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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area, from social media and beyond...

Thanksgiving is just a week away. Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, Nov. 24.

With the holiday season just around the corner, the City of Anna is promoting the 2022 Christmas in Downtown Anna celebration, which is planned Saturday, Nov. 26.

The City of Jonesboro is planning special events for Small Business Saturday, which is Saturday, Nov. 26.

Cobden's Christmas in the Village celebration is planned Saturday, Dec. 3.

The first firearm deer hunting season in Illinois is scheduled Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 18-20.

Thank you to all of those who ran for office in Union County's 2022 general election.

Filling the job of police chief is expected to be on the agenda at next Monday night's Jonesboro City Council meeting. David Wilkins will serve as chief until Nov. 30 and then transitions to the post of Union County sheriff on Dec. 1.

The City of Jonesboro is advertising for part-time and full-time patrol officers and a full-time clerk.

The Union County Board of Commissioners plans to have a special meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Nov. 28. Final approval of a Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget is anticipated.

The Southern Illinois Flute Choir plans to present a fall concert at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, at Epiphany Lutheran Church at 1501 W. Chautauqua in Carbondale. Admission is free.

Next week's observance of the Thanksgiving holiday means that the newspaper's weekly schedule will be changed. Deadlines will be moved up a day...



Honor guard leads parade

Emergency services vehicles followed behind an honor guard which was leading the way at the start of last Friday's Veterans Day parade in Anna.

Veterans Day parade held Friday in Anna

More than 80 units participated in last Friday's 2022 Veterans Day parade in Anna.

A large crowd was on hand to witness the parade and to show appreciation to those who have served, and are serving, the nation. The weather on Friday was cool, with blustery winds and a mix of clouds and sunshine. "Let Freedom Ring" was the theme for this year's Veterans Day parade. The event again was presented by Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna.

The parade began at 11 a.m. Friday. The parade route began at the Anna City Park, went through the heart of downtown Anna and returned to the park.

Complimentary chili and hot dogs were served to parade participants at the VFW post near Anna immediately following the event. Certificates were distributed to winning entries at that time as well.

Union County veteran Mark Haddick, a member of the Anna VFW post, served as grand marshal of the parade. Organizers announced the following award winners:

Banner/Flag Team
First: Cobden Marching Appleknockers banner/flag team.

Second: Goreville Marching Blackcats banner/flag team.

Third: Anna Junior High School Marching Indians banner/flag team.

Business
First: Coffman's Martial Arts Studio.

Second: CIL Inc.
Third: Rusty's Home Center.

Clubs/Organizations
First: Shriners Williamson County Motor Patrol.

Second: Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge No. 1641.

Third: Tri State Storm and Disaster Team.

Floats, Non-Veteran
First: Steve and Eric, Dueling Pianos.

Second: Anna First Baptist Church.

Third: Best of the Bottoms/float.

Floats, Veteran
First: Jackson County DAV Chapter 69.

Second: Shawnee Detachment 812, Marine Corps League.

Third: Illinois Veterans Home, Anna.

Marching Bands, Junior/Senior and Senior
First: Goreville Marching Blackcats Junior/Senior High School band.

Second: Cobden Marching Appleknockers Junior/Senior High School band.

Marching Band, Junior
First: Shawnee Junior High School marching band.

Second: Jonesboro Grade School band.

Third: Dongola Marching Demons Junior High band.

Troops, Boy/Cub Scout
First place: Cub Scout Pack 44.

Second: Venture Crew Boy Scout Troop 7851.

Third: Boy Scout of America units of Murphysboro.

Troops, Girl/Daisy Scout
First: Girl Scouts UPAC service unit.

Vehicle, Antique Farm Equipment
First: Best of the Bottoms, 1962 John Deere 4010 tractor.

Second: Dan Lewis, 1953 Oliver 66 tractor.

Third: Stover Farms 1966 John Deere 110/Kaleb.

Vehicles, Antique/Classical/Military
First: Southern Counties Autos Unlimited Car Club.

Second: Dennis Basler's 1946 Army Jeep.

Third: "B" Blazin' 1970 Chevrolet K5 driven by Russ Pender.

Royalty
First: Miss Troy Rodeo, Kaitlin McWhorter.

Second: 2022 Miss Union County Fair queen Avery Osman.

Third: 2022 Junior Miss Union County Fair queen Molly Roach.

Horses
First: Kaitlin McWhorter with Rowdy.

Second: 4-H Alumni equine team.

Third: Dale A. Lipe with Chance and Jack.



Elks Lodge displays Old Glory

Members of Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge No. 1641 displayed an extra large version of Old Glory during the Veterans Day parade.

Early taste of winter as half inch of snow falls

The Union County area had an early taste of winter during the past week – and more is on the way.

Area residents awoke last Saturday morning to find the ground covered with about half an inch of snow.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported on its website that a "burst of snow fell across the region during the early morning hours of November 12."

Accumulations ranged

from just a dusting in a few spots to three inches in other places.

Average amounts ranged from 1 to 2 inches, including a swath from Evansville, Ind., to Paducah.

The weather service reported that .4 of an inch of snow had been measured near Cobden, with .3 of an inch recorded near Ware.

Most of the snow fell in just one to three hours between 2 a.m. and 8 a.m.

Because temperatures

had been in the 60s, 70s and even lower 80s in the days preceding the snow, pavement temperatures were such that the snow melted on roads.

However, snowfall rates were high enough to briefly cover bridges and overpasses, resulting in a few accidents.

The unseasonably early snowfall was the third earliest snow event of an inch or more at Paducah.

The earliest was on the day before Halloween of 1993 (2 inches), and the second earliest was on Nov. 11, 2019 (1.2 inches).

More snow was possible Monday night and into Tuesday morning, but did not materialize in the Union County area.

As the week progresses, very cold weather is in the forecast for the region.

High temperatures on Friday and Saturday are expected to be in the 30s.

The low on Friday night

in the Union County area is forecast to be around 17 degrees, followed by a low around 19 on Saturday night.

The weather service also is advising that wind chill values of 10 to 20 degrees are possible during early morning hours on Friday through Sunday.

The snow and rain came as the U.S. Drought Monitor showed that most of Union County remained in the midst of a severe drought as of Thursday, Nov. 10.

The extreme southeastern part of the county was experiencing extreme drought conditions.



Snowy Saturday morning

Streets remained clear but the ground was covered with a light dusting of snow last Saturday morning in Cobden.



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Ribbon cutting held at Anna business

Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development sponsored a ribbon cutting to celebrate the new owners of Annabelle Market, the vintage store that has long been a fixture along South Main Street in downtown Anna. Sisters Crystal Housman and Sherri Agers were joined by family, friends and members of the community to celebrate the event. The occasion also marked the retirement of former owner Rhonda Bittle, who has managed the business for over 18 years.

60 percent turnout in general election

Sixty percent of eligible voters in Union County cast their ballots in last week's 2022 general election. The election was Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Unofficial results tallied at the Union County clerk's office in Jonesboro showed that 7,083 ballots were cast in the general election.

Records showed 11,889 registered voters in the county. Results will be finalized on Nov. 22.

Republican Party candidates did very well in Union County.

At the state level, the Republican candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, Darren Bailey and Stephanie Trussell,

outpooled incumbent Democrat Gov. JB Pritzker and Juliana Stratton by a margin of 4,984 to 1,832. The Democrat incumbents won statewide.

Republicans won three contested races for county offices last week.

In the race for Union County sheriff, Republican challenger David Wilkins defeated incumbent Democrat Dale Foster by a margin of 5,132 to 1,877.

Incumbent Union County Board of Commissioners member David Gould, a Republican, held off a challenge from Democrat Marsha Griffin. Gould received 4,184 votes to Griffin's 2,718.

In a race for another seat on the five-member county board of commissioners, Republican Brandon Bierstedt defeated Democrat Jacob M. Dent by a vote of 5,033 to 1,849.

All five members of the county board of commissioners will be Republicans.

Two Republican incumbents were unopposed in the general election.

Incumbent Union County Clerk Lance Meisenheimer received 6,112 votes.

Incumbent Union County Treasurer Leigh Burns received 6,015 votes.

All of the candidates who won last week are scheduled to take office on Dec. 1. Oaths of office will be

administered at 8 a.m. that day at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Union County also will have a new coroner as of Dec. 1. Jon Shaffer has been appointed to the post.

A resolution filling the vacancy in the office of coroner was on the agenda at a regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners which was held Thursday morning, Nov. 10. The meeting was at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Shaffer fills a vacancy created by the recent resignation of coroner Phil Hileman. Shaffer has served as deputy coroner for two years.

Union County COVID Cases Update

Nov. 14: 6,511 total cases. 67 deaths.
 Nov. 1: 6,457 total cases. 67 deaths.
 Oct. 31: 6,441 total cases. 67 deaths.
 Oct. 3: 6,371 total cases. 67 deaths.
 Sept. 26: 6,352 total cases. 67 deaths.
 Sept. 2: 6,213 total cases. 66 deaths.
 Aug. 31: 6,195 total cases. 66 deaths.
 Aug. 1: 6,015 total cases. 66 deaths.
 July 31: 6,001 total cases. 66 deaths.
 July 7: 5,748 total cases. 66 deaths.
 June 30: 5,691 total cases. 66 deaths.
 June 1: 5,501 total cases. 65 deaths.
 May 1: 5,384 total cases. 64 deaths.

April 1: 5,365 total cases. 64 deaths.
 March 1: 5,334 total cases. 63 deaths.
 Jan. 18: 4,378 total cases. 58 deaths.

Source: Illinois Department of Public Health website. Numbers represent statistics since the start of the pandemic.

Weekly new COVID-19 cases reported in Illinois

Nov. 10: 11,020
 Nov. 4: 14,225
 Oct. 7: 11,447
 Sept. 2: 26,127
 Aug. 5: 30,762
 July 1: 28,216
 June 3: 32,605
 May 6: 30,633
 April 1: 8,426
 March 4: 10,462
 Feb. 4: 60,389
 Jan. 7, 2022: 201,428

Source: Illinois Department of Public Health

11,020 new COVID cases reported in state

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, on Thursday, Nov. 10, reported that more than 1.5 million people in Illinois had received a dose of the new bivalent COVID-19 vaccines since they were authorized for use in September, with about 160,000 doses administered in the previous week.

