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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area.

The Union County Sheriff's Office continues to receive generous donations to help support the establishment of a new K-9 unit.

Illinois tourism officials planned to honor Owl Creek Vineyard on Wednesday, Sept. 28. The vineyard, located near Cobden, was to be presented with an Illinois Made plaque in recognition of the vineyard's Apple Knocker Hard Cider.

WIBH Radio in Anna has launched its annual New Coats, New Hope campaign to help provide winter coats for children in Southern Illinois.

Work continues on the drafting of a document regarding a combined 911 program involving Union and Alexander counties.

The Union County Board of Commissioners has been asked to consider action that would allow for the use of ATVs on local roads.

The county commissioners also have been asked to address concerns related to barking dogs.

The Anna City Council last week denied a building permit sought by RAVE for a new group home on West Davie Street.

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Anna street, park projects updated

One improvement project is underway in the City of Anna – and another long-awaited, much-anticipated project appears to be moving forward.

Updates about both projects were shared at last week's regular meeting of the Anna City Council.

The meeting was Tuesday evening, Sept. 20, at Anna City Hall.

One of the projects involves the next phase in improvements in the South Main Street area.

Another project calls for improvements at the Anna City Park, including construction of a concession stand and restrooms.

Updates on both of the projects were shared with the council by Anna city administrator Steve Guined.

A bid for the street improvement project was approved in August by the city council.

Samron Midwest Construction of Murphysboro submitted a low bid of \$248,891 for initial concrete work on the project. The project is funded by state motor fuel tax money.

Improvements are planned in the South Main Street area, including Washington, Davie and Lafayette streets.

The work is slated to

include sidewalk improvements, lighting and the creation of green spaces.

Work started last week. This part of the project is scheduled to take about 40 working days to complete.

Street resurfacing work also is planned. Due to the change in seasons and the anticipated arrival of cooler weather, the resurfacing work, which involves asphalt, now is planned for 2017.

The city administrator also reported on progress in conjunction with improvements which are planned at the Anna City Park as part of a project which is slated to cost \$300,000.

The cost of the project will be split 50/50 between the city and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

A major facet of the park project calls for construction of restrooms and a concession stand. Other improvements are planned.

The city hopes to be able to take bids on the park project after the first of the year. Current plans call for the project to be completed in time for the 2017 Union County Fair.

The fair is scheduled each year in August. The Anna City Park is the home of the fair.



New shelter under construction

Work was being done last Friday on the construction of a new shelter in the park in downtown Cobden. The new shelter was being built by volunteer members of the BMEN group at the First Baptist Church in Cobden. The Village of Cobden paid for the materials. The Cobden Lions Club has provided financial assistance for the project.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School

Special academic accomplishment highlighted

A special academic achievement was highlighted at September's regular monthly meeting of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School District 81 Board of Education.

The meeting was Sept. 19 at the Union County school. The achievement was noted in minutes from the meeting.

At the meeting, the board of education learned that

after months of work, confirmation was received that teacher Amy Penninger's advanced U.S. history class has met requirements established by the College Board to use the advanced placement, AP, designation on students' transcripts and in the school's course catalog.

This spring, students in the advanced U.S. history class will be able to take

an AP U.S. history test provided by the College Board.

If students receive the appropriate score, colleges and universities will accept the class as credit. Students won't have to take the class and pay for it at their college or university.

Minutes from the meeting stated that Penninger "spent countless hours in preparing her syllabus and then in working with the

recommendations she received to edit the syllabus for approval."

Penninger was commended "for her time and attention to detail in bringing A-J its first AP class in at least 22 years."

The minutes further noted that A-J teacher Shawn Horn has compiled a syllabus for his humanities class which is being reviewed by the College Board.

Horn's work is expected to lead to A-J receiving AP designation in AP literature and composition.

Both Penninger and Horn was recognized for their "tireless efforts to bring this opportunity to A-J students." Appreciation was voiced to A-JCHS superintendent Rob Wright and to the board of education for their support.

Anna Presbyterian Church celebrates 150 years



Norman Hickam, who is the oldest member of the church, viewed some of the items which were on display last Saturday evening.

The faith community at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna celebrated 150 years of ministry in Union County on Saturday, Sept. 24.

The church was founded in 1866 by a group of 17 people who met at the Methodist Church in Anna.

They then met in a store building until they built a wooden frame church in 1868 on the corner of Jefferson and South streets, where the church is still located today.

The church invited all former members and friends to attend a potluck dinner and celebration program.

The special events were held at the church's Main Street Center last Saturday evening. The center is located across the street from the Anna church.

Displays of pictures highlighting the church's history and ministry were available for viewing.

The Back Porch Company musical group performed. A meal was served and video presentations were shared.



Music and memorabilia were featured at last Saturday evening's celebration. Many photographs highlighting the history and ministry of the church were on display. The Back Porch Company musical group performed at the event.





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Treasurer addresses insurance issue

Union County Treasurer Darren Bailey said last week that his office had uncovered what he said was “gross mismanagement of a county insurance program.” The treasurer reported the matter in a news release which was issued on Sept. 21.

The matter was addressed at a regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners which was held Friday morning, Sept. 23.

In the news release, the treasurer said that the “decade-long mismanagement has cost the taxpayers of Union County thousands of dollars.”

The majority of the problems centered around an unsanctioned program involving the continued enrollment of former employees in the county’s group dental insurance plan long past the end of their employment, the treasurer reported.

Some of the individuals appear to have not known that they still had the coverage, the treasurer said.

The insurance included both individual plans, currently valued at \$19.78 per month and family plans, valued at \$64.71 per month.

Bailey said that the program was maintained without the knowledge or support of the treasurer’s office or the current Union County Board of Commissioners.

The office that managed payroll and benefits for the county and administered this program maintained no record of which individuals paid for the coverage, or how much was paid.

The inquiry by the treasurer’s office has uncovered that the majority of individuals included in the program have not paid for the continued coverage, while the others continued to pay the rate in-place at the time they left the employment of the county, regardless

of any rate increases over time. When asked about this, most have claimed to have never been informed by the managing office how much to pay, the treasurer stated.

Bailey said the treasurer’s office was required to contact the dental insurance provider, Delta Dental of Illinois, to access current and historical payment and billing information dating to December 2014.

Enough data was gathered to determine that this program has cost the taxpayers roughly \$5,000 since that date.

Extrapolating the data for each employee to the best-known last date of employment suggests that these former employees have received benefits paid for by the Union County general fund totaling between \$15,000 to \$20,000, the treasurer reported.

Other dental insurance-related errors were uncovered during this reconciliation and internal audit process, the treasurer reported.

Four non-general funded departments have been paying an outdated and insufficient amount for dental insurance.

“This error placed undue burden on the general fund, which was forced to pay the difference, while these proprietary funds were allowed to grow. It is unknown when the discrepancy began, though it dates back to before December 2014,” the news release stated.

The practice was stopped by the treasurer’s office in May during the inquiry process, with corrections enforced back to the beginning of this fiscal year.

Representatives of the respective departments advise that they were not informed of any rate changes.

Though the county had received insufficient funds with respect to each of these errors, bills were gener-

ally paid in-full because the Union County General Fund was required to pay the balance for every insufficient or missing payment from an entity or ineligible individual on the roll.

“It is unlikely that any money can be recovered for those individuals who did not know they were still enrolled in the dental insurance plan. However, despite now being aware of this issue, no further efforts have been made to remove individuals receiving these inappropriate benefits from the dental insurance rolls, including those who continue to not pay the monthly premium,” the news release stated.

“As a result of this unfortunate situation, the treasurer’s office has been compelled to accept additional duties, including ongoing dental insurance bill payment and reconciliation.”

Bailey said in the news release that he was imploring “those with control to correct this problem, and the multitude of others like it. It is important to remember that this situation is not the fault of the individuals receiving the benefits, but rather another example of mismanagement of taxpayer funds and dereliction of duty. This program was not sanctioned by the current board of commissioners, and requires no action by that body.”

“Union County should no longer accept negligence and gross mismanagement. The officials and employees of Union County have a responsibility to serve their people to the highest possible level. The creation of this unsanctioned program and the overall mismanagement of benefits have fallen far short of that charge,” the treasurer stated.

“Over the past several years, some in this county have worked tirelessly to improve services and operations, and have had great success despite sometimes intense internal struggle against positive change,” the news release stated.

The treasurer said that there are problems which “continue to plague the organization. Though these

problem points have been identified and communicated internally, and at times symptoms alleviated, the core organizational and culture issues remain. This is a new step in publicly identifying these weaknesses.”

“The public certainly deserves to know what happens with its money, its services, and its government. Together with them, I am confident that we can again turn an area of concern into a great strength for Union County,” the treasurer stated.

“Many of the problems identified through this inquiry were common practice in the past, but Union County has implemented systems to move beyond this level of competence,” the news release continued.

“Special recognition is deserved by the talent and hard work of accountant Angie Coke, and I would also like to thank the Union County Board of Commissioners for their support as we continue to make Union County an industry leader in fiscal operations and reporting.”

(The news release has been posted on the treasurer’s website.)

Matter Addressed at County Board Meeting

The issues which was made public by the treasurer was addressed by Union County Board of Commissioners chairman Richard Cunningham at the board’s meeting last Friday morning. The meeting was at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Cunningham noted that the county has been working to update its computer and software technology as part of an ongoing process.

“The board is committed to making the county more efficient,” Cunningham said. He said such work will continue.

Cunningham said that the issue will be addressed. The board chairman also said that he did not think that the actions addressed by the treasurer were done intentionally.

“We will continue to improve the functions of the county,” Cunningham said.

News Notes

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An American Red Cross blood drive is planned Oct. 19 at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

Members of the A-JCHS National Honor Society recently made and delivered treat baskets to the Anna and Jonesboro police stations and to the Union County Sheriff’s Office.

The Union County Chamber of Commerce plans to have a “coffee with the candidates” event from 7:15 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. on Oct. 11 at Shawnee Community College’s extension center in Anna. Candidates for Union County commissioner have been invited to attend.

Billy Abernathy from Shawnee Professional Services is scheduled to be the guest speaker at an Oct. 6 monthly meeting of the Union County Chamber of Commerce. The meeting is scheduled at the Blue Boar Restaurant between Anna and Cobden.

The Union County

Chamber of Commerce is the sponsor for Friday night’s Anna-Jonesboro Community High School homecoming football game.

The chamber plans to sponsor a ribbon cutting on Wednesday, Oct. 5, at Union County Abstract’s new building on West Market Street in Jonesboro. An open house and tours of the new facility also are planned from noon to 5 p.m.

The chamber also plans to have a ribbon cutting at noon on Oct. 7 at Apple Blossoms, which is located at 318 S. Main St. in downtown Anna.

The Cobden Village Board recently accepted a \$3,049.25 bid from Illini Asphalt for the village’s 2016 oil and chip program.

Yard sale fans might want to plan a visit to Cobden this Saturday. A community yard sale day is planned in the Union County village.

Contrary to what appearances might suggest, Cobden Village Hall is *not* for sale.

Alto Pass was a busy place last Saturday morning.

A geology hike is planned Saturday afternoon, Oct. 8, at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

A Meet the Saints event is planned Saturday afternoon, Oct. 15, at Shawnee Community College near Ullin.

Oops: An article about St. John’s Lutheran Church which appeared in last week’s paper should have indicated that property was donated by the Hileman and Miller families. The paper erred.

Petitions available for 2017 municipal election in Cobden

Nominating petitions are available for 2017 municipal elections in the Village of Cobden.

Offices to be filled in the consolidated election, which is scheduled on April 4, 2017, include:

Village president (or mayor); the incumbent is Paul Tomazzoli.

Village clerk; the incumbent is Karen Winzenburger.

Village trustee, three

positions; incumbents are Jean A. Britt, Dennis Maze and David Stewart.

All of the offices have four-year terms.

Petitions are available at Cobden Village Hall.

The filing period for the petitions is slated for Dec. 12-19.

Regular business hours at Cobden Village Hall are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Illinois Guard welcomes officers

The Illinois National Guard’s 129th Regiment’s Regional Training Institute Officer Candidate School recently commissioned nine second lieutenants.

Class 60-15 is the 60th class to graduate from the 129’s officer candidate program, which transforms enlisted noncommissioned

officers and qualified civilians into Army officers.

The program is academic focused and requires candidates to hold a four-year degree. Upon completion of the 18-month school, candidates receive their commissions and are assigned leadership positions in units across Illinois.

Weather

High of 95 degrees; .02 of an inch of rain

The high temperature reached 95 degrees during the period of Sept. 20-26 in Union County.

Precipitation for the period was very light, with .02 of an inch of rain measured on Sept. 26.

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

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Tuesday, Sept. 20	91 60
Wednesday, Sept. 21	90 61
Thursday, Sept. 22	90 61
Friday, Sept. 23	93 63
Saturday, Sept. 24	95 65
Sunday, Sept. 25	94 67
Monday, Sept. 26	74 51

Solar Tour set

On Saturday, Oct 1, homeowners and businesses across the country plan to welcome visitors who are interested in learning about their solar photovoltaic, PV, systems and other renewable energy technologies.

The nonprofit American Solar Energy Society, ASES, bills this year’s 21st annual National Solar Tour as the world’s largest grassroots solar event.

Advanced Energy Solutions plans to sponsor and promote tour destinations in the Southern Illinois region. The event lasts from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Solar Tour is self-guided and includes locations in Carbondale, Anna, Johnston City, Vienna, Stonefort and more.

Information about the event is available by visiting heartlandssolartour.org.

EQUIPMENT SALE

SouthernTrust Bank will be taking bids for the sale of equipment, trucks, and trailers. All bids must be received in writing no later than October 10th. We will contact the winning bidder(s) on October 11th.



The items for bid include: 1995 Mack CL700, John Deere 250 Skid Loader, Caterpillar E200B Excavator, Caterpillar 416B Backhoe, Case 850E Bulldozer, 1995 Trailstar Trailer, 1993 Trailstar Trailer, 1995 Mack CH600, 2 - 2000 Freightliner CNV FLD, and 1988 Freightliner CNV FLC.

If you are interested in any of these items please contact Steve Carroll at 995-9000 or steve.carroll@southerntrustbank.com to discuss further and/or arrange for a showing. If you decide you would like to make an offer, please provide a written and signed bid by October 10th, 2016 indicating the amount of your purchase offer and the item or items you are bidding on. We will consider each bid based on, and in the order of, our determination of the highest and best offers. Should a potential sale fall thru we will follow up with the next best offer. All sales are final and equipment is as is. Bids can be mailed or hand delivered to SouthernTrust Bank, 101 N. Broadway, Goreville, IL 62939. We will also accept email bids to steve.carroll@southerntrustbank.com. Twenty percent of the purchase price in cash is required when the bid is accepted and the remaining balance is due in cash within 10 days. (Cash or cashier checks, no personal checks) The purchaser(s) is (are) required to pick up and move the equipment off the lot at their expense when the balance is paid.

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I. Percent Paid	98.9%	98.2%

Jerry L. Reppert, Publisher
 September 25, 2016



Injured eagle released after successful rehabilitation

In January, Illinois Department of Natural Resources law enforcement officer Chris Mohrman received a call about an injured bald eagle at the Union County Refuge near Ware.

"I found him not far from the band shed at the Union County Refuge and he would run away from me through the fields and try to get up and fly," Mohrman said in a news release. "His tail feathers were shredded and he just could not get enough power to fly."

With the help of volunteers from Free Again Wildlife Rehabilitation, Mohrman was able to capture the injured eagle. The eagle then was transported to the rehabilitation facility.

On Thursday, Sept. 15, the rehabilitated eagle was released at the Burning Star State Fish and Wildlife Area in Jackson County. Photo provided by Jan Sundberg and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

A-JCHS homecoming celebration underway

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's 2016 homecoming celebration is underway this week.

Homecoming activities began on Monday and continue through Saturday.

The celebration includes a homecoming football game, a parade, coronation of a queen and king, and

other special activities at the Union County school.

The A-JCHS Student Council is working on the 2016 celebration. The theme for this year's homecoming is "Red Carpet."

Daily themes have been planned during homecoming week.

Class Color Day on

Thursday and Blue and White Day on Friday. Blue and white are school colors.

A parade is set for 1 p.m. on Friday. The parade will step off from the Anna City Park and go through downtown Anna.

Those who will be participating in the parade are asked to enter the park through the entrance by St. Mary's Church.

The parade route will be along East Davie Street to South Main Street in downtown Anna.

The parade route is slated to end at Stinson Memorial Library.

The National Honor Society at the school plans to sponsor an A-J Prowl event as a show of support for the Wildcat football team when it takes on the Pinckneyville Panthers on Friday at 7 p.m.

Set-up will be at 5 p.m. and the Prowl will start at 5:30 p.m. by The Pit. The cost is \$10 per booth.

Coronation of this year's homecoming queen and king will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, in the Union Hall gymnasium at the school.

Registration planned for Girl Scouts

Girls ages kindergarten through grade 12 have two upcoming opportunities to register for Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois in Union County.

On Thursday, today, registration is planned from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the basement of Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna.

Girls have another chance to sign up at Kids Fest at the Anna City Park on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The cost to register for Girl Scouts is \$15, though financial assistance is available for those who qualify. A parent or guardian must attend to complete registration forms.

The organization is also looking for adult volunteers and leaders.

For more information, contact Marci at 697-3738 or Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois at 1-800-345-6858.

Daniel Chapman NSDAR Chapter has many fall activities scheduled

By Dixie Terry

The Daniel Chapman Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution had its first meeting of the new chapter year on Monday night, Sept. 12.

The meeting followed a potluck dinner at the Vienna Carnegie Library. Spouses and potential guests were welcomed.

The hostesses were Elizabeth James, Bonnie Hogue and Doda Starkey.

The chapter welcomed two new members: Michaela Sizemore of Anna and Melodie Penrod of Carterville, who were inducted by chaplain Bonnie Hogue and membership chairperson Ruth Brown.

Reports were heard from officers, chairpersons and committees.

Members were saddened to hear of the death of member Maxine Williamson, formerly of Anna.

Another member, Marie Samuel of Carterville, has transferred membership to the Daniel Brush Chapter of Carbondale and will remain as an associate member of Daniel Chapman.

On Sept. 11, Patriots' Day was observed by the NSDAR on the 15th anniversary of 9-11-01.

On Sept. 15, the District VI and VII DAR Days were held at the Holiday Inn in Mt. Vernon.

Sept. 17-23 was the official Constitution Week, which was recognized in the local newspapers and signed by Vienna Mayor Jon Simmons, regent Juanita Broyles and Constitution Week co-chairperson Cara Webb. Alice Brooks, co-chairperson, placed Constitution Week posters in public locations in observance.

Three members participated in a Student-Parent Information Night, SPIN, event held at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, which was sponsored by the Anna-Jonesboro National Bank. They were regent Juanita Broyles; Lillian Milam, Community Service Award chairperson; and Cathy Warmack, DAR scholarship chairperson. Information about scholarships was provided to juniors and seniors of area high schools.

The Oct. 10 chapter meeting is planned at the community center in New Burnside at 1 p.m.

The speaker is scheduled to be Sharon Pyle of Harrisburg, District VII director. Members will provide personal items for an area women's shelter, in observance of Service to Americans Day, which will be observed on Oct. 11, also the 126th anniversary of NSDAR.

On Oct. 28 at 9:30 a.m.,

the District VII fall meeting will be held at Koko-pelli's Golf Club Restaurant in Marion.

On Oct. 29, there will be a joint meeting at the Fort Massac State Park visitor center in Metropolis. The Daniel Chapman and Fort Massac chapters plan to have a lunch meeting. The speaker is scheduled to be state regent Susan Frizzell of Normal.

On Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. Veterans Day, the chapter plans to host the annual program to honor all veterans on the grounds of the Vienna Carnegie Library.

A box lunch and meeting will follow in the library community room. Cara Webb and Margaret Mathis are the coordinators of the Veterans Day program. Hostesses are scheduled to be Cathy Warmack, Susan Whitemountain, and Lee Hackney.

The December meeting is scheduled to be an annual Christmas dinner, which will be at the Carnegie Library in Vienna. Hostesses are scheduled to be Virginia Street, Bonnie Hogue and Julia Mowery.

Any area woman who is interested in becoming a member of the Daniel Chapman Chapter NSDAR can contact the registrar, Marilyn Meisenheimer at 833-8259 or mmeisen@frontier.com.

Union County Museum exhibit highlights political items from 2016 election

The Union County Museum in downtown Cobden is featuring a special exhibit highlighting political items from the 2016 election.

The museum noted in a news release that the 2016 election campaign "has proven to be historic."

Democrat Hillary Clinton is the first woman to head a major party as a presidential candidate.

Republican Donald Trump is the first person since Wendell Willkie in 1940 to lead a major party without elective or military experience.

Republicans, Democrats and independents will find unique memorabilia on

display in the exhibit.

A collection of items promoting the candidacies of the two major parties' contenders will be on display.

Political buttons, chia pets, masks, bobbleheads, paper dolls, posters and a variety of campaign materials are featured.

The exhibit is scheduled to be on display through the month of October.

Museum hours are scheduled from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The museum is operated by the Union County Historical & Genealogy Society.

State police plan nighttime enforcement patrols in area

Illinois State Police District 22 personnel plan to conduct nighttime enforcement patrols during October in Union and Alexander counties.

Capt. Williams Sons, the commander of District 22, said in a news release that during the patrols, state police "will be watchful for drivers who are operating vehicles in an unsafe manner, driving with a suspended or revoked driver's license, transporting open alcoholic beverages, driving under the influence and are not properly buckled up."

Sons reminded motorists that the state police have "zero tolerance for impaired drivers."

"Alcohol and drug impairment is a significant factor in nearly 40 percent of all fatal motor vehicle

crashes in Illinois," Sons said.

"These nighttime patrols are designed to keep our roads safe by taking dangerous DUI offenders off the roads and ensuring all vehicle occupants are buckled up."

The project is funded by the Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Traffic Safety.

Vigil planned

The Peace Coalition of Southern Illinois' monthly vigil for peace and justice is scheduled Saturday, Oct. 1, from noon to 1 p.m. at the corner of Illinois Avenue and Main Street in Carbondale.

The vigil is open to all. The vigil will be followed by the monthly meeting at Cristaudo's Café and Bakery.

UNION COUNTY ABSTRACT OFFICE OPEN HOUSE & RIBBON CUTTING

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

Open House from Noon to 5:00 p.m.

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Please join us for our third annual tailgate party this Friday, Sept. 30th prior to the A-JCHS Homecoming parade.




We will be cooking hot dogs for the public to enjoy at our 201 S. Main Street location until parade time. The fun continues later in the day as the A-J Wildcats take on the Pinckneyville Panthers at 7:00 p.m. GO CATS!



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SPORTS

Fumbles costly for 'Cats in road loss at Carterville

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team couldn't recover from two lost fumbles which resulted in touchdowns in the opening quarter in a 35-7 loss to host Carterville Friday, Sept. 23.

"We had three fumbles and two in the first quarter and one in the second," A-J football coach Brett Detering said. "You can't make those mistakes."

"But I told people all week long it would be a difficult match up and they are

not a 1-3 team," the Wildcat coach noted.

The Lions were also celebrating their homecoming and with the win improved to 2-3 overall, while the Wildcats fell to 4-1.

After Carterville was halted on its opening drive and forced to punt, the A-J offense machine appeared to be on track.

The Wildcats moved to midfield but were halted on a fumble. Five plays later, Carterville's Markas Lazdinis scored on a 3-yard plunge. The ensuing extra point kick was good and the Lions held a 7-0 lead with 3:41 remaining in the first quarter.

It marked the first time all season that A-J had trailed in a game.

Another fumble set up the next Lion score. Carterville quarterback Damian Miller connected with Alex Griffin for a 28-yard TD pass after a five-play drive. The extra point kick put the Lions ahead 14-0 with :57 remaining in the first quarter.

Early in the second quarter, another Wildcat fumble turned the ball over. However, the Lions were forced to punt and it appeared A-J was finally on the move.

But after an 11-play drive, the Wildcats were halted on the Lions' 1-yard line on a fourth down.

"We had a chance to score then and get the ball back to start the half," Detering said. "If we score then, that changes things. In high school sports, that's a big momentum thing."

After one play, quarterback Miller scampered 95 yards for a TD. The extra point kick put the Lions on top 21-0 with 1:11 remaining in the second quarter.

"We didn't defend him very well and he breaks one," Detering said. "We just never got any breathing room."

After the teams traded punts to open the third quarter, the Wildcats' offense finally began moving.

In a 9-play drive that was fueled around a pass from quarterback Bryce Osman to Clint Clover and a good run by Osman, he then connected with Damien Chrisp for a 21-yard TD pass.

Sheldon McGrath's extra point kick pulled A-J to 21-7 with 1:58 remaining in the third quarter.

Following a false start penalty against A-J on the ensuing Lion drive, Miller scored on a 58-yard TD run. The extra point kick boosted Carterville to a 28-7 advantage with 1:35 remaining in the quarter.

After the Wildcats were stopped midfield, Miller capped another brief Lion drive with a 13-yard TD run to close out the scoring with 6:30 remaining in the game.

Miller, who was a reserve quarterback playing for suspended signal caller Harley Vaughn, led the Lions' 331 yard rushing attack with 238 yards in 17 carries. He scored three TDs and was 2 of 4 passing for 30 yards.

"We didn't defend him very well," Detering said. "He was a pretty good weapon to go to. It seemed like every snap was going to him. We just didn't stop their big plays."

Osman led A-J's 254 yard rushing attack with 99 yards in 20 carries. Jayce Turner added 64 yards on 16 carries and Dylan Fox 34 yards on 4 carries. Clinton Clover had 32 yards on 8 carries and Trenton Turner added 25 yards on 9 carries.

Osman was 3 of 9 passing for 54 yards.

A-J plays at Carterville

Anna-Jonesboro traveled to Carterville last Friday for a Southern Illinois high school football game. The home team won. Photos by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



Anna-Jonesboro's Jayce Turner, number 42, carries the ball. Also in the photo are A-J's Damien Chrisp, number 27, and Dylan Fox, number 21.



The Wildcats prepare to snap the ball - in the photo are A-J quarterback Bryce Osman, number 14; Aaron Lence, number 56; Caleb Clover, number 6; Austin Dillow, number 50; and Kris Potter, number 73.



Team members

Members of the Lick Creek School cross country team are, in the first row, from left, Kayla Matuszewich, Kaitlyn Matuszewich, Meranda Wright and Jady Gerardi. In the second row are Brodie Denny, Julia Hall, Kyleigh Matuszewich, Kristin Edmonds, Addison Denny and Jaiden Foster. Photo provided.

Lick Creek girls' cross country team wins invitational at Salem

On Saturday, Sept. 24, 44 teams and 786 runners from all over Southern Illinois met at Salem's Bryan Memorial Park for one of the biggest junior high cross country meets of the year.

"It is something to see this many kids not just interested in running, but passionate about it. We never realized how big cross country is in our area," Lick Creek coach Matt Denny said.

The St. Theresa Invitational consisted of about half class "S" schools and half class "L" schools. The runners all ran together and scored points individually against all classes. Team points were kept in the classes.

Lick Creek knew it would again have its hands full with St. Bruno, which has won back-to-back state titles. Coming into the meet Lick Creek had split in head-to-head competition with St. Bruno 2-2. Lick Creek was also without one of its top runners in Hannah Miller, so the Union County team's

work was cut out for it.

"We talked about stepping up to the challenge and that we had to get better from top to bottom if we want to have a chance at state in three weeks," Denny said.

"We also talked about the chance to run against the best programs in the state, like both O'Fallon schools and Triad. They all have over 2,500 students each, so we just looked at it as a chance to find out how good we are."

Lick Creek easily outpaced St. Bruno 113-160, turning in its best team effort of the year.

The girls' varsity race had 133 competitors. Lick Creek was led by Brodie Denny, who finished 4th, closely behind runners from Carrier O'Fallon, Immaculate Conception and Triad.

Kyleigh Matuszewich finished 5th, just behind Denny. Julia Hall came in 12th, while 2nd grader Jady Gerardi finished 40th. Addison Denny came in at

52 to finish the scoring for Lick Creek.

"I was so proud of our girls today, they just get better and better and when I think we have peaked, they step it up another notch. To run like we did against the bigger schools just shows how hard these kids have worked from mid-summer until now."

In the boys' JV race, 5th grader J.J. Gerardi finished 20th out of 168 runners.

"I was super proud of J.J. today. He finally ran up to his potential. He is going to be good, really good in a few years."

In the girls' JV race, Kaitlyn Matuszewich finished 32nd, while Kayla Matuszewich finished 35th. Meranda Wright came in at 52.

Lick Creek was scheduled to travel to Benton on Tuesday, and is slated to return to Benton on Saturday, Oct. 1, for its biggest meet of the year, where over 1,100 competitors are expected.

Saluki Sports Update

By Fred Huff

Now it's time to get down to serious business... not that SIU's two early-season victories have been unimportant. We simply are more into Missouri Valley Football Conference games.

And, speaking of the MVFC, its schedule-makers didn't do the Salukis any favors.

SIU plays at Northern Iowa this Saturday, hosts South Dakota State next week and is back on the road the following week at Illinois State.

In the event you've forgotten about the league's preseason predictions, those are the No. 2, 3 and 4 teams, respectively.

Sure, it gets easier after that for the young Salukis, and they do receive one break this season in that it's the year North Dakota State, the perennial champion, and SIU do NOT meet, but, geez, meeting three of the Valley's top four teams this early in the season is probably not necessarily the way first-year coach Nick Hill would have preferred to make his debut.

And, one could make a mild statement by reminding that SIU did receive an off week prior to the challenge after winning two of its first three games of the season.

But, so, too, did Northern Iowa. And the Panthers, although 1-2 after upsetting Iowa State in their season's opener and losing close decisions to Montana (20-14) and Eastern Washington (34-30), have two of the top individuals in the Valley, including quarterback Aaron Bailey. He's talented and is as dangerous when running the ball as he is when throwing it.

While well aware of UNI's history, particularly at home where the Panthers play in a dome, SIU's always-upbeat coach Hill

seemingly is excited about the opportunity to take on one of the Valley's very finest clubs.

While recognizing the challenge, he prefers to talk about his eager young club which is anxious to show the world that, although young, they have talent and are fearless.

Saluki quarterback Josh Straughan has been "okay," "good" and "great" in his first three starts as SIU's main man. His most recent, a blowout over winless Murray State, resulted in a 289-yards, 27-completions in 34 attempts and four touchdowns passing game.

Twice, already, Straughan has been selected as the Valley's "newcomer of the week."

And, too, another newcomer by the name of D. J. Davis has made an impressive debut as a running back and is providing the Salukis with somewhat of an offensive threat.

How good is it? Saluki fans, and Coach Hill, will find out Saturday.

Powderpuff Football Game slated at A-J

The second annual Powderpuff Football Game for Breast Cancer is set Oct. 15 at the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football field at 7 p.m. The cost to attend is \$2 per person.

The A-J junior and sophomore girls will play the senior girls at 7 p.m. The winner will play a faculty team immediately following the first game.

All proceeds from the event will go to a local individual in the community who is fighting breast cancer. The recipient of the money which is raised has not yet been determined.

SPORTS

Anna wins regional softball title

Avery Page tossed a three-hitter to lead the Anna Junior High School softball team to a 9-3 win over Adams of Marion for the Class M regional championship at Creal Springs Wednesday, Sept. 21. Page gave up a walk

and posted 3 strikeouts in the win. She was also 2-for-3 at the plate.

Katy Shepard led the hitting attack by going 3-for-4. Payton Seip went 2-for-4 with a double. Keri Rendleman went 1-for-3 with 2 RBIs. Avery Os-

man went 1-for-3 with a double hit.

Anna 4, Unity Point 3: Shepard was 2-for-4 at the plate to lead Anna to the win in first-round action Tuesday, Sept. 20.

Avery Osman and Jenna Chamness were each 1-for-2. Page was 1-for-3. Macy Ury was 1-for-4.

Page was the winning pitcher with a three-hitter to go with a walk and 6 strikeouts.

Anna, 14-7, is scheduled to play in the Class M state tournament at Pinckneyville against Trico at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1.

A-J volleyball team scores victory over Pinckneyville

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School volleyball team defeated Pinckneyville in recent action.

A game with Du Quoin set for Sept. 22 was canceled because of the death of a player's father.

A-J 25-25, Pinckneyville 14-20: Elle Basler had 13 serve receives, 11 digs, 9 kills and good serves and an ace to lead the host Lady Wildcats to the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division win Tuesday, Sept. 20.

Brooke Miller had 12 assists, 2 good serves and a kill and block. Ashley Oliver had 12 good serves, 6 assists and 4 digs.

Jacquie Arreola had 10 good serves, 6 kills, 3 assists and 2 digs. Kenzie Boget had 6 digs, 4 good serves, 2 blocks and a kill and an ace.

Jade Marks had 5 kills and a block and dig. Clair Boget had 2 serve receives, an assist, kill and a block.

Payton Alsip had 4 digs,

3 good serves and 2 serves receives.

A-J, 12-6 overall and 3-0 in the conference, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at Nashville.

A-J girls' golf team third in Mississippi Division event

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' golf team finished in third place in the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division tournament at the Hickory Ridge Golf Course in Carbondale Tuesday, Sept. 20.

Nashville won the Mississippi Division with a score of 353. Pinckneyville was next at 388 and A-J third with 394. Massac County won the Ohio Division with a score of 362.

The Lady Wildcats' Tanner Stadelbacher and Chelsea Reinier were each named to the Mississippi Division all-conference team.

Stadelbacher led A-J

with a score of 87. Reinier was next at 97, followed by Hailley Abernathy 104, Meghan Smith 106, Connor Hadley 109 and Emma Ray 121.

The Lady Wildcats close out regular season play at home against Chester and Murphysboro Monday, Oct. 3.

Youth wrestling sign ups planned

Sign ups are scheduled at the Anna City Park in Anna for A-J Junior Wildcat wrestling.

The sign ups are planned from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, and from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5.

The program is open to girls and boys in kindergarten through 8th grade.

Registration fees are \$75 for the first child and \$55 for the second child.

Those who plan to sign up are asked to bring a copy of the child's birth certificate.

Boys' co-op soccer team goes 2-1 in recent action

The Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden/Dongola high school boys' soccer team was 2-1 in recent action.

A-J/Cobden/Dongola 1, Sikeston, Mo., 0: Jose Guzman scored the lone goal for the home team Thursday, Sept. 22.

The winning shot was scored with a deflection off the Sikeston goalkeeper.

Jovanni Amesquita had an assist for the winning team.

Goalie Jake Parr, who had 80 minutes in goal for the Wildcats, had 7 saves in his fifth shutout of the season.

Saxony Lutheran 2, A-J/Cobden/Dongola 1: Jaryt Tripp scored the lone goal for the visitors at Saxony Lutheran in Missouri Tuesday, Sept. 20.

Parr played 80 minutes in goal and had 7 saves.

A-J/Cobden/Dongola 2, Murphysboro 0: Tripp scored a pair of goals to lead the visitors to the win Monday, Sept. 19.

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A-J/Cobden/Dongola improved to 8-6 overall and is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at Harrisburg.

Shawnee volleyball falls to Agape

The Shawnee Lady Reds high school volleyball team fell in three sets to Agape after sealing the first set with a marginal win in recent action. The set scores were 25-14, 22-25, and 23-25 in recent action.

Kirsten Pitts led the attacks for Shawnee going 18 of 20 with seven kills, 8 of 12 serving with one ace, and had three blocks.

Molly Lewis was 10 for

12 in attacks with five kills and 12 of 13 serving with four aces. Abbey Livesay was 12 for 14 in attacks with seven kills and 3 of 8 serving with two aces.

Chali Phelps was 11 for 16 hitting with two kills and 3 of 5 serving. Olivia Jackson was 4 for 4 hitting with one kill and 18 of 19 serving.

Madilyn Ellet was 1 for 2 in attacks with a kill, 11 of 12 serving, and had 23 assists.

Regional champions

The Anna Junior High School softball team won a Class M regional championship Sept. 21 with a victory over Adams of Marion. Photos by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



Anna Junior High School softball players celebrate their victory in the regional championship game.



Team members are, in the first row, from left, Macy Ury, Chloe Powell, Avery Page, Breckstin Schaefer and Karynna Carter. Second row, coach Pat Pitts, manager Reese Reynolds, Peyton Seip, Lexi Lingle, Keri Rendleman, Avery Osman, Jenna Chamness and coach Mahala Montfort.

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Men's golf scramble results

A men's golf scramble was played Sept. 21 at the Union County Country Club in Anna.

Results from the scramble follow:

First: Thomas Bailey, Al Hardin, Steve Hoffman, Dan Smith.

Second: Tony Chamness, Joe Mason, John Mowery, Dale Pender.

Third: Josh Daume, Eric Hoffman, Rick Williams, Mark Willmann.



Reptile show

Jonesboro Grade School held an assembly on Sept. 9. The assembly was titled "World of Reptiles" and was presented by Scott Shupe. Shupe handled many different reptiles and informed those at the assembly about all of them. Some teachers were even allowed to hold a snake. Photo provided.



Fielding a grounder

The Anna Junior High School baseball team faced Unity Point in the first game of recent regional action. Anna's Blake Mays fielded a grounder during that game. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.

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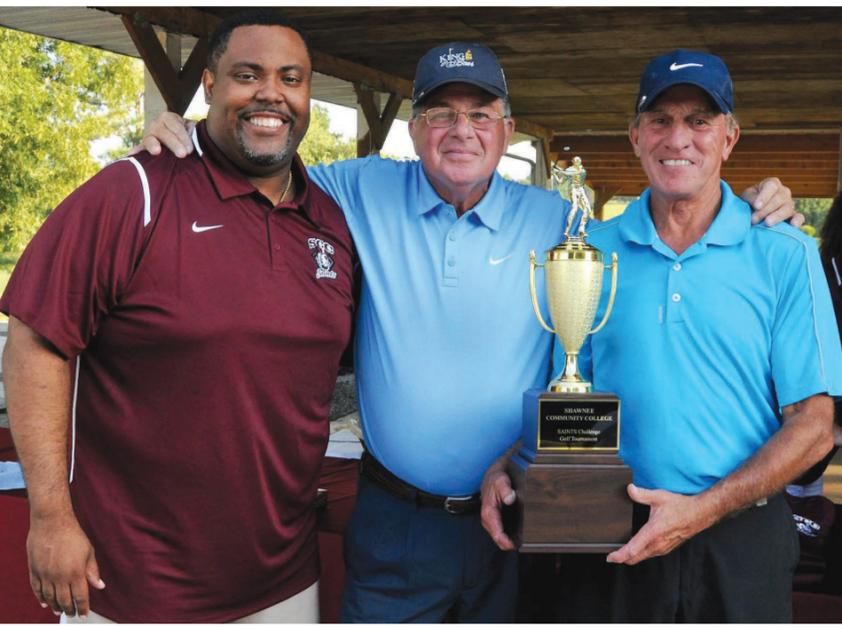
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Saints Challenge winners

Shawnee Community College had its annual Saints Challenge golf tournament on Friday, Sept. 9, at the Union County Country Club in Anna. Mike Fitzgerald, Larry Carter, Bill Stout and Steve Wein won the overall tournament and traveling Shawnee Community College trophy with a team score of 59. Anna-Jonesboro National Bank sponsored the team. Shawnee Community College athletic director men's basketball team head coach John Sparks, left, congratulated Mike Fitzgerald, center, and Larry Carter, right, on their team's winning the tournament and trophy. The college voiced appreciation to all of the tournament's participants and hole sponsors.

Adult education offers benefits

National Adult Education and Literacy Week, which began Sept. 26 and continues through Oct. 1, underscores the continued demand for programs and services for adult students who need to improve basic skills in reading, writing and math and obtain a high school equivalency certificate.

More than 36 million adults nationwide, including 1.2 million in Illinois, lack basic literacy skills that limit their ability to advance in education and at work.

Shawnee Community College is one of more than 84 adult education providers offering programs funded through the Illinois Community College Board, ICCB.

The programs are designed to improve and expand the nation's available pipeline of workers by assisting those who lack the educational requirements to achieve gainful employment in today's increasingly high-tech, global job market.

Adult education provides a path from low-income jobs and limited opportunities to the middle class wages and family sustainability.

Full-time workers with a high school diploma earn almost \$10,000 more per year than those without a diploma.

"Nearly 90 percent of the fastest growing jobs of the future require education or training beyond high school," said Dr. Karen Hunter Anderson, ICCB's executive director.

"Illinois has taken the lead in creating partnerships between adult education providers and employers to ensure a seamless pathway for students to higher education and employment in high growth occupations."

Downhill Derby set in Alto Pass

The 2016 running of the Alto Pass Great Downhill Derby is planned Saturday, Oct. 1.

Competition is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. A drivers' meeting is planned at 9 a.m.

The event is presented by the Village of Alto Pass and the Alto Pass Business Association.

The event is billed as a soapbox derby style competition and features categories for all ages.

Organizers said that the Alto Pass Great Downhill Derby "is a fun-filled family event designed to encourage participation through a parent-child team or team-building experience."



Tip over the net

Dongola High School's Karlie Kelley attempted to tip the ball over the net during Dongola's home volleyball game against Egyptian High School on Thursday, Sept. 22. After much back and forth in the second set, Egyptian came out on top. Photo by Lindsey Rae Vaughn.

Cypress Creek offers hunting opportunities

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service notes that the Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge in Southern Illinois provides many opportunities to hunt waterfowl, deer, turkey, squirrels, rabbits and other game species.

Hunting is permitted on more than 15,000 acres within the refuge boundary.

This land includes a diversity of habitats, from floodplain and upland forests, to swamps and shallow wetlands, to agriculture and early successional fields.

Hunting on the refuge generally follows state seasons and regulations.

The 2016-2017 Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping has more information about state permits and season dates.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service notes that in order to ensure the safety and enjoyment of those who come to the Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge, hunters are asked to take time to become familiar with refuge hunting regula-

tions and property boundaries. Site specific regulations include:

- Hunters may only use or possess non-toxic (lead free) shot while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild-turkey.
- Hunting bobcats on the refuge is not permitted.
- Only portable deer stands or blinds may be used and all equipment and personal property must be removed from the refuge by the end of each day's hunt.
- Hunting is not permitted in the Bellrose Waterfowl Reserve.

A refuge hunting brochure highlights additional regulations and information.

The publication is available online at https://www.fws.gov/Refuge/Cypress-Creek/visit/rules_and_regulations.html.

For more information, contact the Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge by phone at 618-634-2231 or stop by the refuge office on the Shawnee Community College campus at 137 Rustic Campus Dr. near Ullin.

Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Arts council plans to host zombie walk in October

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center zombie walk is planned from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 1 in Anna.

Union County Technology Solutions is sponsoring the event.

Registration is planned from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Participation is free.

The zombie walk begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be along Main Street in downtown Anna.

Walkers will return to the arts center, where there will be music, games and refreshments.

For more information, call 904-625-1109 or visit facebook.com/AnnaArtsCenter.

City of Jonesboro Annual Treasurer's Report Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2016

REVENUE SUMMARY:

Corporate Tax - 81374; Licenses - 5350; Motor Fuel Tax - 46670; Cable & Phone Franchise - 7528; Grants - 85000; Tap Fees - 100; Permits - 1110; State Income Tax - 194443; Replacement Tax - 4567; Sales Tax - 170418; Fines - 9097; Rent - 8450; Transfers - 104562; Interest Income - 18937; Donations - 7283; Miscellaneous - 1339; Foreign Fire Insurance Tax - 1623; Fire - 1980; Police - 702; Garbage - 93168; