson, Carbondale. Jake W. O'Brien, Burbank.

Joanne Finch, Milwaukee, Wis. Jason E. Naylor, Loveland, Ohio. Matthew L. McClard, Marble Hill, Mo. Payton Renee Couch, Ava.

James L.C. Swanson, Johnston City. Stephen P. Skaggs, Hurst. Billy Wallace Teller Jr., Dongola. Tyler M. Townley, Wolf Lake. Kayla Nicole Torphy-Gonzalez, Carbondale.

Jimmy Lee Ellis Jr., Cairo. Tanner W. Landers, Port Neches, Texas. Yvan Valdez, Goshen, Ind. Kathleen J. Clark, Jefferson City, Mo. Ashutosh Prabhakar Sorab, Carbondale. Heather Rae Marie Swink, Anna. Charles L. Brown, Joliet.

Serle L. Thomas, Carbondale. Kaylia M. Fann, Murphysboro. Lawra A. Ross, Carbondale. Jessica Ines Felix, Arlington, Texas. Kyle A. Fetters, Sikeston, Mo.

Richard R. Gonzalez, Oak Park. Garon B. Graves, Monticello, Ark. Cody L. Eubanks, Carbondale. Blanca E. Soliz, McKinney, Texas. Natalie D. Eskew, Jonesboro.

The following people were cited for the indicated violations and were assessed the accompanying fines and court costs as recorded at the circuit clerk's office:

Leslie Lumuba Williams Jr., Hanover Park, following too closely, \$120. Amanda N. Gaddis, Anna, seat belt required/passenger, \$60.

Daniel A. Hancock, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Sarah J. Bergfeld, Carbondale, seat belt required/passenger, \$60.

Kelle J. Sanders, Anna, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Samantha Marie Etherton, Cobden, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Jeffrey Eugene Sadler, Jonesboro, seat belt required/passenger, \$60. Emily S. Hubbs, Anna, head/tail/side-light, \$120.

Spencer Kyle Bollinger, Patton, Mo., seat belt required/driver, \$60. Troy J. Davis, Vienna, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

David B. Pedigo, Benton, fail/use emergency equipment, \$120. Dennis K. Jeffra, Vienna, electronic communication device, \$120.

James Marshall Cannom, Buncombe, electronic communication device, \$120. Dennis A. Wilson, Dongola, transport/carry alcoholic liquor/driver, \$120.

Michael Robert Young, St. Mary, Mo., seat belt required/driver, \$65. Tyler E. Tripp, Anna, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Makayla Jean Swink, Jonesboro, seat belt required/passenger, \$60. Adam Baker, Ullin, improper traffic lane usage, \$120.

Courtney Gene Newell, Marion, seat belt required/passenger, \$60. Teresa Lynn Boyer, Anna, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Brittani Kay Price, Rob-

inson, Texas, following too closely, \$120. Jeffrey Dean Ahrens, Oak Ridge, Mo., log violation, \$120.

Larry C. Houston, Dongola, fail right-of-way/intersection, \$120. Lisa M. Matthews, Royalton, unsafe equipment, \$120.

Jaimie L. Williams, McClure, seat belt required/driver, \$65. Dalton M. Baker, Anna, electronic communication device, \$120.

Hannah G. Robinson, Cobden, fail to reduce speed, \$120. Byron Jamal Potts Jr., Carbondale, unlicensed, \$150; speeding, 15-20 mph above limit, \$120.

Carolyn V. Childs, Karnak, disregard traffic control device, \$120. Oliver Delk, St. Cloud, Minn., seat belt required/driver, \$60.

April A. Long, Anna, improper left turn/oncoming traffic, \$120. Max L. Gray, Carverville, electronic communication device, \$120.

Desirae F. Benne, Tamms, disregard stop sign, \$120. Marcus A. Massingale, Carbondale, electronic communication device, \$120.

Etta M. Mead, Dongola, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Luke R. Slapa, Carbondale, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140.

Stacy E. Turner, Jonesboro, child restraint violation, \$120. Vanessa M. Shuman, Cobden, no valid registration, \$120; headlight violation, \$120.

Cathy S. Dailey, Tamms, improper passing/left/no pass zone, \$120. Alia M. Abou-Jabal, Murphysboro, seat belt required/passenger, \$60.

David Richard, San Antonio, Texas, unlicensed, \$150. Bradley D. Taylor, Seven Points, Texas, unlicensed, \$150.

Connor J. Oetzel, Carbondale, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Isaac Ian Powers, Hazelwood, Mo., speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140.

James M. Pertl, Murphysboro, electronic communication device, \$120. Regina J. Morrison, Cobden, transport/carry alcoholic liquor/passenger, \$120.

Marriage Licenses

The county clerk's office issued a marriage license to: Brandi Nicole Tash, 32, of Cypress, and Jessica E. Hansil, 31, of Cypress.

Francisco Javier Godinez, 29, of Anna, and Mayra Alejandra Garcia, 24, of Anna.

Brian Edwin Clark, 48, of Dongola, and Patricia Jane Murphy, 48, of Dongola.

Barron Apollo Archey, 37, of Cape Girardeau, and Emily Lorraine Blakely, 25, of Anna.

David Wayne Scarborough, 26, of Elkville, and Ashley Lee Carrel, 25, of Elkville.

Adam M. Hathaway, 33, of Harrisburg, and Chaurda L. Weisenberger, 29, of Broughton.

James Franklin Trambley, 44, of Anna, and Cheyenne Lee Cohee, 32, of Anna.

Henry Edward Toler, 54, of Odin, and Kimberly Sue Cast, 41, of Odin.

Joshua Allen Tite, 28, of Dongola, and Kristen Kay Rendleman, 28, of Dongola.

Shawnee College hosts community forum in Anna

By Lindsey Rae Vaughn
Shawnee Community College hosted a community forum on Tuesday, Aug. 29, at the college's Anna Extension Center. Dr. Peggy Bradford, the new president of the college, along with other Shawnee Community College staff members, attended the forum. More than 20 members of the community and business leaders also were present.

Bradford said the purpose of the meeting was to hear from community members and business leaders about courses and what the future holds for the college. Surveys were also handed out to those in attendance. The purpose of the surveys was to ask community and business members to help the college design and outline a vision and strategic planning efforts for the next three to five years.

Questions for community members included:
• "What programs would you like to see offered or expanded?"
• "Is Shawnee College an option for your education goals?"
Comments also were welcomed regarding where the college should focus its efforts for the next three to five years.

The survey was similar for business leaders, asking questions like:
• "In the next three to five years, what will be the greatest need(s) facing your business in terms of employee skills and educational attainment?"
• "Do you feel Shawnee

College is currently meeting the needs of your business?"
Business leaders also were invited to share their thoughts about where the college should focus its efforts for the next three to five years.

A big topic of discussion for some of the community members focused on concerns about why there no longer is a full-time agriculture instructor at the college.

Those who spoke about the matter, who mostly comprised of agriculture students and area agriculture teachers, said since there is no longer a full-time agriculture instructor, a class which is needed to graduate is no longer offered.

Bradford assured those

at the forum many times that an educational plan is being developed and that plan is scheduled to be presented in January.

Brent Miller, agriculture teacher at Century High School at Ullin, said he had more than 100 ag students and that an ag program at the local community college is essential for this area. Miller also stated they needed to look at the ag students' first two years as a building block, because most of them go on to pursue a four-year degree.

Cobden High School ag teacher Lindsey LeFevre said she didn't want to push her students towards Shawnee Community College if their needs wouldn't be fulfilled there.

Bradford encouraged

ag students to let the college know that ag is what they plan on majoring in. Currently, the number of ag students showing in SCC's records is 36. Many believed that number was incorrect.

The topic of the extensions centers was also discussed. Some suggested closing them down to save costs. Bradford reassured those in attendance that each extension center meets unique needs to the areas that they are located in.

Besides Anna, the college has extension centers in Metropolis and Cairo.

Bradford discussed some statistics about the Cairo extension center.

During the 2010-2011 school year, Cairo had about 700 students. Now,

the number is closer to 100. Some in attendance said those numbers were not accurate and in some cases, the student was possibly counted multiple times, depending on how many classes they were taking.

Towards the end of the meeting, several people took the time to welcome Bradford to the community and shared how much they appreciated Shawnee Community College being in their area.

"We are currently reviewing all the programs and the needs for students," Bradford said.

She also said the college does its best to serve everyone and is reaching out to alumni to see where they have gone. The data will have an impact on their educational plan.



College president speaks at forum

Shawnee Community College hosted a community forum at the college's Anna Extension Center on Tuesday, Aug. 29. Dr. Peggy Bradford, left, at podium, the new president of the college, spoke about concerns and opinions those in attendance had about Shawnee Community College's future. Photo by Lindsey Rae Vaughn.

A-J Prowl planned

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School is welcoming participation in the A-J Prowl.

The Prowl will be part of 2017 homecoming festivities at the Union County school.

The Prowl is slated to get underway at 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 22, at the school.

Clubs, organizations and others are invited to come and join A-JCHS in its homecoming celebration, which will have a theme of "Luau."

The cost to reserve a space at the Prowl is \$10.

Organizers ask that participants do not sell anything that will compete with what is sold by the football boosters, junior class concessions or the band boosters.

These items include Italian beef, hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn, soda, water and baked goods. Electricity is not available for the tables.

For more information, email Brad Stamp at bstamp@aj81.net or call him at 618-833-8502, extension 103.

'Little Women' adaptation to be staged

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center plans to present the play "Little Women: Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy" this week.

Performances are set for 7 p.m. Thursday, today, and Saturday, Sept. 9, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10.

Tickets are \$15; and \$5 for children 12 and under. Tickets will be sold at the door.

The play is an adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's classic "Little Women."

Cast members include Olivia Gordon, Anna Madura, Sarah Gentry, Megan Miller, Chloe Williams, Carmen Olandez, David Fischler, Bonni Littleton, Reagan Braugh, Marilyn Musgrave, Nicholas Jimenez, R.L. Pete Housman, Graham Gordon and Zach Finstead.

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JAKES youth outdoors event set at Trail of Tears State Forest

The Trail of Tears Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation plans to host a free JAKES youth event Saturday, Sept. 16, in Union County.

JAKES stands for Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics and Sportsmanship.

The event will be at the ball diamond at the Trail of Tears State Forest in Union County.

Activities are slated to

begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 2 p.m.

A lunch of hot dogs, venison chili, chips and soda will be provided.

The Sept. 16 event offers young people ages 17 and under an opportunity to learn about the outdoors.

The day's activities will include a waterfowl banding demonstration and a reptile presentation.

Young people will have a chance to learn about deer and turkey hunting

techniques, the use of black powder firearms, wildlife ecology and a variety of other topics.

Hands-on activities, such as archery, BB gun shooting and trap shooting, also are planned.

Adult supervision is required for those 12 years of age and under.

For more information, call Curtis Moore at 618-697-0300 or Nathan Pitts at 618-201-5225.

Shawnee Hills Arts Council
presents
Little Women:
Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy Opening Night



The play was written by Sandra Fenichel Asher based on Louisa May Alcott's book LITTLE WOMEN and directed by Doda Roberts Starkey.
The all-star cast is looking forward to opening night on Thursday, September 7, 2017, at 7 p.m. Saturday, September 9, 2017, at 7 p.m. Sunday, September 10, 2017, at 2 p.m. The play will be performed at the Anna Arts Center, 125 W Davie Street, Anna, Illinois. Admission \$15 and 12 and under \$5. Tickets sold at the door.
The play gives special attention to the imaginative play of the young characters: storytelling, play acting, letter writing, newspaper publishing and other creative endeavors still available to young people today.
The cast is: Olivia Gordon, Anna Madura, Sarah Gentry, Megan Miller, Chloe Williams, Carmen Olandez, David Fischler, Bonni Littleton, Reagan Braugh, Marilyn Musgrave, Nicholas Jimenez, R. L. Pete Housman, Graham Gordon, and Zach Finstead.
Doda Starkey shared, "Directing Little Women, Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy has been a pleasure. I want to thank the cast members who have given of their time, talent, and enthusiasm to participate in this production. It has been a joy to work with the cast and to watch the camaraderie, which transcends age and personalities that has grown among them. They are truly a unique group. With all the difficulties that exist in today's world, Little Women: Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy has offered this cast a chance to experience the old-fashioned values of a family living in refined impoverishment, which showed the importance of family life and relationships, and the simple joy of laughter."

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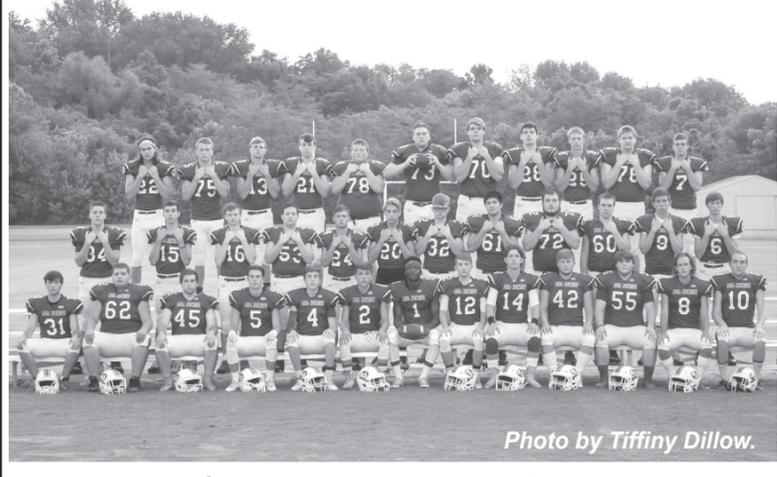


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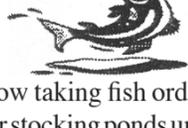
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Sports

A-J scores four TDs in second half on way to win

With the game tied 14-14 at the half, the host Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team erupted for four touchdowns in the second half on its way to a 43-14 win at The Pit over host Murphysboro Friday night, Sept. 1.

"We made a slight adjustment at half," A-J coach Brett Detering said. "We ran a little different formation and our option game got going. When we work our option well it puts defenses in a bind. For us, it's not predetermined who has the ball."

The A-J running attack tallied 214 total yards on the ground. Fullback Jayce Turner led the way in the backfield with 92 yards on 20 carries. Quarterback Bryce Osman, who had two yards rushing the first half, erupted in the second half for 80 yards and finished with 82 yards on 15 carries.

The Wildcats took charge early in the second half. ArieH Hart received the opening kick off to open the third quarter and A-J took over at its own 33-yard line.

Osman then capped an 11-play drive with a 1-yard touchdown run.

The Red Devils were called for an offsides violation on the extra point kick, which moved the ball to the 1-yard line. A-J then changed strategy instead of an extra point kick and Osman was able to score the two-point conversion on a run.

A-J took a 22-14 lead with 6:29 remaining in the third quarter that it would not relinquish.

"We scored on that first drive and got momentum back on our side," Detering said. The A-J coach said that momentum "changes and that's part of it and our kids were able to seize it back."

Murphysboro started from its own 31-yard line on the ensuing kickoff. Quarterback Gavin Topp fumbled the football and

Dylan Cunningham recovered for A-J.

Five plays later, Osman connected with Hart for a 30-yard TD pass.

Jaryt Tripp's extra point kick pushed A-J ahead 29-14 on the opening play of the final quarter.

Murphysboro's Topp fumbled again on its ensuing drive and Turner recovered for the Wildcats.

"In the middle of the third quarter they had some problems holding on the football," Detering said. "They didn't score in the second half because our kids took care of fumbles. Our kids certainly took advantage of the opportunities that were there."

Turner scored on a 15-yard run to cap a five-play drive.

Tripp's extra point kick put the Wildcats ahead 36-14 with 8:15 remaining in the game.

On the Red Devils' next drive, Topp was sacked for a big loss by A-J's Damien Chrisp to thwart the drive.

A play later, the Wildcats' Reid Morrison recovered another Red Devil fumble.

Hart then scored on a 1-yard plunge to cap a three-play drive.

Tripp's extra point kick closed out the scoring with 5:26 remaining in the game.

A final Murphysboro fumble was recovered by Conner Jerolds in the waning minutes of the game.

The Wildcats looked impressive in their opening drive of the game.

A-J drove 55 yards and Turner capped a 12-play drive with a 1-yard TD run.

Tripp's extra point kick put A-J ahead 7-0 with 4:24 remaining in the opening quarter.

"It's a good thing we got off to a good start," Detering said.

We put together a game plan and I felt our option game put them in a disadvantage."

A-J's Noah Smith intercepted a Topp pass to thwart

the Red Devils' next drive.

After the Wildcats were forced to punt, Murphysboro's offense started clicking.

Korey Blythe scored on a 4-yard run at the end of a 9-play drive. Max Hoem's extra point kick knotted the game 7-7 with 10:10 remaining in the second quarter.

The Wildcats' Hart took the ensuing kick off at the 12-yard line and scrambled 88 yards untouched for the score.

Tripp's extra point kick put A-J on top 14-7 with 9:58 remaining in the first half.

With Blythe leading the way on the Red Devils' next drive with a 43-yard run, Topp passed to Jake Hoppenstedt for a 7-yard TD pass to cap a 12-play drive.

Hoem's extra point kick knotted the game at 14-14 with 3:24 remaining in the first half.

The Murphysboro drive appeared stalled on a fourth down at the goal line.

"We had a chance to get a stop," Detering said. "They got that fourth down by inches."

The Wildcats drove to midfield before the first half ended.

"In the second quarter, we didn't do a good job of defending their running game," Detering said. "We didn't have the ball very much then."

However, the Wildcats made up for their miscues in the second half.

Murphysboro had five fumbles and lost four, while A-J had three fumbles and lost one.

Osman was 2 of 2 passing for 42 yards with no interceptions. Hart had a 30-yard reception and Turner had a 12-yard catch.

Hart led the way for A-J with three TDs, including a 1-yard run, 30-yard pass reception and the 88-yard run.

"I was pleased with how we played," Detering said. "There were a lot of good things what we did."

A-J hosts Murphysboro

Anna-Jonesboro scored a win over visiting Murphysboro last Friday night in high school football action. The accompanying pictures are from action during the game. Photos by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



Scoring a touchdown

A-J's Jayce Turner, number 42 in dark uniform, crosses the goal line to score a touchdown. Also in the picture are A-J players Noah Craig, number 70, Dylan Cunningham, number 72, and Carsten Christy, number 78.



Kicking extra point

Jaryt Wyatt kicks an extra point after A-J had scored a touchdown. Conner Jerolds was holding for the kicker.



Wildcat interception

A-J's Noah Smith, number 12, intercepted a Murphysboro pass in Friday night's game.



Defense in action

A-J's ArieH Hart, number 1, brings down a Murphysboro ball carrier. Also in the picture are Wildcats Damien Chrisp, number 27, Conner Jerolds, number 7, and Reid Morrison, number 28.

A-J/Cobden/Dongola soccer team in action

The Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden/Dongola high school boys' co-op soccer team faced Carterville in an Aug. 30 match. A-J won the game. The accompanying pictures are from action during the match. Photos provided.



A-J/Cobden/Dongola player Ross Pinnon takes aim at the Carterville goal.



A-J/Cobden/Dongola player Jaryt Tripp advances the ball against a Carterville defender.

A-J cross country teams gearing up for opener

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School cross country boys and girls teams have seven members on each squad.

The head coach of the squad, Matt Denny, said he is very pleased with the turnout.

The A-J cross country program has been reinstated at the school after an absence of several years.

The boys on the squad include senior Nolen Knupp; juniors Bryce Massey, Patrick Gibbs,

Marshall Ramage and Dalton Seip; and sophomores Zach Overstreet and Bryce Lingle.

"Most of our boys have run distance before," Denny said.

The A-J girls' roster includes senior Hunter Denny; juniors Catie Mays and Olivia Wilkins; sophomore Sally Sims; and freshmen Julia Hall, Amelia Hart and Grace Girtman.

"A lot of our girls haven't run distance before," Denny said. "But

they're getting better at it."

Both teams are scheduled to open their season Thursday, today, in the West Frankfort Invitational.

"This year it's all about learning and getting better," Denny said.

Denny said it's not too late and anyone who wants can still sign up for both teams.

There will be no home events this year, but Denny said that should change next season.

Illinois youth firearm deer hunt scheduled Oct. 7-9

The 2017 Illinois youth firearm deer hunt is planned Oct. 7-9.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, noted that the hunt is for those hunters with a valid youth deer permit who have not reached their 18th birthday by the first day of the hunt.

Youth deer permits are available over the counter at license vendors throughout the state.

Hunters may purchase only one permit (either-sex) for one of the open counties. Hunters who are 16 years of age or older must also have a habitat stamp.

IDNR noted that all youth hunters must have a current, valid youth deer permit and have a regular hunting license, youth hunting license or apprentice hunter license, unless they are exempt.

If they are using a regular hunting license, participants must have completed an IDNR-approved hunter education course.

Each hunter participating in the youth deer hunt while using an apprentice hunter or youth hunter license must be accompanied by a non-hunting, validly-licensed (Illinois hunting license) parent, guardian or grandparent who is 21 years of age or older.

All other hunters participating in the youth deer hunt must each be accompanied by a non-hunting supervisor (parent, guardian or responsible adult) who has a valid

A-J boys' golf wins three times

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' golf team won three times in recent action.

A-J 187, Eldorado 192: Levi Hall led the Wildcats with a score of 44 at the Union County Country Club course in Anna Thursday, Aug. 31.

Peter Hauser was next for A-J with 46, followed by Carson Reynolds 47, Jax Watkins 50 and Hunter Ralls 52.

A-J 172, Goreville 190, Vienna 215: Reynolds led winning A-J with 38 at the Lake of Egypt Golf Course in Marion Wednesday, Aug. 30.

Hall was next with 42, followed by Ralls 45, Hauser 47 and Watkins 52.

A-J 172, Chester 172, New Athens 196: The Wildcats won the tie-breaker with Watkins' score of 51 at home Monday, Aug. 28.

Hall led A-J with a score of 38, followed by Ralls 43, Reynolds 45 and Hauser 46.

A-J, which improved to 7-1 overall, is scheduled to play against Thursday, Sept. 14, at Pinckneyville.

Illinois hunting license or who has in his or her possession a valid Firearm Owners Identification, FOID, card.

The non-hunting supervisor must wear the orange garments required of gun deer hunters (blaze orange cap and upper garment with a minimum of 400 square inches of solid blaze orange material), and must remain with the hunting youth.

Each supervisor may only accompany a single youth at any given time during the hunt.

All Illinois counties except Cook, DuPage and Lake counties, and that portion of Kane County east of Illinois Route 47, are open for the youth deer season.

Hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset on Oct. 7-9.

The bag limit is one deer per legally authorized permit.

All either-sex permits are subject to the following restrictions: no hunter, regardless of the quantity or type of permits in his/her possession, may harvest more than two antlered deer during a year, including the youth, archery, muzzleloader and firearm seasons.

Successful hunters must register their harvest by 10 p.m. on the same calendar day the deer is taken by calling the toll-free telephone check-in system at 1-866-ILCHECK or by accessing the online check-in system at <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Pages/HarvestReporting.aspx>.

They will be provided with a confirmation number to verify that they checked in their harvest. This number must be written by the hunter on the temporary harvest tag (leg tag). Unfilled youth permits

Boys' co-op soccer team scores big win

Jaryt Tripp scored four goals to lead the Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden/Dongola co-op high school boys' soccer team to a 9-4 win over host Herrin/Carterville Wednesday, Aug. 30.

Ross Pinnon scored twice for the winners. Jake Parr, Carlos Valencia and Nick McGrath each added a goal apiece.

Parr, Pinnon, Jackson Laster, Maddox Thorpe, Valencia, McGrath and Jose Guzman each added an assist apiece.

Goalie Parr played 65 minutes in goal and had a save. Jacob Schaefer played 15 minutes in goal and had a save.

A-J/Cobden/Dongola, 3-2, is scheduled to play again Saturday at Harrisburg/Galatia.

will also be valid during the first firearm deer season only for private land in the county named on the permit, or for hunting on public land that is open to statewide regulations (no limit on hunter deer access) in that county during the firearm season.

Unfilled youth permits would not be valid during the first firearm deer season on special hunt areas that limit hunter numbers with a quota.

Youth hunters are reminded that archery deer season will be underway and archery hunters will be afield during the Oct. 7-9 youth hunt.

Archery deer hunters and all other hunters are reminded that they must comply with requirements to wear blaze orange the weekend of the youth deer hunt (except in counties closed to the youth deer season).

IDNR-managed sites in the counties listed below are open to youth hunting during the youth deer hunt. IDNR noted that some of the IDNR sites allow participation in the youth deer hunt only by site-specific permit. Sites can be contacted for special regulations they may have. The IDNR sites in the Southern Illinois area include, by county:

Alexander: Cape Bend SFWA, Horseshoe Lake SFWA.

Jackson: Kinkaid Lake SFWA; Burning Star SFWA.

Jackson/Union: Giant City SP. Jackson/Williamson/Union: Crab Orchard NWR.

Johnson: Cypress Pond SNA, Deer Pond SNA, Ferne Clyffe/Cedar Draper Units only, Glass Hill SNA, Skinner Farm SHA, Wise Ridge SNA. Johnson/Pulaski/Massac: Cache River SNA.

Massac: Fort Massac SP, Mermet Lake SFWA, Seilbeck Forest SNA.

Union: Trail of Tears SF, and Union County SFWA. Union/Alexander: Devil's Island SFWA.

IDNR noted that Crab Orchard offers youth firearm hunts during the regular statewide firearm deer season and requires a site-specific firearm deer permit.

For more information about the youth deer hunt in Illinois, check the IDNR website at <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Pages/DeerHunting.aspx>.

Cobden scores volleyball win

Meredith Flamm had 11 kills to lead host Cobden to a 25-15, 25-12 win over Christopher in high school girls' volleyball action Tuesday, Aug. 29.

Grace Schroeder added 24 assists for Cobden and Megan Rhodes had 4 kills.



Team wins first place

The Whiffle Boys slow pitch softball team won first place in the recent Division Four summer league tournament in Cape Girardeau. Teams from Illinois and Missouri competed. Members of the first-place team are, in the first row, Brayden Benefield, Andrew Livesay, Westin Meinhold, Rob Rendleman and Eric Flamm. In the second row are Travis Smith, Cody Wheaton, Brett Turner, Jason Stegle, Kyle McDaniel, Brent Taylor and Skylar Benefield. Brady Carter and Drew Kirby could not be present for the picture. Photo provided.

A-J to host Massac in Whiteout game

The Massac County High School football team has posted an 0-2 record this season and will battle host Anna-Jonesboro, 2-0, at 7 p.m. this Friday.

The Patriots lost to Nashville 17-12 last Friday night.

"They played Nashville tight," A-J football coach Brett Detering said. "Their first loss was to a tough Du Quoin team."

A-J girls' golf team in action

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' golf team went 1-2 in recent action.

Eldorado 212, A-J 187: Molly Ellis shot 43 to lead the host Lady Wildcats in the loss at the Union County Country Club course in Anna Thursday, Aug. 31.

Emma Ray was next for A-J with 46, followed by Chloe Gamber 48, Connor Hadley and Hannah Hileman each with 50, Tobie Treece 60 and Britni Helton 61.

A-J 180, Goreville 225: Ellis led the visiting Lady Wildcats with 39 at the Lake of Egypt Country Club at Marion Wednesday, Aug. 30.

Ray and Hadley each scored 45 and Sydnie Ralls had 53.

Cape Girardeau Notre Dame 146, A-J 191: Ellis scored 40 to lead the host Lady Wildcats in the loss at Anna Monday, Aug. 28.

Ray was next for A-J with 49, followed by Helton 50, Hadley 52, Treece 58 and Gamber 59.

Extras Sydnie Ralls scored 50 and Hileman 60.

A-J, 3-3, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, in the A-J Invitational.

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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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



Congratulations to Jeff Depaola on his new job. He used to be the caretaker at Bald Knob Cross and was really appreciated for everything he did. He moved to Georgia and is selling real estate now.



Ashley Massey is the proud aunt of baby girl Skyla Turner, who was born Aug. 28, 2017. Skyla weighed 5 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Her parents are Nicole and Roy.



Carl and Susanne Dillow celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary Aug. 31.

Prayers for Houston. Prayers go out to the people in Houston, Texas, who lost family members and their homes.

A special thanks to everyone from here who have collected things and donated money to send to help them.

Congratulations. Congratulations to the A-JCHS football team on winning their game last Friday night.

The A-JCHS Wildcat band did a great field show.

The A-JCHS cheerleaders were great and so were the little cheerleaders.

Community Forum.

There was a community forum to welcome the new president of Shawnee Community College Peggy Bradford last Tuesday at the Anna Extension Center.

There will be a 50th anniversary celebration for the college Sept. 22.

88th Birthday. Joan Graves Edwards celebrated her 88th birthday Sunday, Sept. 4.

Joan said she woke up Saturday with a pot of gold sitting on her front yard.

What a shock, she hurried off her porch and down to see who the giver might be.

The message was clear. Texas people need help and Anna people can share.

So a gift of \$10 to \$30 dollars will help a lot getting this golden pot on its way to friends, family, maybe your boss with a smile on your face cause you've helped someone today.



D.J. Phillips, with one of his favorite stars, Paul Bethany, at the Convention in Chicago.



Joan Edwards got a surprise last Saturday morning when she went to her front door and found a gold pot in her yard. To have it removed she collected money to be sent to help clean up Houston. Joan's 88th birthday was Sunday, so she had a very special birthday calling friends to donate to this good cause.



Valerie Murray collected items at Kroger Saturday for Connect Point Church and Eddie Petty let them use his trailer to load them in. They were then taken to meet the semi Sunday and on their way to Houston, Texas. A special thanks to everyone who donated.

The new person and neighbors will get to laugh a lot about the golden pot that's landed on their front yard. The sign on pot will tell who's collecting the money as you tell them where to sit it next.

With a smile on your face and prayers in your heart you'll know you've helped someone who needed it a lot.

Joan called me, Martha Ann Webb, to come take her picture, and I made a donation, we talked a lot about the people in Houston and things happening in our city and community.

As I was leaving Lindsey Davie and Ashley Deering from Carbondale were passing through Anna on their way to Cape Girardeau and saw the pot of gold collecting money to help clean up Houston in Joan's front yard on North Main Street.

They stopped made a donation, wished Joan a happy birthday and took a picture on the gold throne.

Joan found out later that evening the money collected was by Jacob Stamp, a member of Connect Point Church, and after church Sunday, Rev. Steve was

meeting a semi to take what all they collected at Kroger and at their church and it would be sent to Houston, Texas.

What a wonderful community we have to also help at home and others.

Honeymoon Trip. Ryan and Maria Piper Uteg were stranded in Houston, Texas, from Saturday to Thursday due to Hurricane Harvey.

They were scheduled for a honeymoon cruise on the Royal Caribbean. The cruise was delayed then cancelled and the airports were closed.

Their hotel was filled to overflowing with airport workers sleeping on the conference room floors.

Maria and Ryan got to Austin, Texas, by hired car on Thursday, where they got a night flight back to St. Louis.

Chicago Trip. D.J. Phillips went to Chicago to Wizard World Comic Convention meeting stars from his childhood.

He met new friends and enjoyed the atmosphere of the convention.

He stayed with his aunt, uncle, grandma and cousins and enjoyed time together.

One of his favorite stars he met was Paul Bethany. A little short version of Paul Bethany's films are "A Beautiful Mind," which is D.J.'s favorite movie, "The Avengers," "Legion" and "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World."

D.J. and Paul talked about his work on "A Beautiful Mind." Paul met his now wife, Jennifer Connelly, who won a Academy Award for her performance in that movie. Paul said that movie is his personal favorite because he met the love of his life.

D.J. enjoyed meeting 10 other stars.

Honeymoon Trip. James and Cheyenne Trambley enjoyed their honeymoon at the ark experience and the Creation Museum in Kentucky, then went camping on Kelly Island off the coast of Ohio on Lake Erie, then went to Gettysburg and Maryland. They then came home last weekend.

They will finish their honeymoon at a steampunk festival in Hannibal, Mo.

They had to cut their honeymoon short due to the hurricane in Texas. They couldn't do the Four Days Inn Virginia Beach and Colonial Williamsburg because of the storms.

They are home for a couple of days and then will be going to the festival in Missouri, then their honeymoon will be officially over.

Wedding congratulations to James and Cheyenne. They had a beautiful wedding in the Jonesboro park.

A-J Class Luncheon. A-JCHS class of 1954 will meet for their annual luncheon at El Jalapeno Saturday, Sept. 16, at noon.

Visiting Anna. Mim McKinney Winder was in Anna last weekend for the Diamondback reunion concert at Starview.

Texas. Sonja Gambel's nephew Corey Riechert, the federal marshal and his task team are in Texas supervising other federal teams as they help in the aftermath of Harvey. The president was there with them.

Landis Reunion. The Landis family enjoyed a potluck meal last Sunday at the home of Connie Lingle.

It was their 43rd annual Landis reunion. The Landis family has lived in Union County for over 150 years.

VFW. Star Karaoke will be at the VFW Sunday, Sept. 10, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Barbeque and chips will be available.

Red Hat Ladies. Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies will meet at Wok N Roll in Anna Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 11 a.m. They will be honoring their Queen

Mom Joan Graves Edwards for her 88th birthday this month.

Guests. Guests of Eric and Amanda Boreup and children were Eric's mother Rosalee and dad Larry from Nashville.

13th Birthday. Jaden Brown celebrated her birthday Aug. 31.

32nd Anniversary. Carl and Susanne Dillow celebrated their anniversary Aug. 31.

They enjoyed a trip to Springfield to return Suzanne's work equipment, went to Tim Sadler's daughters ballgame and then ate at a Japanese restaurant.

Retirement. Happy retirement to Suzanne Dillow, who retired from the Illinois State Board of Education after 24 years.

United Methodist Church, Anna. Sunday morning Holy Communion was taken. Rev. Carl's sermon was The Spiritual work of Our Lives.

Prayers were said for those who have lost their homes in Houston, the families of those who have lost loved ones and those who are sick.

Guests of Eunice Chambers and Al and Susan Kamp was Susan's cousins Jeannie and Jack Shepherd from Ohio.

Game night is this Friday at 6 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 10, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., there will be a come and go baby shower for Muriel and Tyler Zachary at the home of Chris and Mark Foster at 213 Apple Ln. in Anna.

Anna Eastern Star Chapter No. 522. Meetings are on the first and third Thursday of each month at the Masonic lodge near the Anna City Park. Refreshments are at 6:30 p.m., the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

Thanks. A special thanks to Lillian Milam and Earl Miller for giving me credit when they renewed their subscription to The Gazette-Democrat.

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

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

Connect Point Church, Anna. Church services are at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Children's church is at 11 a.m. Bible study is at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Food pantry and outreach are at 10:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of the month. They deliver food to several homes. If you need food please let them know. The church is located across from the Anna Post Office.

Military Prayer List. Nona Elizabeth Luke, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Lukas W. Davis, Kiefer Stull, Garrett Goins, David Jordan Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, C J Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Faith Odum, 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.



Connect Point Church collected items to send to Texas at their church and at Kroger Saturday. Rev. Steven said the amount of hours of service that were put in by so many people of Connect Point on a holiday weekend was amazing. Also, thanks to all the people, businesses and organizations that gave

Free preview screening of new Vietnam documentary planned

WSIU Public Broadcasting and The Varsity Center invite the general public to a free preview screening of "The Vietnam War," a new 10-part documentary series directed by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick coming to WSIU and PBS stations nationwide beginning on Sunday, Sept. 17.

The preview screening is set for Thursday, Sept. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the main performance room of The Varsity Center at 418 S. Illinois Ave. in Carbondale.

Doors are scheduled to open at 6:45 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. A cash bar also will be available.

"The Vietnam War" is scheduled to air on WSIU-TV at 7 p.m. every night from Sunday, Sept. 17, through Thursday, Sept. 21, and Sunday, Sept. 24, through Thursday, Sept. 28, with a repeat broadcast immediately after each epi-

sode.

The series is scheduled to air again in its entirety on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. from Oct. 3 through Nov. 28.

WSIU Radio plans to air a series of companion radio stories featuring interviews with local Vietnam War veterans. Details will be provided on the air and at wsiu.org.

Scramble results

The four-man team of Davin Hannuksela, Jim Honey, Darrin Inman and Joe Wendling won the golf scramble at the Union County Country Club course in Anna Wednesday, Aug. 30.

Second place was won by Thomas Carter, Matt Laster, Dave Parks and Dan Smith.

Third place went to the team of Gene Adams, Butch Kreid and Jim Thompson.



WIBH was at the A-JCHS football game last Friday night celebrating 30 years as the voice of the Wildcats.



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.



Lindsey Davie and Ashley Deering from Carbondale were passing through Anna on their way to Cape Girardeau and saw the gold pot collecting money to help clean up Houston in Joan Graves Edwards front yard on North Main Street. They stopped, made a donation, wished Joan a happy birthday and took a picture on the gold throne.



1960 tractor
Dorris L. Barnhart of Jonesboro brought a 1960 John Deere 730 diesel tractor to the recent Union County Fair in Anna. The tractor could be seen in front of the exhibit building at the Anna City Park, where the fair was held.

News from Anna Nazarene Church

Music for the Sunday morning worship service was led by Randy Wright and Abby Barlow. The offertory was provided by Randy Wright, with Curly Ralls, Dorris Johnson, Matt Macy and Robert Smith serving as ushers. A skit and special music were presented by the children's church. The morning message, "Where is Your Focus," was brought by Pastor McBride from Philippians. The message shared that "when it comes to our circumstances we have little to no control over them. But what we choose to focus on is within our control." Music for the Sunday evening worship service

was led by Randy Wright and Abby Barlow. The offertory was provided by Betty Odum, with Curly Ralls, Robert Smith and Dorris Johnson serving as ushers. The evening message, "The Weapon of Praise," was brought by Pastor McBride from 2 Chronicles. The message shared that "when the nation was in a desperate situation they took their position to battle in the form of worship. Leading into battle with singing and praise we are reminded where we operate in praise we will prevail." The service was closed with a communion service and prayer. Birthdays and anniversaries: Sept. 6, Conrad

Shepard, Darrell and Marie Mowell; Sept. 7, Ayda Collins, Alicia Murray, Todd Morrison, Leonard and Connie Sadler; Sept. 8, Blake Edwards, Charlotte Fuller, Jerod and Erin Berry; Sept. 9, Belinda Hickam. 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. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. Worship services are Sunday at 10:35 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Youth services are at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

American Indian Educational Days set at Cahokia Mounds

American Indian craftspersons, demonstrators, and performers, will be featured at American Indian Educational Days which are planned at the Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site in Collinsville on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9-10. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Booths will be set up in the lobby of the interpretive center at the site, where American Indians will demonstrate Native crafts such as beadwork, display clothing and dance regalia, and discuss current issues, customs, beliefs and traditions. Storytelling and other performances also are planned. The event is sponsored by American Indian Educational Resources of St. Louis. The sponsoring organization is a group of Indian artists, craftspersons, storytellers, dancers and lecturers who provide a service in and around the St. Louis metropolitan area.

Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site is administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The site is 8 miles from downtown St. Louis, in Collinsville, off Interstates 55/70 (Exit 6) and I-255 (Exit 24) on Collinsville Road. The site is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., but hours will change during the fall and winter. There is no admission fee, but a donation is suggested of \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$2 for students, and \$15 for families. For more information, call 618-346-5160 or go to www.cahokiamounds.org.

Snow Angel pageant set in December

Applications are available for the 2017 Illinois Snow Angel pageant. The pageant is planned Saturday, Dec. 2, at Shawnee Community College near Ullin. The pageant begins at 6 p.m. Girls and young women, ages 4 to 24, are invited to participate in the pageant. Miss and Teen applications are due Sept. 23. For an application, or for more information, email snowangelpageant@gmail.com.

Kids in the Woods event set at center
A Kids in the Woods: Furs and Feathers program is planned from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress. The Kids in the Woods program series is conducted by Southern Illinois Master Naturalists for families with children ages 5 to 10. Siblings also are invited to attend programs. Furs and Feathers will feature a guided walk to learn about birds and mammals and creating a leaf and twig collage or a bird nesting ball. Preregistration is requested. To preregister, or for more information, call 618-657-2064.

News from Walnut Grove Church

On Sunday at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Layleigh and Journey with Lynsey lit the altar candles during the musical prelude. Pastor Bobbi Shultz read scripture from Matthew which reminded the congregation that "whether our lives are calm or stormy we should be looking to Jesus every day and offering prayers to others who need his help." She also read a letter from the bishop at the United Methodist Conference with suggestions about how to help survivors of Hurricane Harvey and about disaster recovery training. Sunday was a National Day of Prayer for those in Houston. Barb Norton had Sunday School with all the

children who were present and the congregation took communion during the Eucharist service. Everyone sang "Happy Anniversary" to Gerry and Jim Brown for their 60 years of marriage, and also "Happy Birthday" to their grandson, JD Brown. The church was glad to have Carolyn Moore's granddaughter Miranda with her new young son Bentley in church. Prayers were requested for Gary Hartline, Karen Lamer, Kathy Wills, Pearl Quetermous, Denise Garner, Jim Watson's family, and all those in Texas who are affected by Hurricane Harvey. A memorial service is being planned for James Watson and it is tentatively scheduled for Saturday,

Sept. 23, at 11:30 a.m. Betty Bland reported that Carol Harwood, who had moved to California with her husband, visited her last week. Last Friday the church ladies met for lunch at the Cracker Barrel in Marion. The next ladies' lunch is planned at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 6, at a location to be determined. Monthly informal music nights are scheduled to resume at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13. All musicians are welcome to come and practice or play music. Listeners are welcome, too. The Sunday service starts at 9:30 a.m. The church is located at 3195 Mountain Glen. Rd. near Cobden, and near Illinois Route 127.

News from Camp Ground Church, Community

Rev. Vance's sermon Sunday was "The 'I' of the Storm," with the main scripture from Matthew. With Hurricane Harvey so fresh on everyone's mind, the congregation was challenged to remember to focus on the "I" rather than the eye of the storms of life. In the selected scripture, Jesus told the disciples to "fear not, it is I." He did not say "I was" nor "I will be," but "I am." The sermon shared that "when the storms of life test us, we must remember that He cares for us and our situation and is waiting for us to seek Him." Receiving the offering were Landon and Tanner Roach. Sandy Boaz is Camp Ground's elder for September. In lieu of Sunday School, the congregation shared breakfast and fellowship as a farewell to the church's interim pastor, Rev. Joe and Tammy Vance. Filling the pulpit will be the Rev. Doug Hughes. Bible study is at 10 a.m. Worship is at 11 a.m. The church is located at 50 Tun-

nel Ln., east of Anna. All are welcome. Marge Emery's daughter Jeanne spent the Labor Day weekend with her. Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Miller and grandchildren Gage, Tymber and Tanner Roach, and Reed Crane spent a couple days and nights at the Miller family home at Lake of Egypt. Mr. & Mrs. Mark Boaz

and family of Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Chad Batts of Martin, Tenn., spent Labor Day weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Boaz. Joining the Boaz family for their Saturday evening meal at Giant City Lodge near Makanda were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Taylor of Lake of Egypt and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Robbs of

Human trafficking crisis focus of event hosted by Congressman

Human trafficking was the focus of a recent roundtable event in O'Fallon which was hosted by U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill. The event was held at the O'Fallon Police Department, where Bost discussed local efforts to fight this growing humanitarian crisis. Bost was joined by representatives from the O'Fallon Police Department, the FBI, Hoyleton Youth Services and the Illinois Department of Child and Family Services. A local human trafficking advocate and a survivor of human trafficking also were in attendance and offered

their personal insights. "Southern Illinois is not immune from the scourge of human trafficking," Bost said in a news release. "This modern-day slavery many times is hidden in plain sight, as our law enforcement officers described tonight. "It breaks my heart to hear the stories of families torn apart right here in our community. "This is exactly why I've supported and will continue to support legislation to crack down on human trafficking and implement a stronger detection system nationwide."

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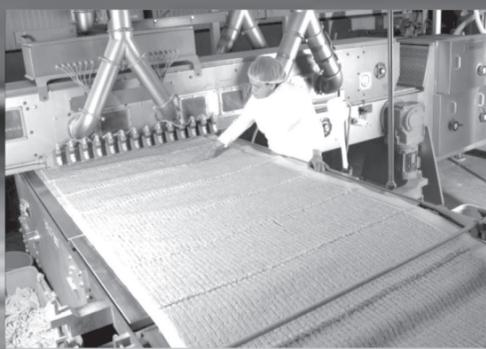
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YARD SALE: Saturday, September 9, 7 a.m. to ??? 405 North Main Street, Jonesboro. Lots & lots of stuff.

YARD SALE: 414 Springfield Avenue, Anna. Kids stuff, houseware. Friday & Saturday, September 8 & 9, 8 a.m. to ???

GARAGE SALE: Friday & Saturday, September 8 & 9, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Collectibles, vintage Tonka toys and more. 1920 St. Johns Road (2 miles east of 127 or 4 miles west of Dongola).

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GARAGE SALE: Friday & Saturday, September 8 & 9. Lots of name brand clean clothes - little girls, women's, boys; dishes, bell collection, videos. 102 Fredrick Street, off Brady Mill Road, Anna. Too must to list.

YARD SALE: Saturday, September 9. 750 Old Saratoga Road, Anna. Begins at 7 a.m. Canceled in case of rain.

YARD SALE: Thursday & Friday, September 7 & 8. State Pond Road, Jonesboro. Follow signs. Large recliner, dog cage, playpen, bounce, infant carseat, bicycle, toys, clothing, bedding, futon mattress, etc.

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Joseph D. 'Dan' Anderson

Joseph D. "Dan" Anderson, 67, of Vienna, died Thursday, Aug. 31, 2017, at 3:17 a.m. at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

He was born on Dec. 4, 1949, in Vienna, the son of Herman Moses Anderson and Edith Evelyn Pippins Anderson.

He married Millie Wiley on Sept. 11, 1970. He was later united in marriage to Susan Ogden on May 18, 1996.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughters, Jennifer (her husband Edwin) Shoemate of Vienna and Jeri (her husband Danny) Callaway of Champaign; two stepsons, Christian (his fiancée Beth Wilson) Rigdon of Nashville, Tenn., and Michael Rigdon of Herrin; four grandchildren, Madeline Shoemate, Tyler Shoemate, Kiley Rigdon and Anderson Callaway; four sisters, Patricia Bruner of Vienna, Peggy (her husband Don) Fluck of Marion, Rosie Anderson of Vienna and Julie (her husband Xavier) Hannan of Vienna; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, his father and his oldest sister, Darla Sue Anderson.

He was the regional superintendent of schools for the southern five counties of Illinois. He also served as a special education teacher, as the director of JAMP Special Education Services as a consultant for the Illinois State Board of Education and as an administrator of a federal school improvement grant. He was renowned statewide for his educational leadership.

He was an avid fisherman and was involved in wetland conservation and farming. He was also an advocate for children's rights.

He had attended the Oak Grove Baptist Church in Vienna.

He was a member of the Council for Exceptional Children, the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools and was president of his own local chapter of MENSA.

A memorial service honoring the life of Mr. Anderson was held Sunday, Sept. 3, at 1 p.m. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna, which was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials can be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 4400 Clayton Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63110.

To leave an online message of condolence for his family, visit www.baileyfh.com.

Shirley Jean Keller

Shirley Jean Keller, 81, of Anna, died at 8:29 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2017, at the Jonesboro Rehabilitation & Health Care Center.

She was born on April 4, 1936, in McClure, the daughter of Daniel Joseph and Pearl Eva Miller Schlenker.

She is survived by her sons, Kent (Anne) Keller of Tavares, Fla., and Mark Keller of Dongola; daughters Martha (Chuck) Harvel of Tamms and Kelly (Bill) Miller of Anna; grandchildren Scott (Heidi) Harvel of Cape Girardeau, Shae (Derek) Williams of Anna, Ashley (Adam) Keller of Apopka, Fla., Travis Williams and Timothy (Maegan) Keller, all of Dongola, Sarah Gibson of Florida, Sam (Bethany) Harvel of Jonesboro, and Megan and Jason Miller of Anna; great-grandchildren Lacey Hunt, Colbie Jackson, Ryan Johnson, Jaxon Moutell, Abigail, Ethan and Persephone Gibson, Hadassah Harvel, Zipporah Harvel, Havilah Harvel and Naphthali Harvel; two sisters, Mildred McDonald of Alton and Beatrice Miller of Anna; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Randal Keller; and three brothers, Adam, Levi and Wardell Schlenker.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Anna for many years. She was a graduate in the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School class of 1953. She worked at the Florsheim Shoe Factory for 37 years.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Les Sinks officiating. Interment was in the Anna Cemetery.

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

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

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

Reynoldsville News

by Sue Eudy

Happy belated birthday wishes to Emma Tuesday Jackson, Mo., on Tuesday, Sept. 5, and to Christy Wachter of Marble Hill, Mo., on Thursday, Sept. 7.

Dolores and Jack Reynolds of Reynoldsville visited Friday with Andrew and Jessie Livesay and new daughter Rhiannon in Wolf Lake.

Dolores and Jack Reynolds and Rodney and Vicki Reynolds of Wolf Lake enjoyed lunch Sunday at Delmonico's in Jackson, Mo.

Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City visited with Letha Arnold at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

Brad and Lori Pender of Jonesboro visited one evening last week with Fred and Maxine Pender.

Visiting with Berniece and Don McRaven of Fair



Clara M. Nehring

Clara M. Nehring, 73, of Vergennes, died at 4:57 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, at Integrity Healthcare in Energy.

She was born on May 27, 1944, in Anna, the daughter of O. Ordell and Wanda Barnhart Goodman.

She married George Nehring on May 18, 1990, in Jonesboro.

She is survived by her husband, George Nehring of Vergennes; a daughter, Pam (Tony) Newman of Lick Creek; a son, Robert (Jennifer) Nehring of Du Quoin; a daughter, Becky (Wade) Fletcher of Galatia; eight grandchildren, Tony Joe (Britany) Newman, Rebecca Newman (fiance, Frank), Ashley Cook, Bailey and Elijah Nehring, Madison (Andy) McFarland, Megan and Madison Fletcher; three great-grandchildren, Jacalynn Kennedy, Braxton Knupp and Hank Newman; brothers and sisters Audrey (John) Davis of Jonesboro, Joyce Anderson of Anna, Jerry (Bonnie) Goodman of Wolf Lake, Harley (Linda) Goodman of Phoenix, Ariz., Lloyd (Brenda) Goodman of Anna and Rose Mary (Joe) Perkins of Indianapolis, Ind.; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Janice Mary Cook; a granddaughter, Kimberly Cook; a sister, Dottie Lipe; infant sisters Cheryl Ann and Bonnie Gale Goodman; and brothers-in-law Larry Anderson and Cletus Davis.

She was of the Baptist faith. She worked for many years as a cook at various restaurants.

Funeral services for Mrs. Nehring were at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Randy Morgan officiating. Interment was in Tripp Memorial Cemetery at Dutch Ridge.

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

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

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



John E. Stewart

John E. Stewart, 67, of Cobden, died at 11:20 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, 2017, at his home in Cobden.

He was born on May 21, 1950, in Anna, the son of Charles and Veda Bryant Stewart.

He married Midge Middleton on Nov. 8, 1991, in Murphysboro.

He is survived by his wife, Midge Stewart of Cobden; a son, Brian (Tina) Stewart of Murphysboro; a daughter, Heather Stewart of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a grandson, Adam Stewart; three stepchildren; nine step-grandchildren; four brothers, Jerry (Bonnie) Holman of Cobden, Charlie (Cheryl) Stewart of Cobden, Roger (Maryann) Stewart of Anna and David (Cheryl) Stewart of Cobden; one sister, Kathie (Ron) Jensen of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He was an avid fisherman. He attended the Anna First Baptist Church. He worked at the Union County Courthouse for 20 years before retiring.

Funeral services for John Stewart were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden, with the Rev. Les Sinks officiating. Interment was in the Cobden City Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Celtic Hospice or to Anna First Baptist Church.

To leave online condolences go to www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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



Volunteers invited to help with trail maintenance at Touch of Nature Center

Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Touch of Nature Environmental Center plans to host two events that will give the public an opportunity to help maintain and expand the miles of trails located at the outdoor, experiential education and recreation facility.

In recent years, Mother Nature has overtaken many of the trails, but the programs will help reclaim and even enlarge the trail system to accommodate the many patrons and offerings of the 3,100-acre center, which is along the shore of Little Grassy Lake.

Trail Stewardship Days is an ongoing program this semester that invites volunteers to come to Touch of Nature, located about 8 miles south of Carbondale on Giant City Road, to help with the trails.

Work shifts are planned on several Sundays and will take place from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

The schedule for the free Trail Stewardship Days includes Sept. 24; Oct. 1, 15, 22 and 29; and Nov. 5, 13 and 19.

Volunteers can register for one or both sessions on any or all days. No experience is necessary.

The staff from Touch of Nature will coordinate the project and provide tools as well as help and instruction to assure their safe use.

All helpers are welcome but those planning to attend are asked to pre-register at least 48 hours before the session they plan to attend.

Sign-up is available online at www.ton.siu.edu or by calling 618-453-1121.

For those who like to help, but Sunday work sessions don't fit their schedule, they can call and the staff will schedule a trail work session at another time.

In addition, Touch of Nature and the American Hiking Society are partnering for the second "Volunteer Vacation" Oct. 15-21.

Participants will stay in the camp's rustic cabins for a week as they work together to clear paths and create trails.

Volunteers ages 15 and older are welcome at this event, designed to foster public land stewardship and appreciation, provide camaraderie and benefit Touch of Nature and all who use its facilities.

Equipment, lodging, meals, leaders and directions are provided. The cost ranges from \$195 to \$330.

Larry J. Yates Jr.

Larry J. Yates Jr., 34, of Anna, died Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017, at his home.

He was born on Dec. 30, 1982, in Detroit, Mich., the son of Larry J. Sr. and Jean Marie Bachmann Yates.

He is survived by his father, Larry J. Sr. (Sheila) Yates of Cobden; his mother, Jean Marie Yates of Anna; a sister, Lisa Yates of Cobden; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents. He enjoyed golfing, movies and was an Eagle Scout. According to his wishes, he will be cremated. Private interment will be at a later date in the Cobden Cemetery. Memorials can be made to the American Heart Association.

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

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



Counseling service plans run/walk event

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

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

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

Proceeds generated by the run/walk will be used to support activities for the

counseling service's clients of all ages.

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

To learn more about the run/walk, contact Susie Adams by Sept. 30 at 833-8551 or susie.adams@uccsinc.org.

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

In Loving Memory

Not a day goes by
that I don't think of you

I have a picture I always carry in my heart.
I close my eyes to see it when the world turns dark.
I have a memory of you I carry in my soul.
I wrap it close around me when the nights turn cold.

Not a day goes by
that you aren't missed and loved.

Tami
Nov. 5, 1961 - Sept. 8, 2008

"The Preaching Pen" Working Really Isn't A Sin!

Monday of this week, our attention was turned toward the "Labor Day" holiday. It's the idea of labor that I want us to focus on for a few moments.

In the book of Proverbs, we find a number of warnings against laziness. Proverbs 19:24 tells us "A slothful man hideth his hand in his bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again." Can you imagine anyone being too lazy to bring a handful of food to his mouth?

In his second letter to the church at Thessalonica (II Thess. 3:10), the apostle Paul writes by inspiration, "For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat." Just imagine if that standard were followed today - if a person had to work in order to eat! The unemployment line would be made up of only those who truly needed it!

In the book of Ephesians, the apostle Paul teaches us how we are to work. He explains this by using the servant (or slave)/master relationship, but the principle applies to employer and employee. In Eph. 6:5-6, Paul writes, "Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; 'Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.'"

A Christian should arrive on time and put in a full shift. He doesn't waste company time. The child of God takes great pride in his work and gives it his best effort each and every day.

A Christian should be so honest and reliable that he's never suspected of any wrongdoing. He should go the second mile to be a good worker. (Mt. 5:41).

Parents: If you still have children at home, one of the best things you can do regarding their future is to teach them early on how to work. Reward them for work well done. Let them see you working hard daily and show them that it pays to work hard and do a thorough job. By doing that, you'll spare them a lot of trouble in the years to come.

R.W. McAlister, Minister
Anna church of Christ

School Menu

Jonesboro School Menu:
 Monday, Sept. 11: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fresh fruit, apple juice, choice of lowfat milk. Lunch: Elementary: Chicken nuggets with honey mustard sauce, dinner roll or toasted triple cheese, baked oven fries, fresh broccoli florets, fresh or chilled fruit. Middle: Chicken nuggets, roll, mustard sauce; oven fries; ham and cheese chef salad, croutons and dinner roll; pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza; triple cheese sandwich; lettuce and tomato side salad, fresh broccoli florets, fresh

whole fruit, assorted chilled fruit.
 Tuesday, Sept. 12: Breakfast: Cheddar eggs, waffle with maple syrup, fresh fruit, fruit punch juice, choice of lowfat milk. Lunch: Elementary: Taco Tuesday: Beef macho nachos or corn dog, seasoned refried beans, fresh grape tomatoes, fresh or chilled fruit. Middle: Beef macho nachos; refried beans; chicken and Caesar chef salad with croutons and roll; pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza; corn dog; lettuce and tomato side salad,

fresh grape tomatoes, fresh whole fruit, assorted chilled fruit.
 Wednesday, Sept. 13: Breakfast: Berry yogurt parfait with homemade granola, fresh apple, choice of lowfat milk. Lunch: Elementary: Mashed potato and chicken bowl and dinner roll or crispy chicken popper salad with roll, steamed golden corn, marinated cool cucumbers, fresh or chilled fruit. Middle: Mashed potato chicken bowl, roll; chicken popper salad with roll; golden corn; ham and cheese chef salad, croutons and dinner roll; pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza; hot ham and cheese

on pretzel bun; lettuce and tomato salad, marinated cucumbers, fresh whole fruit, assorted chilled fruit.
 Thursday, Sept. 14: Breakfast: Pancakes with maple syrup, fresh fruit, apple juice, choice of lowfat milk. Lunch: Elementary: Salisbury steak with dinner roll or pancake fun lunch, mashed potatoes, fresh baby carrots, fresh and chilled fruit. Middle: Savory Salisbury steak, dinner roll; pancake fun lunch; mashed potatoes; chicken Caesar salad with croutons and roll; pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza; cheeseburger; lettuce and tomato side salad, fresh baby carrots,

fresh whole fruit, assorted chilled fruit.
 Friday, Sept. 15: Breakfast: Biscuit and gravy, fresh fruit, orange juice, choice of lowfat milk. Lunch: Elementary: Brooklyn style pepperoni flatbread or bagel fun lunch, tater tots, lettuce and tomato salad, fresh and chilled fruit. Middle: Brooklyn flatbread pizza; bagel fun lunch; tater tots; ham and cheese chef salad, croutons and dinner roll; pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza; crispy chicken patty sandwich; lettuce and tomato side salad, fresh whole fruit, assorted chilled fruit.

Reading will help victims of storms, flooding

Allison Joseph, director of the master of fine arts creative writing program at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, plans to host a benefit reading to help victims of the storms and flooding in the wake of Hurricane Harvey.
 The reading is planned from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Sept. 14 in the Harry T. Moore Auditorium in Faner Hall on the SIU campus.
 There is no mandatory fee for readers or audience, but donations are encouraged.
 "In the past, we've done similar literary fundraisers to help the victims of the Joplin tornado, Superstorm Sandy and Hurricane Katrina," she said.
 "All proceeds will go to the Red Cross's relief efforts in the area affected by this awful situation."
 Those willing to read for five to eight minutes may read their own work or may read work from writers from the areas affected by the storm and its aftermath.
 Interested readers were asked to contact Joseph at aljoseph@siu.edu by Friday, Sept. 1.



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

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

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

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

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



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Area Veterans To Be Honored

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

To be included all you have to do is:

1. **Submit a picture** with your name printed on the back. Newspaper clippings and photo copies won't work. We'll take good care of your photo and return it to you. If you bring it to our office we can often copy it while you wait.
2. **Provide information** about your military service using as much as you can of the form below.
3. **Repeat last year's article and photo.** You may update information or photos. **You must let us know if you want last year's article repeated!**

Current information on veteran or person submitting form

Name _____
 Address _____
 Telephone _____

Military Service

Veteran's name _____
 Branch of service _____ Years in which you served _____
 Military unit _____ Rank _____
 Military job/specialty _____
 Primary places of service _____
 Campaigns or operations _____
 Awards or achievements _____
 Is veteran living or deceased? _____
 Additional notes and comments: _____

Please bring or send this form with photo to:
The Gazette-Democrat
 112 Lafayette Street
 P.O. Box 529
 Anna, IL 62906

Harvest Thyme in Country Festival set

Katy and Ray Newbold are planning to host their annual Harvest Thyme in the Country Festival in Southern Illinois.
 The festival is set for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 10-11. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.
 The location is off Route 166, halfway between Creal Springs in Williamson County and New Burnside in Johnson County. Signs will be posted. For more information, call 618-922-0562.
 There will be 75, or more, vendors showing and selling their wares. Food will be available.
 Bluegrass, country, gospel, 1950s and 1960s music will be featured.

Dawg Fest set at SIU

Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Dawg Fest 2017 is planned from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Sept. 8.
 The event is scheduled to feature a free outdoor concert by the Natu Band, which stars rock/country singer-songwriter and former Saluki football player Natu Visinia.
 SIU men's football coach Nick Hill and other SIU athletes and spirit team members will also be on hand for the festivities on the steps of Shryock Auditorium.
 Students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members are welcome to attend the free event.
 Dawg Fest participants can bring lawn chairs or blankets for the event.
 Glass bottles, pets and smoking are prohibited. Those attending may bring only single-serve containers, and underage drinking laws will be enforced.
 New Student Programs and the Student Programming Council are sponsoring Dawg Fest. For more information, visit <http://spc.rso.siu.edu/> or call 618-536-3393.

Glade walk set

A walk at the prairie at the Cave Creek Glade at the Cache River State Natural Area near Vienna is planned Saturday afternoon, Sept. 9.
 The walk will be from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 618-657-2064.
 Cave Creek Glade is a limestone, hillside prairie located along U.S. Highway 45, 3 1/2 miles south of Vienna.



State treasurer at courthouse
Illinois State Treasurer Michael W. Frerichs visited the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro on Monday, Aug. 28. Photo provided.

State treasurer highlights programs during visit to county

Illinois State Treasurer Michael W. Frerichs paid a visit to Union County last week.

Frerichs met with local officials at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro, where he discussed programs which were available through the treasurer's office. He also made a stop in Anna.

During his visit, the treasurer highlighted key programs which are available through his office.

The ICash program in the treasurer's office helps to reunite unclaimed property with their owners.

The treasurer serves as the trustee of Illinois's three 529 college savings plans: Bright Start Direct, a plan that individuals can sign up for and manage on their own, and Bright Start Advisor and Bright Directions, plans that can be purchased through a financial advisor.

The website for the treasurer's office explains that all three plans are "qualified tuition programs" under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Contributions to Bright Start and Bright Directions grow on a tax-deferred basis while in the plan and can be withdrawn tax-free for qualified higher education expenses.

Qualified higher education expenses include tuition, fees, books, supplies, room and board (if a student is enrolled at least half time), and computers.

The treasurer's office also offers the ABL (Achieving Better Life Experience) program.

The Illinois ABL program is a tax-advantaged investment program that provides persons with blindness or disabilities the option to save for disability-related expenses without putting their federal means tested benefits at risk, the treasurer's office's website explains.

Illinois ABL is a member of the National ABL Alliance, a partnership of 14 states representing over one quarter of the population of the United States.

The goal of the National ABL Alliance is to provide the most robust ABL services possible at the lowest cost to account owners.

ABL allows for a wide range of expenses, as long as they are related to a person's blindness or disability, including expenses for education, housing, transportation, employment training and support, assistive technology and personal support services, health, prevention and wellness, financial management and administrative services, legal fees, and expenses for oversight and monitoring,

funeral and burial expenses.

Information about all of the programs can be found online at www.illinoistreasurer.gov.

The treasurer shared that he finds the current environment in the state capital of Springfield to be "frustrating." Frerichs said he and his staff "try to focus on what can help the people of Illinois."

Frerichs also noted that the visit to Union County gave him an opportunity to achieve another step in his goal of having a picture taken in front of each courthouse in Illinois' 102 counties.

Following his visit to Union County, he's tallied about 40 of the photographs. Union County's courthouse is located in Jonesboro.

Extension Four Seasons gardening programs set

The fall series of University of Illinois Extension's Four Seasons Gardening program focuses on environmental stewardship, home gardening, and backyard food production.

The first session of the series is titled, "What's That Butterfly in My Garden?"

The program was scheduled to be offered on Sept. 5 and again is planned at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, today.

With over 150 species of butterflies in Illinois, Extension horticulture educator Kelly Allsup will detail how to distinguish between some of the most commonly sighted butterflies in the flower gardens and prairies.

Sometimes with only a few seconds to glance details can be picked up

to later help the gardener identify what was seen.

Other topics in the Fall series are scheduled to include "Cultivating Carnivores: Growing Carnivorous Plants," set for Sept. 19 and 21; and "Gardening as Therapy," set for Oct. 3 and 5.

All sessions are scheduled to be available for live home viewing on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. and repeated on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Information about the presentations is available at local Extension offices.

Following the session, a taped version is available on YouTube. There is no fee to attend. However, those who plan to attend must register in advance for the live webinars to receive connection instructions.

Monarch butterfly program, hikes planned at Giant City

A program featuring monarch butterflies and guided hikes are on the calendar at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

Monarch Butterflies
Monarch butterflies will be featured at a program which is planned from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16.

A short presentation about monarchs is planned in the visitors center at the park.

After the presentation, there will be an opportunity to try to catch and tag migrating monarch butterflies.

Every fall, thousands of monarch butterflies migrate south to central Mexico. Giant City State Park is a stopping point for the butterflies.

The program is free; however, registration is required.

To register, or for more information, call the visitors center at 618-457-4836.

Shrub Hike

Extension forester Chris Evans plans to lead a hike on Saturday, Sept. 23, which will focus on shrubs which can be found at Giant City.

The hike is planned from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on the 2-mile Trillium Trail at the park.

The trail is described as moderately difficult, with some steep climbing.

Hikes with Naturalist

Hikes with the park naturalist are planned on Sept. 24, Oct. 8 and Oct. 29. The hikes are scheduled from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The one-mile moderate hikes will offer detailed looks at the plants, animals, rocks and history of Giant City State Park.

No registration is required. Those who want to go on the hike are asked to meet at the visitors center, to bring water and to wear clothing appropriate for 1 mile of hiking.

For more information about the hikes, the visitors center can be contacted.

Each live session is about an hour long and provides an opportunity to ask questions with the presenter.

Registration and YouTube information can be found at http://go.illinois.edu/4seasons_webinars.

Southern Illinois Beef Association plans field day, open house event

The Southern Illinois Beef Association plans to host a beef field day and open house on Saturday, Sept. 16.

The event is scheduled from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Slykhuis Farms, which is located at 985 Mings Rd. in Raleigh.

The event is free and open to beef producers and consumers.

Those who attend the event will have an opportunity to tour a monoslope beef barn to see the latest in cattle comfort and environmental stewardship.

Numerous vendor exhibits will be on display. There will be tips on safe

edu/4seasons_webinars.

For more information on the gardening series and other horticultural programs, contact a local Extension office by visiting www.extension.illinois.edu.

and proper beef preparation and cooking by the culinary program at Rend Lake Community College, as well as a drone exhibition by the college.

Guest speakers will talk about current topics and trends in the industry.

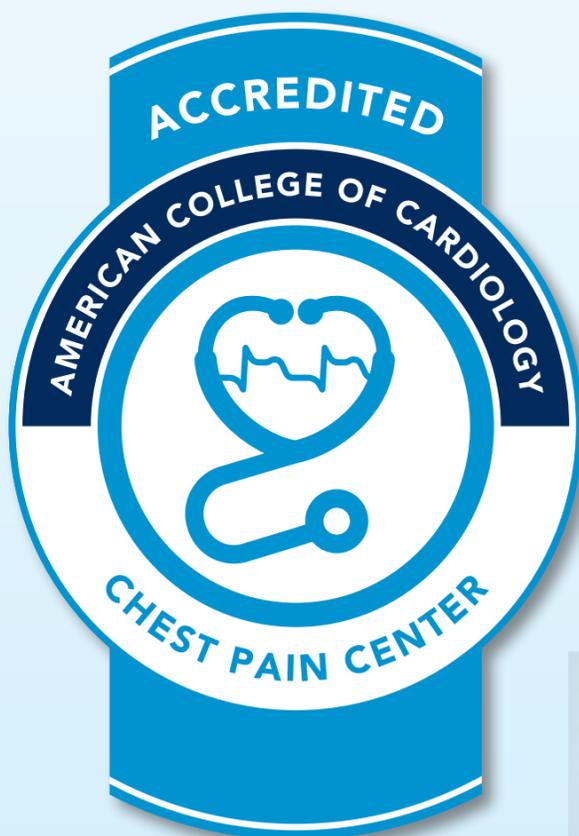
A free ribeye meal will be served. RSVPs are required for the meal and are due by Sept. 9 to Tyler Pokojski at 618-918-1215 or tylerpokojski@gmail.com.

For more information about the event, contact Southern Illinois Beef Association president Terry Mefford at 618-231-0800 or tkmefford@yahoo.com.



Helping hands

Jonesboro Elementary School students and staff wore hats to school on Friday, Sept. 1. "Hat Day" was a fundraiser to help Hurricane Harvey victims. Eighth grader and Beta Club member Marlee Smith had the idea of the school contributing to the victims. A suggested donation of \$1 was given to wear a hat to school that day. The students raised \$260. The money was donated to the American Red Cross through Walmart's donation link. By donating through Walmart, the donation was matched at twice its value. Therefore, Walmart will be donating \$520, making the total contribution from Jonesboro School's fundraiser in the amount of \$780. From left are 8th graders Zach Miller, Tabitha Smith, Natalee Brown, Marlee Smith, Chloe McFarland, Jenny Carrillo and Dylan Lang. Photo provided.



Nationally Accredited Chest Pain Center

As an American College of Cardiology Accredited Chest Pain Center, Union County Hospital has achieved a higher level of expertise when dealing with patients who arrive with symptoms of a heart attack. Our protocol-driven approach to heart care allows us to reduce time-to-treatment during the critical first stages of a heart attack.



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Section B

Ullin slated to host Cache River Days

The 2017 Cache River Days celebration is planned Sept. 7-10 in Ullin.

The event celebrates the Cache River Watershed in Southern Illinois.

Nature Fest

As part of this year's event, Nature Fest activities are planned on Friday evening and Saturday, Sept. 8-9.

Birds of Prey Show: 1

Art in Park scheduled in Vienna

The 15th annual Art in the Park is planned Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Vienna City Park in Vienna. The event is planned from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Vienna City Park is located on Route 146 in the Southern Illinois community.

Art in the Park is a free event and is sponsored by the Home and Community Education of University of Illinois Extension. There is no admission charge or vendor fee.

Artisans from around the area are welcome to set up an area and show and sell their creations.

There will be live country music. Barbecue plates will be available to purchase.

Anyone who is interested in showing their creations can call this year's chairperson, Cara Webb, at 618-995-2592.

p.m. and 3 p.m. Staff from Free Again Wildlife Rehabilitation will present a program featuring owls, hawks and other bird species.

Asian Carp Fry, Free Tasting: Information about filleting and preparing Asian carp will be presented, along with free samples.

Cold-Blooded Creatures of the Cache: The program will feature Illinois snakes, lizards, frogs, toads and salamanders.

Fish Print Bandannas: Those of all ages will have an opportunity to create a fish print bandanna.

Wildlife Law Enforcement Trailer: The Illinois Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Education Program trailer will be on hand. IDNR and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service conservation law enforcement officers will be on hand to answer questions about hunting, fishing and other recreational opportunities.

Duck ID: Waterfowl identification and hunting opportunities in Southern Illinois will be featured.

Take the Challenge, Receive a Cache Patch: Young people under 18 will be able to take the Cache Challenge and receive a Cache River Wetlands patch.

Field Trips, Tours

Spotlighting Night Hike, Sept. 8: Michael Jeffords and Susan Post will share a peek into the "Night of the Living Cache." An evening hike will explore the woods of the Limekiln Springs on

the Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge.

Glass Hill Hike, Sept. 9: A guided tour to the top of Glass Hill will highlight early Native American history and the natural history of the area.

Cache River Wetlands Canoe Tours, Sept. 9: Three guided tours are planned throughout the day. Space is limited on each tour. To preregister, or for more information, call 618-634-2231.

Many Other Activities Many other programs and activities are planned in the Village of Ullin.

A community worship and fellowship service is planned at 6 p.m. Thursday, today.

Cache River Days activities also are scheduled to include tram rides, tours of the Ullin Historic Depot and Caboose, a 5K walk/run, a softball tournament, a pageant at 6 p.m. on Friday, flea markets, air inflatable rides, face painting, sand art, a parade, helicopter rides, a music festival and food vendors.

Bingo is planned from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Bingo, and the pageant, will take place in the newly renovated and air-conditioned Leona Brust Civic Center.

For more information about the celebration, contact event chairpersons Mike or Millie DeWitt at 618-845-3445.

Farm-to-Fork Expo held at local vineyard; more than 100 attend

The Jackson and Union County Farm Bureaus, with assistance from Illinois Farm Families, recently hosted the second annual Farm-to-Fork Expo at Alto Vineyards near Alto Pass.

The event grew from year one with more consumers attending, as well as farmers and volunteers showcasing agriculture diversity from both counties.

On Sunday, July 30, members of both Farm Bureaus gathered at host venue Alto Vineyards to promote their ag products, safe growing techniques and an offering of product samples and information for those who attended.

Guests experienced an exhibit called The Farmer's In, where information was shared and discussed about GMOs, hormones and various other topics of concern to consumers and farmers alike.

At least 125 people attended the free event on the last Sunday in July.

Each person who attended was offered an insulated shopping bag, lavender, recipes contributed by farmers, a calendar, pollinator wildflower seeds and other items.

Organizers voiced their appreciation to the farmers who took the time to bring products and displays for the afternoon, or who made sure that samples were provided for guests to experience.

Those farmers and farms

included Lisa Mileur of Mileur Orchards, Lipe Orchards, Homer and Angie Jenkins of Homer Grown produce, Doug Clover of Shawnee Hills Lavender Farm, Rendleman Orchards and Flamm Orchards.

Appreciation also was voiced to volunteers who set up and shared their time

to talk to consumers, including Barb Arbeiter, Theresa Karg, Lynnette Penrod, Mary-Nell Chew, Allyssa Barnes, Grace Rendleman and Katie Messmore.

Both county Farm Bureaus are looking forward to offering more consumer education events in the future.



Volunteer helpers

Katie Messmore, left, and Grace Rendleman, right, volunteers from the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School FFA chapter, served samples from Rendleman Orchards and Flamm Orchards at the second annual Farm-to-Fork Expo, which was held at Alto Vineyards on Sunday, July 30. Photo provided.



Specialty crops

Homer and Angie Jenkins, far right, owners of the Homer Grown produce farm and market stand, talked to guests about all the different kinds of specialty crops grown on the Jenkins Farm and the wide variety of produce grown in both Jackson and Union counties. Photo provided.



Activities for all

The Farm-to-Fork Expo had consumer focused information and samples for adults, as well as activities and information for little ones. Young Leaders helped kids with an Ag in the Classroom activity identifying pictures of food and where the food originated: farm, factory, restaurant or grocery store. Photo provided.



Kayden and his buddy, Buddy

Kayden Hammer of Anna and his ferret, Buddy, were among the young people who participated in a pet parade at the 2017 Union County Fair in Anna. The pet parade was Sunday afternoon, Aug. 20.

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2017 Union County Fair scrapbook

The 2017 Union County Fair again offered a wide range of special events, programs and exhibits during August. The fair was Aug. 18-26 at the Anna City Park in Anna. The accompanying pictures on these pages are from just a few of the many events at the fair. Photos by Tiffany Dillow, Amber Filbeck, Lindsey Rae Vaughn and Geof Skinner.



2017 Union County Fair queen Erin Dillow.



Demolition derby action.



Harness racing action.



First-place pumpkin.



Carnival rides on total solar eclipse day, Monday, Aug. 21.



Champion youth crop exhibit.



Community worship service.



Home-canned items.



Junior showmanship.



Plants in exhibit building.



Youth exhibits.



Steve Hornbeak and the Main Street Players.



Horse show.



Midway carnival rides, fair food.



Pet parade.



Power Wheels participants.



Junior livestock auction.



Youth craft, hobby exhibits.





Total solar eclipse celebrated at Shawnee Community College
 Shawnee Community College joined in the celebration of a total solar eclipse which occurred on Monday, Aug. 21. Activities were held on the college's main campus near Ullin. Faculty members Craig Bradley, Rhonda Dillow and Lori Armstrong, along with staff member Rob Lucas, prepared the college with presentations and learning opportunities prior to the eclipse, as well as on the day of the event. Bradley brought some of his own equipment to the college to encourage and promote learning on eclipse day. More than 150 people were on hand to experience the eclipse. Shawnee Community College students, faculty, staff and others spent the day viewing the eclipse at the college's main campus. Shawnee Community College photo.

Ameren Illinois installs AEDs on nearly 240 trucks

As part of its commitment to workplace safety, Ameren Illinois has installed automated external defibrillators, AEDs, on nearly 240 trucks across Central and Southern Illinois, including two trucks in the Anna area.

Ameren Illinois stated in a news release that the presence of these critical devices on a portion of the company's fleet can be the difference between life and death.

According to the American Heart Association, people who go into cardiac arrest while at work have only a 5 to 7 percent chance of surviving when an AED is not present and they must wait for the arrival of emergency medical personnel.

In comparison, the survival rate for those who receive immediate defibrillation is as high as 60 percent one year after cardiac arrest.

"There are inherent dangers in keeping the lights on and the natural gas flowing, so first and foremost, this is a step we are taking to ensure the health and safety of our field personnel," Ameren Illinois chairman and president Richard Mark said.

"These AEDs will provide our coworkers with an accessible tool that they can use in an emergency situation."

Although Ameren Illinois field workers are trained in first aid, CPR and AED operation, the devices installed on each truck are user-friendly.

"They even provide verbal instructions, walking our employees step-by-step through what is generally an incredibly stressful situation," Ameren Illinois director of safety Karen Boulanger said.

The importance of AEDs hits close to home for Ameren Illinois employee Mike Pulke.

In 2014, Pulke collapsed and went into cardiac arrest at the company's Mount Vernon operating center.

Several of Pulke's coworkers used the facility's AED and performed CPR until first responders arrived.

Pulke went on to make a full recovery and still works for the company as a gas control technician in Mount Vernon.

"My husband might not have survived if it were not for the quick thinking of his coworkers and the presence of an AED," Pulke's wife, Carla, said.

Installing AEDs on 239 Ameren Illinois trucks also places more life-saving devices into circulation across the company's 43,700-square-mile service territory.

Should an Ameren Illinois crew encounter an emergency in a rural area where it may take first responders considerable time to reach the scene, having an AED nearby may potentially save lives.

"On any given work day, hundreds of Ameren Illinois crew members are active on job sites and our white and green trucks are highly visible in communities and neighborhoods throughout Central and Southern Illinois," Mark said.

"While we hope to never

have to come to the aid of a member of the general public, we would have the ability to assist if the situation warranted it. The potential to save even one life is the reason for this investment."

"In a cardiac emergency, every second counts," said Carrie Skogsberg, Central Illinois communications director for the American Heart Association.

"The addition of these critical life-saving devices to Ameren Illinois trucks is a welcome sight. I commend Ameren Illinois for placing a premium on workplace and community safety. They are great ambassadors for the American Heart Association's Workplace Health Solutions initiative."

Photo Credit: ccd

Cobden Presbyterian Church planning to host variety show

First Presbyterian Church of Cobden is planning to host a variety show on Saturday evening, Sept. 23.

The show is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. and will be in the church's fellowship hall. The church is hoping to make the show an annual event.

Donations will be accepted at the door. Proceeds will support the ongoing ministries of the church.

The variety show will feature lots of music, both inspirational and humorous, mostly from the church's choir.

Performances of a short reader's theatre play, "David: Shepherd, King, and All That," and Abbott and Costello's classic routine, "Who's On First?" also are planned.

Desserts will be served with a variety of beverages during intermission.

A 50/50 raffle is planned to help support the Cross of

Peace on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass.

The church's fellowship hall is on ground level and easily accessible.

Doors for the show are scheduled to open at 5:45 p.m. Seating will be first come, first serve.

Those who may need seating assistance or more information can call the church office at 893-4424 or email cobdenpc@yahoo.com.

Additional information is posted on the church's Facebook page. Everyone is invited.

Sims reunion set

The annual Jewel and Maria Sims family reunion is planned Sunday, Sept. 10, in Anna.

The reunion is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. and will be at the Shriners building at the Anna City Park.

Those who plan to attend are asked to bring a covered dish. All relatives and friends are invited.

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Daily Devotional Reading

Matthew 6:19-34	Matthew 7:1-14	Matthew 7:15-29	Matthew 13:1-17	Matthew 13:18-33	Matthew 13:34-58	Matthew 22:1-14
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Hate Crimes bill approved

Illinois is strengthening the state's hate crimes law. House Bill 3711, initiated by Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, was passed by the General Assembly with bipartisan support and signed into law by the governor.

Madigan said she initiated the legislation in response to a national increase of crimes motivated by hatred based on religion, race, national origin, gender identity and sexual orientation since the 2016 election.

The law adds the crimes of cyberstalking, transmission of obscene messages and certain acts of intimidation to the list of crimes that can be prosecuted as hate crimes to address the increasing use of technology to attack victims.

"The law also ensures victims of hate crimes are afforded the ability to file a civil cause of action in response to these incidents and permits a judge to impose civil penalties.

"We must take a stand against hate crimes that have increased at alarming levels in our communities," Madigan said in a news release.

"Hate crimes against any

person or group threaten our democracy, and I am pleased to see Illinois enact stronger laws against horrible acts of hate."

The Anti-Defamation League, ADL, recently released a study showing an 85 percent increase in anti-Semitic incidents, including assaults, vandalism and harassment, during the first quarter of 2017 compared to the same time period in 2016.

The ADL also found that anti-Semitic incidents at non-Jewish elementary, middle and high schools increased 106 percent, and a new anti-Semitic message is posted on social media every 83 seconds.

HB 3711 strengthens the Illinois Hate Crimes Act by:

- Expanding the reach of protection from hate crimes to address perpetrators' increased use of technology to attack victims. The measure adds the existing crimes of stalking, cyberstalking, transmission of obscene messages and portions of the crime of intimidation to the list of crimes that can be prosecuted as hate crimes.

- Ensuring all victims of hate crimes are afforded a civil remedy. Offenses

such as telephone harassment, harassment through electronic communications or disorderly conduct do not give rise to a civil cause of action under Illinois' current hate crimes law. HB 3711 closes that gap.

- Allowing judges to impose a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 for each violation.

- Providing the attorney general with civil enforcement authority. Illinois would join at least six other states that have similar authority.

In February, Madigan convened a summit with civil rights leaders to discuss the impact of federal executive orders on the nearly 2 million immigrants who live in Illinois.

As part of that summit, Madigan and the civil rights leaders discussed the need to increase protections against hate crimes.

Madigan has also called on Gov. Bruce Rauner to protect Illinois immigrants and refugees from discrimination and hate crimes and to restore the Illinois Hate Crimes Commission.



Stopping along the road
A pair of tiger swallowtail butterflies found a nice place to stop one day recently along the State Forest Road in Union County.

Governor: Illinois offers aid to Texas, Louisiana in response to Hurricane Harvey

The thoughts and prayers of the people of Illinois have been with those affected by Hurricane Harvey. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to the people of Texas as they deal with unimaginable flooding from Hurricane Harvey," Gov. Bruce Rauner said on Aug. 28.

The governor said that the State of Illinois stood ready "to expedite assistance wherever needed."

Rauner said he had directed Illinois Emergency Management Agency, IEMA, director James K. Joseph "to alert state agencies and our mutual aid partners in law enforcement, fire services, emergency management, public works, public health and other disciplines that could be called on to provide assistance, if requested."

The governor said that IEMA was "closely monitoring requests for assistance through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, the national system for coordinating disaster assistance.

"Director Joseph personally contacted the emergency management director to let him know Illinois stands

ready to assist in any way possible."

Rauner added that IEMA was assessing potential needs in Louisiana in the event assistance were to be needed there.

"The impacts of this disaster will be long-lasting. Illinois is committed to assisting Texas and other states in the Gulf region through the response and recovery process," Rauner stated.

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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local	2017 U.S. Open Tennis "Women's Semifinals" (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Undercover	"Powers" Tonight	"Alien Dir's Cut" (03)	"The Yards" (25) "The Babadook" (14) (HD)
7 PM :30	Network (HD)	Big Bang (31) Mom	Beat Shazam (HD)	NFL Kickoff 2017	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Stuck Mid.	Andi Mack	"Jackie" (16) Jackie Kennedy (R)	★★★ "Friday the 13th" (09) (HD)	Twin Peaks "Part 17"
8 PM :30	Network (HD)	Big Brother (HD)	Love Connection (HD)	NFL Kickoff 2017 Kansas City Chiefs at New England Patriots (Live)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Bizaard	Andi Mack	Insecure	(40) "Aliens"	Twin Peaks "Part 18"
9 PM :30	The Gong Show (HD)	Zoo (HD)	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Bizaard	Raven	(86) Planetary colonists disappear. (R) (HD)	Naked
10 PM :30	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local	(05) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Guest Book	(01) Shooter (HD)	Stuck Mid.	★★★ "Fan-tastic Beasts and Wher" (16) (HD)	Naked
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Local	(05) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Guest Book	(01) Shooter (HD)	BUNKD	★★★ "Cape Fear" (91)	Twin Peaks "Part 17"

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	(3:00) 2017 U.S. Open Tennis "Men's Semifinals" (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	Mod Family	Andi Mack	"Apocalypse" (10) "Keeping Up with the Joneses" (16)	★★ "Bachelor Party"	"A Bronx Tale" (93)
7 PM :30	EIF	EIF	EIF (HD)	EIF (HD)	Seinfeld	Mod Family	Raven	Andi Mack	"The Nice Guys" (16)	"Huge conspiracy." (HD)	Gary Owen: I Got My Marriage stories. (HD)
8 PM :30	What Would You Do?	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	Beat Shazam (HD)	America's Talent (HD)	Seinfeld	Mod Family	"Descendants 2" (17) Life in Auradon. (HD)	Andi Mack	Real Time (HD)	"Role Models" (08) Mentors. (HD)	(05) Showtime Boxing Special Edition "Benavides vs. Gavri" (HD)
9 PM :30	20/20 (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs	Dateline NBC (HD)	Seinfeld	Mod Family	Andi Mack	Bizaard	VICE (HD)	"The Nice Guys" (16)	"Huge conspiracy." (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal	NCIS Military crimes.	Undercover	Undercover	"Role Models" (08) Mentors. (HD)	(05) Showtime Boxing Special Edition "Benavides vs. Gavri" (HD)
11 PM :30	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	"Hunger Game" (12)	Mod Family	Stuck Mid.	Real Time (HD)	"Baby Mama" (08, Comedy)	Gary Owen: I Got My

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Studio	Local Programs	College Ftbl (Live)	Local	College Football Auburn Tigers at Clemson Tigers (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	NCIS Military crimes.	Stuck Mid.	"Sex and City" (08)	"Deadpool" (16) (HD)	Twin Peaks "Part 17"
7 PM :30	(37) College Football Oklahoma Sooners at Ohio State Buckeyes (Live) (HD)	NCIS: New Orleans	Extra (HD)	College Football Stanford Cardinal at USC Trojans (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	Big Bang	NCIS Military crimes.	Stuck Mid.	★★★ "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" (10)	"Hidden Figures" (17) Women cross lines.	★★★ "Interview with the Vampire" (94) (HD)
8 PM :30	What Would You Do?	48 Hours	Local Programs	Local	Scoreboard	Big Bang	NCIS Military crimes.	BUNKD	(15) HBO Boxing (Live) (HD)	(05) "Sleepers" (96) Men seek revenge for abuse. (HD)	(45) Tiffany Haddish: Ready! (HD)
9 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Frontal	NCIS Military crimes.	Undercover	Undercover	"12 Rounds" (09) Deadly games.	"Nice Guys"
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Reporter pursued.	Mod Family	Bizaard	Oliver	"12 Rounds" (09) Deadly games.	"Nice Guys"
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Dateline NBC (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	★★ "Hulk"	Mod Family	BUNKD	HBO Boxing	"Nice Guys"	"Nice Guys"

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	NFL (Live)	Football Night (Live)	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	"Princess and Frog"	"Hidden Figures" (17) Women cross lines.	"Midnight Special"	Dice (HD)
7 PM :30	Feud Kelly Clarkson.	Big Brother (HD)	The Orville (HD)	(20) Sunday Night Football New York Giants at Dallas Cowboys (Live) (HD)	MLB Baseball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	"Now You See Me" (13) Illusionists take on bank heists.	Law & Order: SVU	Hotel (HD)	Tangled	"Into the Blue" (05) Divers vs. dealer. (HD)	Ray Donovan "Sold"
8 PM :30	The 2018 Miss America Competition	(02) Candy Crush	Simpsons	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Law & Order: SVU	Undercover	The Deuce "Pilot" Twin brothers.	(55) "Demolition" (16, Comedy)	Ray Donovan (HD)
9 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	"The Bounty Hunter" (10) Reporter pursued.	Mod Family	Bizaard	Undercover	Oliver	"12 Rounds" (09) Deadly games.
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Dateline NBC (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	★★ "Hulk"	Mod Family	BUNKD	HBO Boxing	"Nice Guys"	"Nice Guys"

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Monday Football New Orleans Saints at Minnesota Vikings (Live) (HD)	Family Guy	NCIS (HD)	Undercover	Oliver	(5:05) "Brothers" (09)	★★★ "Bad Moms" (16)
7 PM :30	To Be Announced Info unavailable.	Big Bang Kevin Wait Mom (HD)	You Think You Can Dance "Top 6 Perform"	American Ninja Warrior The Finals continue.	Local Programs	Family Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	Andi Mack	(15) "The Dark Knight" (08) Batman's new enemy. (HD)	★★★ "Rain Man" (88) Brothers' story. (R) (HD)	Episodes
8 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Family Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	Andi Mack	Undercover	"Rushmore" (98) Love triangle.	Ray Donovan (HD)
9 PM :30	(01) To Tell the Truth	Scorpion "Maroon 8"	Local Programs	Midnight, Texas	Monday Football Los Angeles Chargers at Denver Broncos (Live)	Am. Dad	Mod Family	Bizaard	Undercover	"The Deuce "Pilot" Twin brothers.	Naked
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Conan (HD)	Mod Family	Bizaard	Raven	(5:05) "Alien - Director's Cut" (03)	Ray Donovan (HD)
11 PM :30	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	People	Mod Family	Stuck Mid.	Stuck Mid.	(15) Training Camp	"Eye Beauty"

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	Chrisley	Undercover	Real Time	★★★ "Forgetting" (08)	Dice (HD)
7 PM :30	The Middle	NCIS Wedding stress.	Lethal Weapon (HD)	America's Got Talent "Live Show 5" (HD)	30 for 30 "Year of the Scab" (HD)	Seinfeld	Chrisley	Raven	Tonight	"Observe and Report" (09) (HD)	Ray Donovan (HD)
8 PM :30	black-ish	Bull Privacy policy.	The Mick	Local Programs	30 for 30	Big Bang	WWE SmackDown (Live) (HD)	Andi Mack	Stuck Mid.	"The Nice Guys" (16) Huge conspiracy. (HD)	Inside the NFL 2017 Week 1" (HD)
9 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	(01) Midnight, Texas	TBA	Big Bang	Chrisley	Liv Maddie	Undercover	"The Deuce "Pilot" Twin brothers.	Inside the NFL (HD)
10 PM :30	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Mod Family	Bizaard	Raven	"Gone in 60 Seconds" (00) (HD)	Tiffany Foster care.
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	Mod Family	BUNKD	HBO Boxing	"Nice Guys"	"Nice Guys"

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	MLB Baseball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Undercover	"Hellboy"	"Disturbance" (01)	(5:05) "Splash" (84)
7 PM :30	Goldbergs	Big Brother (HD)	MasterChef Family Inspired. (HD)	America's Talent (HD)	Local Programs	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU	Andi Mack	"Jason Bourne" (16) Bourne re-sources. (HD)	★★★ "Sleepers" (96) Men seek revenge for abuse. (HD)	★★★ "Jaws 2" (75, Thriller) Shark attacks. (HD)
8 PM :30	Mod Family	Salvation (HD)	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Big Bang	Suits (HD)	Bizaard	Andi Mack	"Midnight Special" (16) Father and son run.	(05) "Jaws 2" (75, Thriller) Shark attacks. (HD)
9 PM :30	20/20 (HD)	Criminal Minds (HD)	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Big Bang	The Sinner "Part VII"	Liv Maddie	Undercover	"The Deuce "Pilot" Twin brothers.	"Resident Evil" (12)
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Conan (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Bizaard	Raven	24/7 (HD)	★★ "Jaws 3" (83) (HD)
11 PM :30	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	(02) Suits (HD)	Stuck Mid.	BUNKD	"Resident Evil" (12)	"Rookie"

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Opinion and Commentary

Remembering another hurricane in Texas

By Scott Reeder

GALVESTON – Watching Hurricane Harvey on television, I couldn't help but think of my first experience covering such a storm.

It was 1988 and I was a 23-year-old who had just moved from Illinois to Texas to work for the Galveston Daily News.

Three months after arriving in Galveston, Hurricane Gilbert was brewing in the Gulf of Mexico. It was not only a Category 5 hurricane but it is one of the most powerful cyclones ever recorded in history. It was more than 500 miles wide.

People were immediately comparing it to the Great Galveston Hurricane, a mere category 4 storm, which made landfall in 1900, leaving between 6,000 to 12,000 people dead. That storm remains the most deadly natural disaster in U.S. history.

My reaction to an even bigger storm heading my way? This will be an excellent story to cover. Just credit that reaction to the hubris of youth.

The entire news staff was called into a conference room with a television showing the projected landfall for the storm. A dotted line on the screen showed the anticipated path ending at Galveston Island, right where we were sitting.

Looking out the newsroom window, I was reminded of a scene from the movie "The Grapes of Wrath." Folks were leaving with everything they could fit in or on top of their car. The only vehicles that seemed to be heading into Galveston were from news organizations. Dan Rather himself was reporting from the beach.

My editor asked for volunteers to stay on the island through the storm. My hand shot up.

All non-essential personnel left the newspaper offices to flee to safety. A handful of editors and reporters remained behind to put out the paper. And then the craziness began.

Since the paper's telephone operator was among the non-essential personnel who had left, any incoming call would ring a bell, which would reverberate throughout the newsroom until someone would answer it.

As the night wore on, we frantically sought to write our news stories with that bell constantly sounding in the background: Bringggg, Bringgg, Bringgg.

And the callers became stranger and stranger. A man identifying himself as a North Dakota Indian chief called to say the Great Spirit told him the hurricane would hit Galveston and we should leave – now.

Psychics, fortune tellers and others called all rendering the same advice – leave. We thought they were crazy. But, hey, none of them were voluntarily sitting in the path of a hurricane. So, who were we to judge?

Then the bell rang again. I answered. A woman was screaming. She was nearly incomprehensible. About all I could make out was, "Are you leaving?" I yelled back, "Who the hell is this?"

There was a long pause. And then I heard a familiar voice: "This is your mother in Illinois. Dan Rather is on TV saying the hurricane is going to hit Galveston. Are you leaving?" Fortunately for Galveston, Hurricane Gilbert veered south missing Texas altogether.

But last week, folks on the Texas Gulf Coast aren't doing so well. Hurricane Harvey was causing massive flooding.

While there are many fine charities like the Salvation Army and Red Cross that help hurricane victims, one I recommend is called the Jesse Tree. It is one of the best run charities I've encountered in my 30 years in the news business. It is ensuring hurricane victims in Galveston County receive food, medical care and other essential services. Support can be sent to The Jesse Tree, P.O. Box 575, Galveston, Texas 77553. Or donate online at: www.jesstree.net.

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Page from the Past

From the files of The Gazette-Democrat

50 Years Ago, September 7, 1967

Apple harvest in the southern one-third of Illinois picked up momentum this week as the initial picking of a crop estimated at two and one-third million bushes got underway.

C.A. (Spike) Gregory, Jonesboro District Ranger, Shawnee National Forest, will retire on September 28 following a dedicated 36-year career with the Forest Service – U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Fairs are over, harvests of fruit are almost complete, school has begun – a touch of fall is in the air – some leaves are now beginning to turn. Soon Union County will be a wonderful wonderland of color. Temperatures have been very pleasant in contrast to prior years when summer temperatures prevailed even after school commenced and it was necessary to dismiss school early due to the higher temperatures.

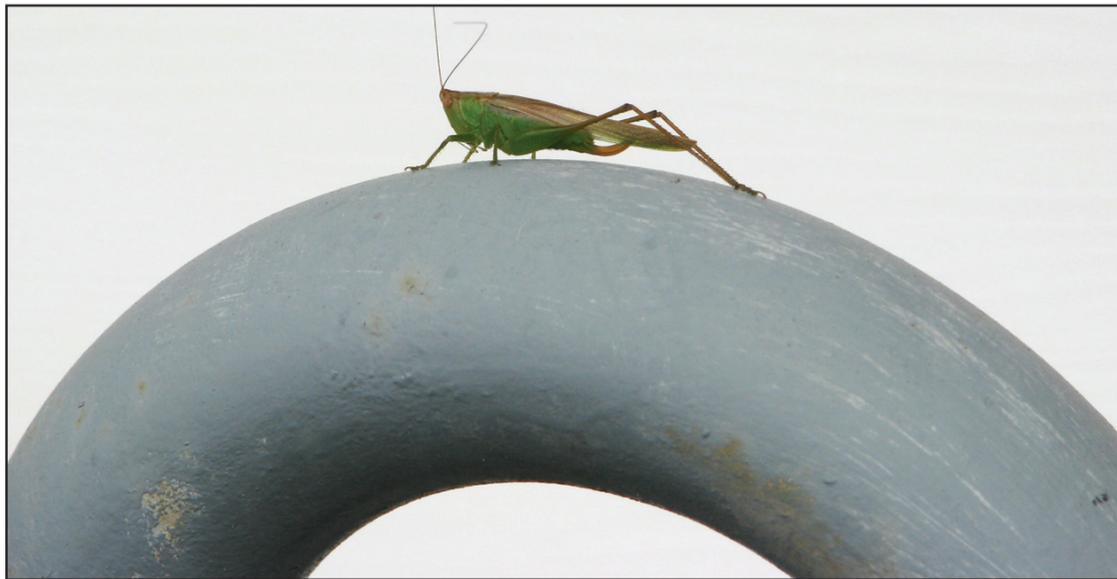
Long distance telephone service was disrupted for approximately two hours, cutting the Union County area, as well as many neighboring cities, off from the world, Friday, Sept. 1.

The Union County Head Start Program under the direction of Dellis Buzbee has completed a successful eight week session. This year's program has enrolled 77 children in the 4 and 5 year age group in centers at Cobden, Dongola, Wolf Lake and Jonesboro.

Sixty-one hopefuls reported for football practice this past week including fourteen returning varsity lettermen. Larry Davis is head coach again this year and the Wildcats will have a soap game this Friday, Sept. 8, at the A-J field. (Time 8:00 p.m.). Cost: one bar of soap. On Friday, Sept. 15, Anna-Jonesboro will host the Cairo Pilots at 8:15 p.m. at A-J to start their 1967 season.

Please read this. . .

by Geof Skinner



A katydid, or at least what I think is a katydid, doing what katydids do, or did.

If a katydid didn't, then what do we call it?

So, I was feeling a little bugged about the early deadline we had because of this week's holiday. Labor Day.

The buzzing in my ears reminded me that I needed to quickly come up with a colyum, 'cause our deadline was a bit earlier than usual, and time was fluttering by, just like a butterfly.

It occurred to me that I had a bunch o' pitchers of bugs and their ilk which I'd taken recently.

So, I stopped draggin' around and got to working on something for you folks to read and look at for this week.

I tried to find my RognboB CD with their song about cicadas, to no avail. Don't know what happened to the CD. Maybe it will show up again in 13 years, or 15 years, or 17 years, or whenever it is that cicadas seem to show up.

All of this got me to thinking about what katydids do, and, maybe, how to create some silliness, too. Life,

it seems, would be a lot less stressful if we had a lot more silliness.

With that in mind, and keeping with bug theme, I wondered to myself: If a katydid did not do anything with its life all day long, would it be called a katydidn't?

And if a katydid got up early in the morning, when the grass was all wet, and had gone to a salon stylist to keep an appointment, then would a katydid have done a do in the dew that was due?

Or, maybe, the katydid changed its mind about its doing its dew do, does that mean that the katydid didn't do a due do in the dew?

And I sure hope the katydid didn't get sick, start flying around crazy and get stuck in a chimney, 'cause then you would have a katydid with the flu that flew into the flue, so it couldn't do what was due in the dew.

Sorry. Hope this didn't bug you. Much.



This cicada was just hanging around on the bridge in Cobden.



A bee of some sort enjoyed a flower it found while buzzing around one day in Cobden.



A dragonfly was kind enough to pause for a portrait.



A butterfly fluttered by, and stopped on one of the flowers near the bee.