The state also reported that it has surpassed the 25 million threshold for total

COVID-19 vaccinations.

With the Thanksgiving holidays fast approaching, IDPH director Dr. Sameer Vohra is strongly urging Illinoisans to fully protect themselves and their loved ones by making sure they are fully up-to-date with a COVID-19 booster and a flu shot before gathering with family and friends.

As of Nov. 10, 31 counties in Illinois were at an elevated community level

for COVID-19.

Union County was at a medium community level. Johnson, Pope and Massac counties also were at a medium community level.

Jackson, Williamson, Alexander and Pulaski counties were at a low community level.

On Nov. 10, IDPH was reporting 11,020 new confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Illinois, and 38 deaths since Nov. 4.

Of Illinois' total population, more than 78 percent had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, more than 70 percent had completed their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines and of the eligible population, more than 11 percent had received the bivalent booster dose, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Data are provisional and are subject to change.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR DONGOLA UNIT SCHOOL #66

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Dongola Unit School District #66 for 2022 will be held on November 29, 2022, at 6:15 p.m.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Dr. Paige Maginel, Superintendent, 1000 High Street, Dongola, IL. 62926.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2021 were \$850,330.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$935,300. This represents a 9.99 % increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 were \$95,556.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2022 are \$95,527. This represents a .03 % decrease over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2021 were \$945,886.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$ 1,030,827. This represents an 8.98% increase over the previous year.

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Anna city administrator named Delta Leadership Institute fellow

The Delta Regional Authority, DRA, has named 40 community leaders as fellows of the 2023 Delta Leadership Institute, DLI, Executive Academy.

The new fellows come from all eight of the states in the DRA. Illinois is one of the eight states. The others are Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee.

Five of the new fellows are from the Southern Illinois area, including one who is from Union County. They include:

Dori Bigler of Anna, who is city administrator for the City of Anna.

Terri Bryant, an Illinois state senator from Murphysboro.

Quianya L. Enge of Carbondale, a research assistant/small business advisor with the Illinois Small Business Development Center at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Terance Henry of Marion, IT director for the City of

Church offers dinner for Thanksgiving

A Union County church is planning to offer a Thanksgiving dinner for members of the community.

The free dinner will be served by the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna.

Those who would like a dinner are asked to call 833-5225 to make a reservation by noon on Monday, Nov. 21.

Meals are scheduled to be delivered between 11 a.m. and noon on Thanksgiving Day, which is Thursday, Nov. 24.

Donations are being accepted for the meal. Information is available by contacting the church.

Jonesboro School plans Fall Festival

Jonesboro Elementary School is planning to host a Fall Festival on Friday, Nov. 18.

Festival activities planned from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. include a silent auction, games, food, a cake walk, face painting, basket raffles and more.

A coronation is planned beginning at 8 p.m. A dance for 6th through 8th grade students is planned following the coronation.

The festival is sponsored by the Jonesboro Elementary School PTO. More information is available by calling 618-697-0649.

Showboats on rivers topic of presentation

The Johnson County Genealogical and Historical Society plans to meet at 2:30 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Vienna Public Library.

The library is located on the south side of the historic Vienna Public Square in Vienna.

A program by Gary Hacker about showboats on inland waterways is planned at the meeting.

In the late 1800s, showboats up and down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers brought entertainment to those living along these rivers.

The meeting is open to the public. Admission is free. To learn more about the program or the society's activities, call 618-771-6877 and leave a message.

Marion.

Jerry Womick of Marion, business manager for LiUNA Laborers' Local 773.

DLI is an extensive, nine-month executive leadership program that brings together public, private, and nonprofit sector leaders from the Mississippi River Delta and Alabama Black Belt.

The DLI Executive Academy empowers fellows with the tools, experiences and networks needed to address local and regional challenges.

Sessions led by local, regional and national experts cover policy areas such as infrastructure and transportation, small business and entrepreneurship, workforce development, public health and other sectors necessary to facilitate economic growth in the region.

As a result, DLI fellows graduate with improved decision-making skills, policy development know-how, strengthened leadership capacity and a mutual understanding of regional, state and local cultures and issues.

"The Delta Leadership Institute is an integral part of strengthening the economic prosperity by investing in the Delta's most valuable resource: our people," said DRA Federal co-chairman Dr. Corey Wiggins in a news release.

"The 2023 DLI Fellows are the most diverse group of community leaders we have ever convened, and I look forward to seeing their personal growth over the next year as

they develop the skills needed to move the region forward."

Since 2005, the DLI Executive Academy has provided leadership development to more than 600 community leaders from diverse backgrounds, sectors, and industries to strengthen skills development, information sharing, regional collaboration and improve the economic competitiveness and social viability of the Mississippi River Delta and Alabama Black Belt.

Upon graduation, DLI fellows will become members of the Delta Leadership Network, which provides peer-to-peer engagement opportunities for continued leadership development, information sharing and collaboration with other leaders dedicated to the future of the Delta region.

DLI is administered as a collaborative partnership between DRA and regional institutions of higher learning.

The Delta Regional Authority is a federal-state partnership created by Congress in 2000 to promote and encourage the economic development of the lower Mississippi River Delta and Alabama Black Belt regions.

DRA invests in projects supporting transportation infrastructure, basic public infrastructure, workforce training and business development.

DRA's mission is to help create jobs, build communities and improve the lives of those who reside in the 252 counties and parishes of the eight-state region.

News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna and Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro has announced their Advent season schedule.

The schedule includes: Nov. 30 at Salem, 7 p.m.; Dec. 7 at Mt. Moriah, 7 p.m.;

Dec. 14 at Salem, 7 p.m.; Dec. 21 at Mt. Moriah, 7 p.m. Prior to each Advent service, supper is planned at 5:30 p.m.

This is a busy time for the church. Updates can be found on the church's Facebook page.



Veterans Day tree planting ceremony

As part of being a Tree City USA community, the City of Anna does three tree plantings each year. Plantings are planned on Arbor Day, in recognition of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School graduating class and in honor of Veterans Day, which was Nov. 11. A white oak tree was planted last week at a site which is hoped to become a veterans memorial at the Anna Business Park. The tree planting took place Thursday afternoon, Nov. 10, not far from the recently designated Romines Drive at the park. The street has been named in honor of Sgt. Brian Romines. Anna City Council member Martha Ann Webb used a shovel to help with the planting. Also in attendance were Anna city administrator Dori Bigler, Anna city arborist Tom Caldwell and his wife Nancy, Anna city public works manager Gary Dahmer; Randy Romines, who is Sgt. Romines' father, and his wife; Kaci Medley, a cousin of Sgt. Romines; and Sue Clary, Sgt. Romines' grandmother.

Dongola Thanksgiving service set

An annual Dongola area community Thanksgiving worship service is planned Sunday evening Nov. 20. The service is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

This year's host for the service is First Lutheran Church of Dongola. The Rev. Che're Riedel is pastor of the church, which is located at 108 SE Front St. in Dongola.

The tradition of a Dongola community thanksgiving service dates to 1957.

Cooperating churches are Bethany Baptist of Cypress, Big Creek and Friendship Baptist of rural Anna, Dongola First Baptist of Dongola, Maple Grove Baptist and Cypress Grove MB Church of Perks, St. John's and First Lutheran of Dongola. Mt. Olive Baptist and Mt. Zion Cumberland Presbyterian in rural Dongola.

Pastors and representatives of each church participate, plan and contribute to this uniquely spiritual worship experience and extend a warm welcome to everyone to attend.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Nov. 13, Pastor Perry Williams' morning message addressed a question: "Do you have a vision? What's keeping you from doing it?" The message was based on scripture from John in the New Testament.

The service was sent via transmitter for worshippers who stayed in their cars on the church's lower parking lot while tuned in to their radios on station 87.9 FM.

The service also was live streamed on Facebook, where it can be viewed.

The church's Facebook page, Jonesboro FBC, has videos and the latest information about possible closings.

Music director Dee Rose led the worship. Debbie York was the pianist. Chris Rose sang a song, "I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary."

Zack Massey, Bryan Bell and Mabel Lamb recently were baptized.

Men's Bible study was planned Monday at 7 p.m.

A churchwide Thanksgiving dinner is planned at

6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18.

Birthdays: Marion Hill, Sharon Morgan, Nov. 14; Bryan Bell, Nov. 15; Jean Hunter, David Wilkins, Nov. 18; John "Wes" Cripps Jr., Daniel Williams, Nov. 19.

The regular schedule for worship at Jonesboro First Baptist Church includes Sunday School classes on Sunday at 9 a.m., Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m. and Sunday evening worship at 6 p.m.

Youth are scheduled to meet from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The Dig-In Children's program is planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Adult Bible study is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

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Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro has a "new to them" donated food cabinet for the community. Community members can stop by to pick up food they may need and to bless others when they can. Photo provided.

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Sports

Wildcats set to face Chester in opener

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team head coach Mark Chamness sees a strong point for the Wildcats as they prepared for the 2022-2023 season.

"Our biggest strength is team speed," Chamness said. "We're quick and better and we'll have to be in better shape."

The Wildcats will return two starters from last year's 5-22 squad.

All-conference junior Dylan Trammel, a 5-10-guard, leads the way and averaged 13.7 points a game last year.

The other starter is senior Dawson Trammel, a 6-2 guard, who averaged 7 points a game.

Juniors expected to contribute are 6-5 forward Payton Denny, 5-8 guard Evan Hall, 5-9 guard Drew

Page, 6-4 forward Noah Cravins, 6-2 forward J.J. Gerardi and 6-2 forward Isaac Archey.

Sophomores include 5-10 guard Taj Hodge, 6-3 forward Daylon Butler and 5-10 guard Rylan Frazier.

"We have a lot of new, younger guys," Chamness said. "We've got 10 freshmen in our program.

Chamness sees Carterville as the top team in the conference this season.

"Carterville's the favorite," Chamness said. "They've got almost everybody coming back from last year."

The Wildcats are scheduled to open their season Tuesday, Nov. 22, at home against Chester.

"It will be a good early season test for us to see where we are at," Chamness said about A-J's opener.

Four senior starters return for Shawnee boys' basketball

The boys' basketball team at Shawnee High School in Wolf Lake returns four starters from last year's 1-22 squad.

The four returning starters are all seniors and include 6-2 guard Logan Bader, 5-8 guard Braeden Rains, 6-3 center Dryden Wills and 5-8 guard Austin Kinder.

"With those four starters back we should be able to compete in the conference," Shawnee head coach Trey Pender said. "With only 11 guys, depth

could be an issue but we are emphasizing discipline on defense."

Juniors in the mix are 6-4 forward Brody Wills, 6-3 forward Ryan Libbert, 6-1 forward Kayman Ford and 5-8 guard Ethan Smith.

Sophomores are 5-9 guard Isaac Wonnell and 5-10 forward Noah Mayberry.

The lone freshman is 5-8 guard Gabe Ellet.

Shawnee is scheduled to open its season Monday, Nov. 21, at Century.

Shawnee to have girls' basketball this season

The girls' basketball team at Shawnee High School in Wolf Lake will be short on numbers this season.

"We will be an inexperienced team this year," Shawnee head coach T.C. Schaefer said. "We only have six girls."

Shawnee did not have a team last season because not enough players came out.

Junior guard Allie Myers is the only experienced player on the squad. She competed on the boys' team last year.

There are no other juniors or seniors on the team.

Sophomores are guard/forward Kelci Bader and guard/forward Alaina Charles.

Freshmen include center Emma Parker, guard Cindy Price and forward Katie Crowden.

"Four of these girls I coached in junior high," Schaefer said. "I like what I'm seeing in practice so far...they are working hard."

Shawnee is scheduled to open its season this week at the Meridian Tournament.

"I will know more about our team after the first game," Schaefer said.

One starter returns for Cobden boys' basketball

The Cobden High School boys' basketball team returns one starter from last year's 22-9 squad.

"We will be inexperienced, but we've got good numbers," first-year head coach Karl Sweitzer said. "It's hard to tell a lot now, but our practices have been competitive."

The lone returning starter is 6-6 senior forward Tyler Franklin.

Another player returning with some varsity experience is 6-0 senior guard Brady Bundren.

Other seniors are 6-3 forward Keven Webb, 5-10

forward Xach Roberts and 5-8 guard Brandon Fuentes.

Juniors are 6-1 guard Mitchell Howell and 6-1 guard Jeff Kuhn.

Sophomores in the mix are 5-10 forward Aron Funes and 6-0 forward Thomas Coleman.

"It will be an adjustment," Sweitzer said. "It's my first time coaching varsity and I'm looking forward to it and it should be exciting."

The Appleknockers are scheduled to begin the season Monday, Nov. 21, at the Elverado Tournament.

A-J girls working hard to prepare for new season

First-year Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball head coach Rob Shepard likes the work ethic his team has shown as it prepares for the upcoming season.

"We're going to be a young team, but this is the hardest working group I've ever coached," Shepard said. "They're working hard and every day they are improving."

The Lady Wildcats finished 15-17 last season.

Cobden set to play in Memphis

The Cobden and Meridian high school boys' and girls' basketball teams are scheduled to play Friday, Dec. 2, at the FedExForum in Memphis, Tenn.

FedExForum is the home of the NBA's Memphis Grizzlies.

"I'm looking forward to it," Cobden boys' head basketball coach Karl Sweitzer said. "It will be a new experience for everybody involved."

Sweitzer said Meridian lined up the games.

The Cobden and Meridian girls are scheduled to play at 1 p.m. The Cobden and Meridian boys are set to tip off at 2:30 p.m.

That night, both teams will have an opportunity to see an NBA game between the Memphis Grizzlies and the Philadelphia 76ers.

The lone senior returning from that team is 6-0 forward Macie George.

A junior who saw action last season is 5-6 guard Riley Cruse.

Other juniors in the mix are 5-9 forward Alex Keller, 5-6 guard Meme Harris and 5-8 forward Hannah Webb.

Sophomores include 5-8 guard Olivia Schaefer, 5-8 forward Ana Turner and 5-5 guard Savannah Smith.

The Lady Wildcats were scheduled to open their season earlier this week at Carbondale.

"I'm excited for the season," Shepard said. "I believe they're going to give 100 percent and they have that desire to win."

Snake program set at Giant City State Park

Snake identification will be the topic of an upcoming program planned at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

"What Snake is That?" is the title of the program, which is planned from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19.

The program will be presented by biologist John Palis.

Those who attend will be able to learn how to identify the snakes of Southern Illinois.

This will be an indoor presentation with no live animals.

Southern 7 Health Department encourages blood lead screening

Southern 7 Health Department is working to promote awareness about blood lead screening.

The buildup of lead in the body is known as lead poisoning.

Of the 1 million children aged 6 years and younger in Illinois, approximately 100,000 have blood levels that are too high, the health department reported.

Even the smallest amount of lead can harm a child's brain, kidneys and stomach, as well as slow development and cause learning and behavior problems.

Oct. 23-29 was observed as National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week.

In an effort to protect children against lead poisoning, Southern 7 Health Department is encouraging parents and caregivers to take all necessary precautions to prevent lead poisoning, and to share the message with other families in the coming weeks and month.

All children 6 months to 6 years should be assessed for their risk of lead poisoning, especially if they live in or regularly visit a home that has paint original to 1978 or prior.

The local Southern 7 Health Department can do this simple blood test. If too much lead is found in the blood, a child may need treatment.

Women planning to have a baby should also be tested for lead. Lead in a mother's body can cause a baby to be born too small and too early.

The health department advised that the best way to prevent lead poisoning is to get the lead out. Steps to take include:

Wash your child's hands before they eat.

Foods high in Vitamin C, iron, and calcium, such as meat, eggs, raisins, greens, milk, cheese, fruits and potatoes, help get the lead out of a child's system.

Wash your child's toys often and throw away lead-painted toys.

Do not store food in open cans or pottery.

If you work with lead, shower and change clothes before coming home. Wash your work clothes separately.

Run cold water for a few minutes before using it for cooking and drinking. Do not use water from the hot water tap for cooking, drinking or making formula.

Wear protective clothing, including gloves and a facemask, to clean up chipping and peeling paint inside and outside your home. Wash all clothing separately.

Testing for blood lead is available through Southern 7 Health Department on both the IDPH Wellness on Wheels, WOW, van and public health clinics.


To schedule a blood lead screening for your child, or for more information about testing, call Southern 7 Health Department at 618-634-2297.

For more information on getting the lead out of your home safely, call the Illinois Department of Public Health's Illinois Lead Program at 866-909-3572.

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1 Timothy 6:10 "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."
 Money is neither good or bad, but it is a necessity in the world. Our attitude towards money is a key factor in determining our outlook on life. The Bible can guide us on maintaining the proper attitude and outlook; STEWARDSHIP is the goal. After all, **Matthew 6:21** teaches, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Money will not make us happy. **1 Timothy 6:17** "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy."
 The Bible highlights 6 acceptable ways to acquire money: First we can earn money from our labor. **Proverbs 10:4** "He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich." Second, we can inherit money (**Proverbs 13:12**). We can receive money as gift (**Acts 20:35**). Also, we can earn money from our investments (**Proverbs 13:11**), and we can acquire money in terms of borrowing (**Ecclesiastes 5:5**). Lastly, we can earn money as a profit from selling property we own **James 4:13** "Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain."
 The Bible tell us to how to handle our money. It urges us to spend wisely, save, budget **Luke 14:28** "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it." It cautions us to be careful about going into debt. "The rich rules over the poor, And the borrower is servant to the lender." **Proverbs 22:7**
 Money should be viewed as a "tool" to accomplish our service to God. By giving to Him, by taking care of our families, and by helping others in need, we can be happy people. Let us remember to be contented with what God gives us and take advantage of the opportunities He presents. **Psalms 37:16-17**
 "A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked."

Ryan Thornsberry
 Anna church of Christ

Volunteers, community spirit make difference in Anna City Park, Anna City Cemetery project

The City of Anna has received an Illinois Buffer Partnership grant from Trees Forever in Marion, Iowa, to make improvements to the area comprising the headwaters of the Cache River in the Anna City Cemetery and Anna City Park.

City employees, local organizations and individual volunteers all came together recently to complete the action items of the grant, helping to make the source

of the Cache River a prominent feature and restoring natural habitat.

The grant included funds to bring in 100 tons of rip rap to slow runoff and prevent erosion in a critical area.

"There are three drainages that meet a little northeast of the tennis courts" at the Anna City Park, said Tom Caldwell, the coordinator of the project. "From that point, the Cache River becomes a singular, recognizable flow."

This confluence is where the rip rap was installed to create planting sites for native trees and shrubs, as well as to improve accessibility for disc golf players.

"There have been a lot of improvements in the park this year that make the entire disc golf course more challenging, enjoyable, and attractive," said John Wingate, creator of the disc golf course.

Another aspect of the grant was to establish two acres of pollinator-friendly prairie flowers and grasses.

"The seed we used was specially designed by Pheasants Forever for monarch butterflies," said Caldwell, "but we hope to establish host plants and habitat for the several species of swallowtail butterflies in our area as well."

The pollinator plots were created in the south extension of the Anna City Cemetery and west of the horse track in the Anna City Park.

"Perhaps the biggest success of the project was the way in which city employees, community groups, and individual volunteers all played overlapping roles and took a sincere interest in contributing to efforts for

the good of the community," said Caldwell.

Help was provided by the Anna-Jonesboro Garden Club, Kathy Tolson of the University of Illinois Master Naturalist program, members of Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna, members of the 8th grade Beta Club and the Anna City Tree Commission.

"I think it is important to point out the extra effort made by public works employees Michael Roach and Trevor Williams," said Caldwell.

The final stage of the buffer grant project was to plant 28 native trees and shrubs that are representative of the Cache River ecosystem.

The plants included bald cypress, buttonbush, witch hazel, viburnum and hibiscus.

"It's always great to see these plans come to fruition," said Dori Bigler, Anna city administrator, "but my favorite part was hearing about young students looking forward to how big the trees would be by the time they graduated from high school. Preserving nature for the future and maintaining community spirit is why we have parks in the first place."



Planting shrubs

Anna-Jonesboro Garden Club officers Susan Prestia and Nancy Kucera plant buttonbush shrubs along the Cache River in the city park. Photo provided.



Snow, snow, snow...it makes me want to watch my DVD of White Christmas. Some folks were happy to see it, others not so much. I don't mind watching it fall, I just don't like getting out in it. The wind and chill along with that snow, I can certainly do without. Brrrr.

County Line News

(Mill Creek and Upper Elco)

By Suzan Harvel

Hansel and Gretel

Shirley Harvel was taken to see Hansel and Gretel at the Anna Arts Center Friday night by her son, Chuck Harvel, and his family.

Three of his granddaughters performed in it along with their other grandmother. I heard it was spectacular, and when I ran into Lee Hackney Sunday afternoon, she said they'd had sold out crowds every night. I am sorry I missed it.

Trip to the Airport

Well, we made it to the airport Friday just in time. We left early and once my daughter made it to security I headed back to Jonesboro for work. It's a good thing we left early.

As I was headed home, I saw too many wrecks to count and the one closest to the airport probably caused some folks to miss their flights. Traffic was backed up 20 miles...no joke. I'm thankful I was headed the other way.

Of course, I have to go back this Friday, and again Sunday, to pick up folks for the holidays. I sure hope my luck continues to hold.

Veterans Day Program in Vienna

The Veterans Day program in Vienna was well attended and I'm so happy we moved it indoors due to the cold and wind.

Our guest speaker, Kevin MacDonald, relayed the first-hand plight of those with service-related injuries, as well as other challenges our soldiers bring home with them.

We thank them all for their service and pray they find the resources to help them through those transitions. We need to be ever mindful of just what our protectors go through.

I wish to thank the Johnson County State's Attorney Tandra Cain for her service while in the Army, as well as her service to Johnson County, and her service in our DAR organization, as she placed the wreath at the closing of the services.

She, Bonnie Hogue, Margaret Mathis and Julia Mowery did a marvelous job in their roles for the Daniel Chapman Chapter of NSDAR in planning this event.

I also wish to thank Kevin MacDonald, our speaker; Doda Starkey, Illinois DAR state historian for her welcome and for giving us all the information on the Wreaths Across America and the Gold Star Family Memorial programs.

Also, Vienna High School Beta as well as Tori and Bryan Bert for set up and take down, Vienna High School FFA for the posting and retiring of the colors; Marcia Wells and Mason Montgomery for music, Rev. Steve

Heisner and Pastor Lex Hembree for our invocation and benediction; Mayor Pro Tem, Richard Owen for his welcome speech to our veterans; as well as the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post who led the 21-gun salute and taps. We thank them all as they assisted us with this program.

Once again, we thank our veterans and their families for attending our services. You are not forgotten.

DAR Chapter Meeting

Afterwards, the Daniel Chapman Chapter, NSDAR had a brief business meeting. Several stayed to help write cards to send to our active-duty service personnel overseas. Thank you, ladies.

No one tarried long once they stepped out the door. However, most everyone else had places to get to in a hurry.

Carol Palmer and I had no plans, so we headed over to the Vienna Diner. We each had the potato soup to warm us up before heading back home. I also had coffee. That wind was brutal.

I made an additional stop to Farmstead Market and hit it just right. They had fresh apple bread from the oven. I, and a couple I met at the dessert table, each grabbed some. He remarked one of his would be lucky to make it out of the parking lot. His wife just shook her head... still in all, it was awesome.

While fresh bread is a weakness of mine, I shared mine with my daughter and son-in-law.

Sunday Services

Sunday services were led by Brother Bobby Richardson. His message was from Ephesians 3:20-21 and Hebrew 7:25. These verses speak of how we are blessed. God blesses us daily and has a plan for our lives. We need to trust Him to see us through each day. There is nothing that God cannot do, but we have to wait for it to come... His way and during His time. Seek His counsel and ask.

Our prayer list includes Billie Henderson, Titan Henderson, Barbara Layman, Bobby Richardson, Danny Weaver, Flint Helton, Juanita Broyles, Nikki Bates, Scott Stearns and Shirley Harvel for health. Please remember the Sandra Norris and Gary Draper families also.

Mill Creek Baptist Church planned to host a community Thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday, Nov. 16.

There will be no Wednesday services on Nov. 23 to allow our members time with their family prior to Thanksgiving Day on Nov. 24. We wish you all a safe and joyous holiday and remember to give thanks to the Lord who provides all.



Source of Cache River

The source of the Cache River underwent improvements for erosion control as part of a grant from Trees Forever. Photo provided.

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I have to thank our Lord, without him none of this would be possible. To my family, especially my wife Elizabeth, thank you for everything you have helped me accomplish. Our campaign team, my campaign manager, and treasurer, thank you so very much! I particularly want to thank all of those who worked so long and so hard in this campaign on my behalf. Thank you to all of you who were generous, kind and welcoming to me in my visits throughout the county. Thank you to those who didn't support me, but still took time to share your views. I can assure you that every degree of mind and spirit that I possess will be devoted to the long-range interests of our County.

I would also like to say something about my opponent in this election, our current Sheriff Dale Foster. Sheriff Foster is an outstanding man. Thank you Dale, thank you for your friendship, leadership and support throughout this time. The election has never affected our working together. I will be forever grateful for that. I am proud to call you my friend.

Thank you Union County! Thank you!

David Wilkins, your next Union County Sheriff

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Ribbon cutting celebrates opening of Arrowleaf community center

Arrowleaf held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to commemorate the grand opening of its newly reno-

vated community center in Union County on Monday, Nov. 7. The facility is located at 302 South St. in Anna.

Cobden Women's Club meeting set

The Cobden Women's Club plans to meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, today, at the First Baptist Church in Cobden.

Members are asked to bring a box of Christmas cards they have signed inside with Cobden Women's Club. The cards will be given to those in county long-term care and nursing homes.

Club members also are asked to bring canned fruit for the food pantry.

All interested ladies are welcome to attend the meeting.

Arrowleaf is a non-profit human services organization serving Southern Illinois.

Arrowleaf provides resources and opportunities to communities with over 25 programs and services in the fields of behavioral health, developmental services and community collaboration.

The opening of the new community center was dedicated to the memory of Bonnie Bradley, a beloved and dedicated nurse who served Union County Counseling Service for 27 years.

A bench dedicated to her memory is to be installed at the new community center in the spring of next year.

Bradley died in 2021.

Arrowleaf's Anna community center will provide a number of services to the area, including an intensive community support group for individuals struggling with mental health diagnoses, as well as groups for people struggling with trauma, grief and bereavement.

There are also programs providing support for mindfulness, relationship building and wellness recovery, as well as a support group for LGBTQ+ youth and their families.

The main floor of the building can also be rented for a suggested donation of \$100.

For more information on the programs Arrowleaf provides, call 618-658-3079.



In memory of...

The family of Bonnie Bradley cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the new Arrowleaf community center in Anna. Bonnie had served the region for over 27 years before her death in 2021. The opening of the new facility was dedicated to her memory. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

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Daily Bible Reading

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| Ezekiel | John | Ezra | Ezra | Ezra | Ezra | Ezra |
| 34:11-31 | 10:1-21 | 1:1-11 | 3:1-13 | 4:24-5:17 | 6:1-12 | 6:13-22 |

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Obituaries

Dr. Janice Lu Henry, Ph.D.

Dr. Janice Lu Henry, 76, of Carbondale, and formerly of Alto Pass, died at 7:02 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022, at Reflections Memory Care in Carterville after a long battle with dementia.

She was born on July 31, 1946, the daughter of Dr. Wayne P. Sirles and Helen Rendleman Sirles.

After the death of her father, when Jan was a baby, her mother moved her along with her older sister and brother to their family farm, Rendleman Orchards.

She was a loving mother, daughter, wife, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She was caring, accomplished and had fierce determination in all she did.

After graduating as valedictorian from Alto Pass High School in 1964, she went on to earn both bachelor's and master's degrees.

In 1974, she started teaching at Southern Illinois University. She earned her Ph.D. in 1997 and became a full professor in 2001. She married her husband, Jim Henry, in 1987 and in 2003 retired from SIU after 35 years of teaching.

She and Jim enjoyed traveling, hosting parties and being with family until his passing in 2014.

She will be remembered by many as an outstanding teacher, leader and friend; however, she will be remembered most for the dedication and loving care she gave to her daughter, Suzanne K. Schoen-Harju, who died, in 2020, after a lifelong battle with Glycogen Storage Disease.

She is survived by a granddaughter, Ella Harju; a son-in-law, Craig Harju; a sister, Sharon Williamson; a brother, Ren Sirles; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jim; a daughter, Suzanne and her sister, Judy Mittendorf. With her strong faith, she will be welcomed in heaven with open arms.

Her niece, Diane, gave special thanks to those that assisted her with Jan's care; her dedicated caregiver, Sherri Young, the amazing staff at Reflections Memory Care in Carterville and Hospice of Southern Illinois.

The family asks that those who are able to make a donation to the Association for Glycogen Storage Disease or to the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration.

Cremation rites will be accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date and will be announced. Inurnment will be in Alto Pass Cemetery at a later date.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home in Murphysboro is in charge of the arrangements.

Visit www.crainonline.com for service details when they become available and/or to leave an online condolence for the family.



Opal Doris Brimm

Opal Doris Brimm, 94, of Anna, died Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022, at 7:14 a.m. at her home in Anna surrounded by her family.

She was born on Aug. 21, 1928, in Boyd's Peach Orchard in Anna, the daughter of Francis and Lena Hinkle.

She married Carl "Frog" Brimm on Feb. 23, 1945. He preceded her in death on May 17, 1990.

She attended grade school at Knupp School in Anna. She was a 1945 graduate of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

She started working as a child helping out in the peach orchard. She worked as a waitress at Stoner's Restaurant in Anna. She also worked for the late Walter and Selma Cherrick at Gamm's Shoe Store, where she fitted many children for school shoes over the years.

She then started working for the late Robert "Bob" and Patricia Chamness at City Care Center of Anna in the laundry and remained working there even after they sold. She retired from there after putting in 20 years of service.

She enjoyed spending time with her family. She cooked lunch every Sunday so the family could be together. She loved to bake pies and sugar cookies. People would always request her famous apple pie, raisin pie or her old-fashioned sugar cookies.

She enjoyed embroidering quilt blocks, canning, cooking, baking and doing word search books. She was a very faithful member of Apostolic Faith Tabernacle in Jonesboro.

Opal is survived by her daughter, Mary (Greg) Plott of Anna; son-in-law Kevin Clover of Anna; grandson Kevin (Stacey) Plott of Thebes; granddaughters Amy (Eric) Jerrell of Anna and Megan (Clayton) McClellan of Pulaski; great-grandsons Tyler Jerrell and Kyle Jerrell of Anna and Brandon Plott of Thebes; and great-granddaughter Breanna Plott of Thebes. She is survived by many other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl "Frog" Brimm; daughter Martha Clover; her parents, grandparents, brothers and many dear friends.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, today, at the Apostolic Faith Tabernacle in Jonesboro, with Brother Mark Goins and Brother Lonnie Lewis officiating. Interment will follow in the Anna Cemetery in Anna.

Friends can call from 11 a.m. until the service hour at 1 p.m. Thursday, today, at the church.

Memorials can be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois or to Apostolic Faith Tabernacle. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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



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



Lynn David Bryant

Lynn David Bryant, 81, of Jonesboro, died Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, at the Marion VA Medical Center.

He was born on Feb. 18, 1941, in Jonesboro, the son of William Carl "Pee Wee" and Nola Mary Harris Bryant.

Mr. Bryant is survived by his children, Tammy (Michael) Sheffer of Anna, Jason (Heidie) Bryant of Murphysboro, Virgil (Tonya) Diel of Cairo and Vandy Diel of LaCenter, Ky.; 10 grandchildren, Noah M., Mason D., and Eli C. Bryant, Kaylee (Tim) Bequette, Michael Patrick Sheffer II (Angelica Jimenez), Logan (Heather) Sheffer, Paul Sheffer, Benjamin Diel, Faith (Chris) Agbayani and Charity Diel; two great-grandchildren, Michael Patrick Sheffer III and Maverick Sheffer, and one on the way in 2023; a brother, Carl "Junior" Bryant of Cape Girardeau; other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and by a brother, William Louie Bryant.

Mr. Bryant worked for many years for the Trojan Powder Company and Transcraft until his retirement. He served in the U.S. Army during Vietnam. He loved spending time with his family, traveling and going out to eat.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Pastor Larry Dean Worthen officiating.

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

Friends may visit after noon and until the service hour at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro.

Memorials can be made to the Sunshine Inn Meals on Wheels. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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

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



Jimmie Jerald Reynolds

Jimmie Jerald Reynolds, 87, of Du Quoin, and formerly of Anna, died peacefully at 2:34 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, at home, surrounded by his family.

He was born on Sept. 15, 1935, in Alto Pass, the son of Alonzo and Mamie Darnell Reynolds.

He married his sweetheart, Dorothea, when he was 17 and she was 16, on Feb. 14, 1953, in Energy. She preceded him in death on April 8, 2022. They enjoyed 69 blessed years together.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1958 to 1960. He retired from SIU as an engineer at the physical power plant.

One of the things he enjoyed doing the most was raising cattle and farming with his son, Steve.

He always looked forward to vacations in Branson and having as many family members around as possible.

He was a man who believed in prayer and would stop whatever he was doing to pray when anyone was in need. He was active in his church and participated in many roles, including ushering, teaching classes and building and maintenance work around his church.

No matter what he was faced with, he held on to the Lord and his faith in God. He was a man who was able to maintain a positive outlook in life.

The scripture I Cor. 15:58 describes him well: "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

He is survived by one daughter, Karen Holden and husband Gaylen of Du Quoin; five grandchildren, Brandon Reynolds (Traci), Rachel Holden Sargent (Jeremy), Nick Reynolds, Elizabeth Holden Gillespie (Ryan) and Jerald Reynolds; 10 great-grandchildren; one brother, Bud Reynolds of Cobden; sisters-in-law Betty Reynolds of Pulaski, Linda Cook of Makanda, Ann Upchurch of Carbondale and Betty Jo Raney of Carbondale; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; brothers Billie, Jack and Bob; and one son, Steve Reynolds.

Funeral services were at noon Wednesday, Nov. 16, at the Gospel Assembly Church in Du Quoin, with the Rev. Gaylen Holden officiating.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, at the Anna City Cemetery at Anna.

Burial was in the Anna City Cemetery at Anna. Military graveside rites were conducted.

Memorials can be made to the Gospel Assembly Church in Du Quoin and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Searby Funeral Home in Du Quoin was in charge of arrangements.

For additional information or to sign the memorial guest register, visit www.searbyfuneralhomes.com.

Gary L. Morrison

Gary L. Morrison, 81, of Goreville, and a former longtime resident of Anna, died at 7:39 a.m. Monday, Nov. 14, 2022.

He was born on Jan. 28, 1941, in Goreville, the son of Zack Morrison and Afton Davis Morrison.

On July 23, 1960, he married Helen Janet Brewer in Union County. She survives.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Annette (Wade) Pritchett and John William (Cynthia Welch) Morrison, all of Goreville; eight grandchildren, Ashley (Keith) Bennett, Brandi (Josiah) Miller, Gary William Morrison, Amanda Lamay Morrison, Clara Mabelle (Dakota) Bozarth, Jessica Cheyenne Welch, Joseph Morrison and Alaina (Tyler) Johnson; and 11 great-grandchildren, Knox, Dominick, Jasper, Campbell Fay, Dylan, Kendra, Summer, Lane, Wrenleigh, Gunner and Jack.

Mr. Morrison was preceded in death by his father, Zack Morrison; his mother, Afton Jarvis Jenkins; a son, James Howard Morrison; and a brother, Jerry Morrison.

He was a 1958 graduate of Goreville High School. He also attended Murray State University, where he played basketball. He was enjoyed and was very knowledgeable about all sports and was an avid St. Louis Cardinals and Boston Red Sox baseball fan. He was also an SIU Saluki basketball fan.

He worked as a route salesman for the Hostess Company. He also was the owner/operator of a car wash and laundromat business.

He was a former member of the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge No. 1346 in Anna. He and Janet worshipped together at the Busby Chapel Freewill Baptist Church.

A funeral service honoring the life of Gary Morrison will be conducted at 3 p.m. Thursday, today, at Busby Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, 7715 State Route 37 North, Goreville. Pastor Darren Clark will officiate. Burial will be in the Busby Chapel Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, today, at the church.

Memorials can be made to the Busby Chapel Cemetery, c/o Jim Dunn, 375 Dunn Ln., Goreville, Ill. 62939; to Busby Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, P.O. Box 354, Goreville, Ill. 62939; or to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 4400 Clayton Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63110.

To share a memory or an online message of condolence for his family, visit www.baileyfh.com.

Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna is in charge of arrangements.



Charles Peshoff Sr.

Charles Peshoff Sr., 70, of Jonesboro, died Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022, at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau.

He was born on March 5, 1952, in Cameron, La., the son of Clarence and Virginia Mae Butler Peshoff.

He married Patricia Berry on March 31, 1973, in Jonesboro.

Mr. Peshoff is survived by his loving wife, Patricia Peshoff of Jonesboro; daughter Candida Rene Peshoff of Liberty, Ind.; sons Charles Peshoff Jr. of Cobden, Shawn (Anna) Peshoff of Lowndes, Mo., and Nathan Peshoff of Jonesboro; six grandchildren, Ashley (Dean) Blevens, Tanner Hale, Isabella Peshoff, Victoria, Landon and Aiden Holman; one great-grandchild, Sophia Hale; a sister, Patricia Faye Peshoff of Houston, Texas; other relatives and many friends.

He served in the U.S. Army. He held many jobs over the years until his retirement for health reasons. He was a member of the American Legion. Charles was dearly loved by his family.

Visitation services were held from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro. Military rites were conducted at the funeral home.

Memorials can be made to Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home to assist the family with expenses.

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

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



Rev. Michael Gene Gibson

Rev. Michael Gene Gibson, 66, of Herrin, and formerly of Anna, died at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022, at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

He was born on Jan. 10, 1956, in Anna, the son of Floyd and Joan Hartline Gibson.

He married Rebecca Goins on Nov. 20, 1976. She survives.

He was a member of the Apostolic Faith Tabernacle in Jonesboro. His passion was ministry. He pastored in area churches and ministries for over 50 years. He loved his family very much.

Besides his wife, Rebecca Gibson, he is survived by his sons, Michael Aaron Gibson and Keith (Lindsey) Gibson, both of Herrin; a daughter, Lindsey (Jerry) Weddle of Herrin; grandchildren Jordan Gibson, Karson Gibson, Landon Gibson, Cameron Gibson, Jaziah Weddle, Blake Weddle and Fiona Weddle; his mother, Joan Gibson of Anna; a brother, Dewayne (Mary) Gibson of Vienna; a sister, Barbara (John) Neace of Benton; and several aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Floyd Gibson.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, at the Apostolic Faith Tabernacle in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Mark Goins officiating. Interment followed in the Cobden Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the family to assist with arrangements.

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



William Perry Young

Perry Young, 85, of Lake of Egypt, died Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022, at Herrin Hospital in Herrin.

He was born on May 6, 1937, in Guston, Ky., a son of Robert R. and Minnie E. Long Young.

He grew up in Guston, Ky., and attended Meade County High School. He went to Western Kentucky University, earning a bachelor's degree and master's degree in industrial technology and education.

He married his first wife, Judith M. Gleim, in Owensboro, Ky., on June 8, 1958.

He taught at Western Kentucky University for three years. In 1961 they moved to Normal, where he taught at Illinois State University and University High School. He retired in 1993 and moved to Lake of Egypt.

Judith died on June 7, 1996. He remarried on March 8, 1997, in Anna, to Janet L. Robinson.

Mr. Young was very active in the Lake of Egypt area in his retirement. He built houses and enjoyed woodworking.

He was active with the Lake of Egypt Fire Department and construction of the fire station. He was also active with the creation of the Lake of Egypt Water Dept.

Mr. Young served on the Illinois State Fire Protection Board, the Lake of Egypt Water Board, was the past president of Eagle Point Bay Home Owners Association and past president of Lake of Egypt Property Owners Association. For many years he was a volunteer at the Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge.

He is survived by his wife Janet L. Young of Goreville; three children, Carl C. (Mary) Young of Sun City West, Ariz., Jennifer E. (Mark) Tompkins of Orlando, Fla., and Cheri (Adam) Galan of Alameda, Calif.; nine grandchildren, Taylor D. Young, Carlee Y. (Matthew) Fritz, Mason D. Young, Natalie K. Tompkins, Nathan-Andrew (Alyssa) Tompkins, Garrett-Adam Tompkins, Shayanne (Jonathan) Elliott, Derek Galan and Jacob Galan; four great-grandchildren, Sophia Tompkins, Linceo Young, Colton Tompkins and Bennett Fritz; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert R. and Minnie E. Young Sr.; three siblings, Robert R. Young Jr., Lloyd D. Young and Laura Ellen Brown; and his first wife, Judith Mae Young.

Burial will be at Cap Anderson Cemetery in Brandenburg, Ky., at a later date. Blue Funeral Home in Goreville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Jerald 'Jerry' Hoffman

Jerald "Jerry" Hoffman, 41, of Carbondale, and formerly of Anna, died Monday, Nov. 7, 2022, at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

He was born on Jan. 24, 1981, in Cape Girardeau, the son of Bryon and Jackie Scivally Hoffman.

He was a cook at the Good Samaritan Homeless Shelter in Carbondale. He was a previous fire fighter for the Anna Fire Department and worked at Tri-County Detention Center. His son, Wyatt, was his world.

Survivors include his son, Wyatt Hoffman of Cobden; a sister, Amy (Tim) Casper of Cobden; a nephew, Bradley Casper of Cobden; an aunt, Donna Scivally of Anna; and several other aunts, uncles, cousins, relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bryon and Jackie Hoffman; paternal grandparents JoAnn Cook and Marlyn Hoffman; maternal grandparents Opal and Bob Gobble and Don Scivally.

Cremation rites will be accorded and services will be held at a later date at the First Presbyterian Church in Cobden.

Memorials can be made to Crain Funeral Home to assist the family with arrangements.



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

Kenneth Paul Carlson

Kenneth Paul Carlson, 71, of Jonesboro, died Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

He was born on July 18, 1951, in Calumet City, the son of Enoch J. and Ruth E. Herlitz Carlson.

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl A. Wright; stepdaughter April D. Hill; and one son, Joshua Carlson.

He worked as a Lean Six Sigma black belt at Phoenix Paper Mill (Westvaco) in Wickliffe, Ky. He was a councilman for the city of Jonesboro.

He also taught chemistry, organic biology, statistics and algebra at Western Kentucky Community & Technical College in Paducah, as well as at Shawnee Community College in Anna.

At this time, there will be no services for Kenneth Carlson. Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro is in charge of arrangements.

To visit his memorial page and to leave online condolences for his family, visit the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home website at rendlemanhilemanfh.com.



Memorials can be made to his family to assist with final expenses. A benefit will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, at the VFW's Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 near Anna.

A Nazarene Missions Poverty Dinner was held Sunday evening, Nov. 13. Jessica Elkins, NMI president, gave statistics about the poverty level in the world, state and in the City of Anna.

A video from Nazarene Compassionate Ministry

Roger Edward Beegle

Roger Edward Beegle, 66, of Cobden, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, Nov. 11, 2022, with his wife and brother by his side.

He was born on Nov. 24, 1955, in Cairo, the son of James Edward and Barbara Jean Hornback Beegle.

He married the love of his life, Cheri Sanders, at Bald Knob Cross on July 28, 1995.

He is survived by his wife, Cheri Beegle of Cobden; siblings Dessie (Charles) Minor of Ina, Kenny (Donna) Beegle of Jonesboro, Kevin (Shari) Beegle of Mounds and Ellen (Gary) Phalin of Goreville; his wife's siblings, Debbie (Larry) Klump of Murphysboro, Diane (Brad) Gearhart and Bev (John) Schemonia, all of Pomona, Barb Hemker of Anna and Mark (Jerri) Sanders of Alto Pass; his special and well-loved mother-in-law, Betty Sanders of Pomona; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. He also leaves his loving and faithful fur baby, Mollie.

Mr. Beegle was a member of Laborers' International Union Local 773. He loved camping and all things outdoors. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was loved by all.

A celebration of the life of Roger Beegle will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, at Jerusalem Hill Cemetery and Community Outreach (formerly known as Jerusalem Church), 14 Hickory Ridge Rd., Pomona, with Pastor Gloria Williams officiating.

Family and friends may gather from 1 p.m. until the service hour at 2 p.m. at the church.

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

Memorials can be made to his family to assist with final expenses.

To visit his memorial page and to leave online condolences for his family, visit the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home website at rendlemanhilemanfh.com.



Funeral services will be at noon Saturday, Nov. 19, at the United Missionary Baptist Church, with Dr. Bob Dickerson and Pastor David Williams officiating. Interment will be in Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Murphysboro.

Keith Rolland Cook Jr.

Keith Rolland Cook Jr., 44, of Makanda, died Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022, at his home.

He was born on Oct. 25, 1978, in Poplar Bluff, Mo., the son of Keith R. and Mary Cook.

He is survived by his wife, Sheleena Long; his children, Rebecca and Elizabeth Dewitt, Katlynn and Breanna Long and Gracie Cook; nine grandchildren; a brother, Jason Cook; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Keith Rolland Cook Sr.

He loved the outdoors. He always preferred being outside, no matter the weather. He greatly enjoyed fishing. His passion was working on cars or anything with an engine.

Graveside funeral services for Keith Rolland Cook Jr. were held at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, at the Greenville Cemetery in Greenville, Mo., with Deric Calvert officiating. Interment followed.

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

Memorials can be made to Mr. Cook's family to assist with final expenses. A benefit will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, at Carroll P. Foster VFW Post No. 3455 in Anna.

To visit his memorial page and to leave online condolences for his family, visit the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home website at rendlemanhilemanfh.com.



News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A Sunday morning worship service was held Nov. 13 in the church and on Zoom.

Singing was led by Pastor Randy Wright and the worship team.

Special music was provided by Trey Morrison.

The message given by Pastor Wright was titled "Our Freedom in Christ." Scripture was from Galatians.

The message can be listened to on the church's website at annanaz.com and on the Anna First Church of the Nazarene Facebook page.

The church extends sympathy and prayers to the Cook family in the loss of their loved one, Keith Cook Jr. He was the brother of Jason Cook. Graveside services were held Monday, Nov. 14, at Greenville Cemetery in Greenville, Mo.

A benefit will be held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at the VFW's Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 near Anna.

A Nazarene Missions Poverty Dinner was held Sunday evening, Nov. 13. Jessica Elkins, NMI president, gave statistics about the poverty level in the world, state and in the City of Anna.

A video from Nazarene Compassionate Ministry



Bobbie D. Glasco

Bobbie D. Glasco, 95, of Cobden, died Friday, Nov. 11, 2022, at The Voyage in Marion.

She was born on Oct. 5, 1927, in Carbondale, the daughter of Clifford D. and Verla R. Addison Foster.

She married Troy E. Glasco on June 10, 1945, in Carbondale. He preceded her in death on July 13, 2017.

She is survived by her son, Larry (Judy) Glasco of Metropolis; daughters Gloria Williams of Cobden and Marilyn (Mike) Ferguson of Robinson; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; a sister-in-law, Stella Glasco of Cobden; one niece; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Troy Glasco; one grandson; two sisters, Cora Elizabeth Foster and Wilma Jeanette Coleman; two sons-in-law; and two nephews.

She was a faithful member of the United Missionary Baptist Church for many years. She retired from Southern Illinois University, where she worked as an executive secretary in various departments. She enjoyed attending church, reading her Bible and painting.

Funeral services will be at noon Saturday, Nov. 19, at the United Missionary Baptist Church, with Dr. Bob Dickerson and Pastor David Williams officiating. Interment will be in Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Murphysboro.

Friends may visit from 10 a.m. and until the service hour at noon Saturday, Nov. 19, at United Missionary Baptist Church.

Memorials can be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois or to the United Missionary Baptist Church. Envelopes will be available at the church and at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home.

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



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

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Bro. Easton's sermon Sunday was titled "Faith Walk, part 3," which concluded the series from the past two Sundays.

The main scripture selections were from Hebrews 11 and 12, focusing on Moses and his faith walk.

The sermon shared that from "the time of his birth, Moses' family taught him to know and trust God, providing Moses with a solid foundation of faith he would need as he led the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage.

"Today, it is up to the church and Godly parents to prepare children to know the truth and develop the strength to withstand the way of the world and all its enticements to turn from God.

"How badly do we want to be a part of what God can do? When God calls us, we just need to say yes and leave the details up to Him."

Reed and Kayton Crane rang the bell signaling time for worship. They also took up the offering.

During morning announcements prior to the call to worship, veterans in the congregation were recognized and thanked for their service.

Tony Gerard is Camp Ground Church's lead elder for November.

Birthday wishes go to Brittany Roach, whose birthday was Nov. 12.

Camp Ground Church's annual Thanksgiving basket dinner is planned following worship on Nov. 20. After lunch, the sanctuary and fellowship hall will be decorated for Advent.

All are welcome to services each Sunday at Camp Ground Church. Worship is at 10:30 a.m.

A time of fellowship, with coffee and donuts, begins at 9:15 a.m. Sunday School classes for all ages are planned at 9:30 a.m.

The church is located at the intersection of Camp Ground Road and Tunnel Lane, just north of Route 146 east of Anna.

The congregation wishes the staff and readers of this newspaper a blessed Thanksgiving.

Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Gary Gibbs of Jonesboro visited with Fred and Maxine Pender of Fair City.

Shirley Miller of McClure visited Monday with Deanie Hinkle of Jonesboro and Ermadel Elkins at Union County Nursing Home in Anna.

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

Shirley Miller visited Monday with Sue and Steve Eudy of Anna.

Steve and Sue Eudy enjoyed lunch at the Grecian Steakhouse on Wednesday, Nov. 9. They were celebrating Steve's birthday which was Thursday, Nov. 10.

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



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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

Please have news to me by Sunday night. Email me at marthaannwebb@gmail.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.

Hero Banners

How beautiful our downtown looked Veterans Day with our Hometown Hero banners.

If you would like to order one for 2023 go to Anna City Hall and fill out the form and write a check now so you will have one. Large ones for downtown, smaller ones for Anna City Park and yard flags for your home may be ordered.

You can order as many yard signs as you want but

our space is limited for large signs and Anna City Park signs so you may order one of them but not one for both.

A special thanks to public works manager Gary Dahmer and the city employees who worked so hard to get these up for Veterans Day.

A special thanks to our Anna city administrator Dori Bigler for finding these to order. Our city is blessed.



Alaina Brown, child advocacy coordinator at Two Rivers Child Advocacy Center, received crocheted blankets for the children made by Debbie Rossberg of GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club and delivered by Martha Ann Webb, publicity chairman, and president Jane Bauer.



"Wild Horses" art quilts and hoop creations with beads and appliqué are on display through November at Giant City Visitor Center. This traveling series by eco-artist Marie Samuel attempts to encourage appreciation for preserving wildlife habitats as well as those of wild horses.



Those attending the GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club meeting at the Anna Arts Center were, left to right, Susie Kessler, Lillian Milam, Barbara Bauer, Debbie Rossberg, Lee Hackney, Martha Ann Webb and president Jane Bauer.



Dori Bigler Anna city administrator and Tom Caldwell Anna city arborist were guest speakers at the Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club's meeting at the Anna Arts Center.



Military exhibit: Shown here with their work for the November "Tribute to Veterans and Military Exhibit" at the Ella Hise Museum reception on Nov. 13 are Fain Scheckles of Harrisburg, left, and Marie Samuel, on the right. Marie is standing between her two works accepted for the juried show.

Military Exhibit

Fain Scheckles of Harrisburg and Marie Samuel have their work on display for the November "Tribute to Veterans and Military Exhibit" at the Ella Hise Museum, where a reception was held Nov. 13. Marie had two works accepted for the juried show.

Her watercolor of the Marion V.A. Hospital was done in the fall of 2003, and the mixed media and fibers shadowbox diorama features paintings done from black and white photos of her dad as a boy and while serving in World War II. James A. Rinehart served in the Signal Corps in the Pacific.

The displays at the Hise Museum are open Tuesday to Friday from 9 to 4 p.m. when Southeastern Illinois College is open.

Veterans Day Devotion

Debbie Rossberg brought the devotion at the GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club and was asked to share it at the veterans dinner also at the Anna Arts Center.

The devotion was a thoughtful explanation of how Veterans Day has evolved and the chance to share that message about the price of freedom with future generations.

Nov. 11 is Veterans Day, originally "Armistice Day" and "the war to end all wars."

Armistice is from the Latin area "arms" and sister "stand still." Imagine the stillness, the quiet that came from laying down weapons on both sides, after the years of grueling, bloody trench warfare.

The U.S. Congress subsequently declared that the date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will



Rev. Joe and Marcie Jones were presented with cards of appreciation Sunday at Apostolic Lighthouse when they celebrated pastor appreciation.



Thanks Macky Cohen for the wonderful musical Hansel and Gretel Revisited at the Anna Arts Center over the weekend. Macky is pictured with Patty Cohen, who played the part of the bad witch turned good.

and mutual understanding between nations."

Sadly, it was not the war to end all wars. In 1954 the day was renamed, Veterans Day in order to honor veterans from all the wars since, not just World War I but the words of congress still resonate, as do the holidays origins in that great stillness.

A day of thanksgiving for the service of veterans, living and dead, for the service of caregivers, doctors and nurses and chaplains and mental health professionals and spouses and family. Members and friends, who walk with veterans through the ravages of war, even after the bullets and bombs and missiles stop flying, and for the days of peace that comes at long last.

A day of prayer for people of all faiths, a time of prayer, mediation, or reflection on the stillness of armistice, so that the days of peace on Earth increase, and the days of war decrease.

In communities across the country, there are parades, ceremonies and speeches. At 11 a.m. in the morning Americans are encouraged to observe a moment of silence to remember those who fought for freedom.

Thank you just isn't enough. We need to pass the truths on to future generations and Veterans Day is a great place to start. Thank you Debbie for these wonderful words.

Kentucky Trip

Willie and Terrie Rhymer traveled on Thursday to Patti's in Grand Rivers to eat and enjoy their Christmas lights and decorations. It was very beautiful.

Honor Wreaths for Veterans

A special thanks to Geraldine Davis for her donation of four Honor Wreaths for Veterans for her husband Dareld Davis and his stepfather Curtis Wright and two for veterans that don't have anyone to buy for them.

A special thanks to Alma Osterholm for her donation of Honor Wreaths for her husband Harvey Osterholm and Kenneth Tucker and four other Honor Wreaths for someone who has no one left to buy for them.

A special thanks to Ruby Brimm for her donation of two Honor Wreaths for Veterans for her husband Bobby L. Brimm and brother Norman Snell in Anna Hillcrest Addition Block A.

Our laying of Wreaths will be Dec. 17 at 11 a.m. The ceremony right before the laying of the wreaths will be announced later of



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Congratulations to Richard Theis who won the beautiful quilt at the veterans honor dinner. Pictured left to right are Zach Rowatt, Susan Whitemountain, Richard Theis and Lee Hackney. A special thanks to Geneva Trexler and her son Marshall who made the quilt.



The youngest and oldest veterans were honored at the veterans dinner, Don Rich, 88, and Tom Caldwell, 58, cut the cake.



Ava Boreup, Jaida Smith and Emma Thurston sang our National Anthem, The Star-Spangled Banner and other songs at the American Heroes A Salute to Veterans at the Anna Arts Center.



Missing Man Ceremony by veteran Bob Caraker at the annual Salute to Veterans and Active Duty Service Members dinner and entertainment.



Jack Bigler at the dinner to honor our veterans pictured with the World War I statue that belonged to Joe Merk who served our country in World War I. A gift from his wife Evelyn to Martha Ann Webb in memory of Joe.



Norm Bauer gave the blessing at the annual Salute to Veterans and Active Duty Service Members dinner and entertainment at the Anna Arts Center Nov. 7.



The Magician Morgan Cerny at the Anna Arts Center Salute to Veterans dinner.

Hero banners: How beautiful our downtown looked Veterans Day with our Hometown Hero banners.

the place we will be holding it.

A special thanks to everyone who supports Honor Wreaths for Veterans with their donation and time to help us lay the wreaths in the cemeteries. May we never forget to honor, respect and teach.



Sue Clary attended the ceremony for Sgt. Brian Romines, her grandson, at the Anna Business Park. A white oak tree was planted that day in honor of all veterans on Veterans Day. In June, a bald cypress was planted in memory of Sgt. Brian Romines.

Birthday

Sharon Dickerson was honored on her birthday Nov. 5 with a party with her family and friends.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Call to worship, this nation, under God, depends on each generation accepting the call to serve both God and country. Everywhere we look we are reminded of the commitment our veterans made in presenting their bodies as a living sacrifice. So today we honor them as we shout a resounding thank you. That we are free to come and to worship the One who presented His body as the ultimate living sacrifice for all.

Rev. Tim Gossett's sermon was Joining the VSW Veteran Spiritual Warfare with scripture from Matthew.

Special music was "I Vow To Thee My Country" by Teri, Carla and Marcy. Music honoring our veterans "God of the Ages," "America," "We've a Story to Tell to the Nation."

Fellowship hour was after church with lots of good food.

Tuesday was Loaves and Fishes.

Next Sunday. The children will take up their special mission offering.

Anna Heights Baptist

Church

Birthdays: 18th, Connie Goodman, Cardie Morse. 19th, Dillon Greer. 20th, Coleen Althoff, Katie Barringer. 25th, Melissa Maxey, Jackie Penrod.

Nov. 6 attendance: 8 a.m. worship, 75. 10:30 a.m. worship, 148. Small group Bible study, 210.

Upwards Basketball and Cheer online registration is available on the church website. Registration and evaluations will be on Nov. 21 and 22.

Scott Foshie presented the message for Anna Heights. He is the church health team leader for Illinois Baptist State Association. He also served as pastor of Steeleville Baptist Church. His message was "Does America Need Revival Today?"

Anna Heights had a Season of Renewal weekend and on Sunday afternoon the church had their family Thanksgiving meal.

Small Business Saturday

Free cookies and punch. Ms. D's Melts and Kim's Gifts will be Nov. 26 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 106 W. Monroe Street in Anna. Hand poured wax melts, scented car bags, wax warmers, elf on the shelf clothes, cocoa bombs, car coasters, blankets, ornaments and more. Raffle drawings, Santa bag specials and each adult that attends will receive a free gift so bring a friend.

Coulterville Holiday Light Display

Celebrating 20 years of Christmas magic. They started as a small group of local fire fighters who started with a couple hundred light sets and 21 figurines into one of Southern Illinois larger Christmas celebrations.

They want to give a huge thanks to the thousands of volunteers who have helped them the past 20 years. They look forward to seeing you this December in downtown Coulterville.

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Special Thanks

Ron and Della Shepard for giving me credit when they renewed their subscription to The Gazette-Democrat and Peggy Rains for telling me she told who took her phone call at The Gazette-Democrat to give me credit when she called her subscription in.

Anna VFW

Star Karaoke will be at the VFW Friday night Nov. 18 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. with Peggy Jerrell.

A special thanks to all the veterans for their service to our country. Also to the VFW for hosting the Veterans Day parade and the dinner after the parade.

Anna First Baptist Church

Congratulations to the church for receiving second place for their float in the Veterans Day parade.

131 shoeboxes were packed Saturday with gifts for children all over the world with 26 people helping. A special thanks to all who donated items or money. Rev. Lupe Lopez said a special prayer Sunday morning for all the children they will reach.

Special music was by the ladies ensemble "Heavenly Medley" by Carlena Thompson, Carol Kroeger, Cissi Cuthbertson, Sue Wilkins, Marilyn Mull. By Rev. Lupe Lopez and Robbie Kunitz. "In the Garden."

Rev. Lupe Lopez's sermon was Sanctification, You are known by your fruit, with scripture from 1 and 2 Corinthians.

Rev. Lupe prayed for the many people who are sick and for those who have not accepted Jesus yet in their hearts.

Songs honoring our veterans led by Jean Denny were "America the Beautiful," "Amazing Grace."

Welcome and announcements were by Dale Denny.

A special offering is being taken for Rev. Lupe Lopez and his wife Yadi who will be traveling to the city of Santiago Papasquiaro, Durango, Mexico, to do mission work.

There is a desperate need for the gospel in all of Mexico. Their mission on this trip will be to target one specific area in the state of Durango. Scouting possible locations for a possible planting of a mission church or partnering with a struggling church already on the ground. Any financial contribution to help with travel expenses will be appreciated and considered a blessing.

Apostolic Lighthouse

Sunday, Nov. 13, the family of Apostolic Lighthouse celebrated Pastor Appreciation. They enjoyed the ministry of guest minister, Pastor Ron and Cindy Woffard of Parsons, Tenn.

Brother Woffard preached a good message from Matthew 14 on The Miracle in the Storm. He explained even though the disciples were in a storm, Jesus performed a miracle. Same with us, we may be in a storm but Jesus will still work a miracle. After a time of worship, and God moving, they enjoyed a good lunch.

Brother and sister Jones were presented with cards of appreciation. The church has been blessed with a humble and dedicated pastor, wife and family. They love and appreciate them, Joe, Marcie, Carly, Mia Jones. Also Westerly and Quintin Loyd.

Hill Luncheon

The Hill family of cousins and one aunt recently met at The Kitchen on Lafayette in Anna for a fall luncheon. They enjoyed a delicious meal while catching up and enjoying their time together. Great reminiscing and fellowship were enjoyed by all.

Those attending were

Randy and Lisa Mead, Marion and Joyce Hill, Stacy Hill, Sonya and Rick Merriman, Tom Hill, Sherry Hill, Sharon Morgan, Joyce Plott, Jean and Larry Hill, Debra Sharp, Sheila Burns, Denise Carpenter, Rolla Sue Adams, Mabel Hill and Brad and Susan Schuster Rendleman.

GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club

Dori Bigler, Anna city administrator, was guest speaker at the Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club meeting last Monday. Dori told the ladies about the grant she applied for.

City of Anna applied to be recognized as a Tree City USA in 2020, which was successful. At that time, they found out that the city was previously recognized in 1991 and 1992. The city just recently applied for the recognition for 2022, which will be the 5th year.

In 2021, the city successfully applied for a growth award, as the goal was to plant 100 trees in the city park. We are currently making an application again for 2022.

During 2022 the city partnered with District 37 and gave away 600 red oak saplings to all the students at District 37. We also planted 50 trees during the year, including a Cache River project and planting trees at the city cemetery.

As part of Tree City USA, we do three tree plantings each year: Arbor Day, A-JCHS graduating class and Veterans Day.

Veterans Flags

The veterans flags with the veterans pictures on them honoring our veterans have arrived. You will see them hanging up town. Some people ordered flags for their yards. If you would like to have a flag honoring your veterans for next Veterans Day give Anna City Hall a call.



Tom Caldwell hanging the new sign honoring Sgt. Brian Romines assisted by Bill Sharp in our Anna Business Park in preparation for Veterans Day.



At the recent International Mission Board conference hosted by Anna First Baptist Church, missionaries from Anna First displayed information on their missionary trips: Joanne Dale to India and Haiti (left); Lillah Williams to Haiti; and Sue Wilkinson to Russia and other places (not pictured).


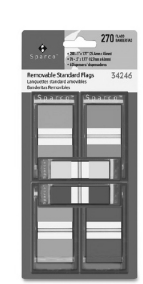



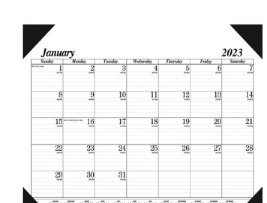


Dianna Scherer Booth 18 Scherer Wood Arts and Oils attended the ribbon cutting for the new owners Crystal Smith-Housman and Sherri Smith Agers of Annabelle Market in beautiful downtown Anna.



Hatfield-McCoy: Cathy McCoy Ziegler, her sister Corinne McCoy Steveson and their brother attended the Hatfield-McCoy family feud.

NOVEMBER sale

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| <p>Business Source Standard Staples</p> <p><i>Dependable performance</i></p> <p>BSN65649</p>  <p>Sale Price \$1.50 BX</p> | <p>Sparco Assorted Pop-Up Flags Combo Pack</p> <p><i>Conveniently calls attention to important details</i></p> <p>SPR34246</p>  <p>Sale Price \$15.24 PK</p> |
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Opinion and Commentary

National Family Literacy Day commemorated



Proclamation signed

Anna Mayor Steve Hartline signed a proclamation declaring Nov. 1 as National Family Literacy Day in the city of Anna. The proclamation was sponsored by the Daniel Chapman Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mayor Hartline was joined for the event by Carolyn Tripp, left, and Suzan Harvel, right. The signing took place at Anna City Hall.

The Daniel Chapman Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has joined in the national commemoration of National Family Literacy Day.

Anna Mayor Steve Hartline signed a proclamation declaring Nov. 1 as National Family Literacy Day in the city of Anna. The proclamation was sponsored by the Daniel Chapman Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The proclamation signed by the Anna mayor noted that National Family Literacy Day was established by the 103rd Congress in 1994.

The proclamation noted that the observance "highlights the importance of reading and learning for the entire family and emphasizes the impact that parents have on their child's learning..."

"...this day is celebrated across America each year, and focuses on special activities and events that showcase the importance of family literacy programs that empower families and build a nation of readers..."

"...literacy programs across the United States will observe National Family Literacy Day by holding read-a-thons, book drives, workshops and family activities at schools, libraries and community centers to encourage literacy..."

"...as many as one in six adults struggle with reading and writing, and by learning to read, individuals can gain self-respect and confidence and strive toward goals that otherwise would not be achievable..."

"...the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, nonpolitical volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children and adults..."

"...education being one of the cornerstones of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Daniel Chapman Chapter is committed to increasing literacy by promoting and supporting literacy programs."

The proclamation closed by noting that commemoration of National Family Literacy Day works "to underscore the importance of literacy, celebrate the joy of reading, encourage residents to promote literacy by reading together as a family, and to extend the deep appreciation to our local librarians, educators, and literacy service providers for their tireless efforts to strengthen the literacy of our children and our community."

Looking ahead...

The Thanksgiving holiday will be observed Thursday, November 24.

Due to the holiday and the valuable advertising which will appear in the November 24 issue of the paper, The Gazette-Democrat will be making some changes in our weekly production schedule and deadlines.

The deadline to submit Classified and Display Advertisements will be 10 a.m. Monday, November 21.

The deadline to submit news and sports items will be 1 p.m. Friday, November 18.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
Have a very Happy Thanksgiving.

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Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

Old Man Winter shows up on Snovember 12...

I'm pretty sure Mr. Jack O'Lantern was cackling in the cold last Saturday morning...

...you may (or may not) recall that in last week's column, The Other Half had alerted yours truly to the possibility of some icy precipitation, as in snow, which was appearing in a long-range forecast she had seen online.

At the time, I scoffed at such a chilly outlook. After all, it was still pretty warm in our little corner of the world, at least for November.

Warmth and sunshine were hanging in there Thursday afternoon, November 10, when your writer paid a visit to the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro. I went for a walk around what's left of the pond at the park. During the walk, I saw around half a dozen turtles that

were taking full advantage of the warm weather and sunshine.

About 24 hours later, the spring/somewhat summer-like weather was heading out the door, apparently being shooed away by Old Man Winter.

Oh, did I mention the snow?

"Light snow tonight into Saturday morning" the National Weather Service office in Paducah was advising those who dared to check out the forecast during the day on Friday.

The forecast was calling for the possibility of "a dusting to half an inch." I saw that. And scoffed again.

Early Saturday morning, we were indeed greeted by a "dusting" of snow, which just did not seem right. Especially since the temperature had been 81 degrees only a few days before. Oh, well.

I decided to venture out into the cold and snowy world to take a few photographs. I managed to get in a daily walkabout in the early morning hours.

As I was wandering around, I noticed a couple of jack-o-lanterns that were still hanging around outside. That was not unexpected, since Halloween was still fresh in our memories. That was when I was pretty sure that I heard Mr. Jack O'Lantern laughing... at me...or maybe at the idea of snow on the ground on November 12.

Sunday offered a bit of a reprieve. It was still cold, but the sun was shining and most of Saturday's snow has melted away. At one point early in the afternoon, I sat out on our front porch

stoop and watched a couple of butterflies landing on some flowers that were still in bloom.

That being said, on Sunday evening, I took Bob outside to assure him that it was too cold to spend some time on our porch swing. It was shortly after 5 o'clock...it was cold (our thermometer showed 36 degrees)...it was dark (daylight saving time is a fading memory)...

Old Man Winter does not seem to be finished with his preseason performance on Saturday...

...snow was possible again Monday night, but we did not see any. And it's supposed to be really cold by this weekend. I guess the good thing is that there aren't mosquitoes...



We haven't had a photo of turtles in a while...these critters were enjoying some nice, warm and bright sunshine on what proved to be the last nice, warm and bright sunny day we may be having for a while...



Trick or treat? Snow and cold temperatures were turning old Jack into a grump last Saturday morning...the photographer can attest to that...

Winter outlook

This year La Niña returns for the third consecutive winter, driving warmer-than-average temperatures for the Southwest and along the Gulf Coast and eastern seaboard, according to NOAA's U.S. Winter Outlook released by the Climate Prediction Center, which is a division of the National Weather Service.

Starting in December through February 2023, NOAA predicts drier-than-average conditions across the South with wetter-than-average conditions for areas of the Ohio Valley, Great Lakes, northern Rockies and Pacific Northwest.

The greatest chance for warmer-than-average conditions are in western Alaska and the Central Great Basin and Southwest extending through the Southern Plains.

Warmer-than-average temperatures are also favored in the southeastern United States and along the Atlantic coast.

Below-normal temperatures are favored from the Pacific Northwest eastward to the western Great Lakes and the Alaska Panhandle.

Wetter-than-average conditions are most likely in western Alaska, the Pacific Northwest, northern Rockies, Great Lakes and Ohio Valley.

The greatest chances for drier-than-average conditions are forecast in portions of California, the Southwest, the southern Rockies, southern Plains, the Gulf Coast and much of the Southeast.

The remainder of the United States falls into the category of equal chances for below-, near- or above-average seasonal total precipitation.

Drought is expected to impact the middle and lower Mississippi Valley this winter.



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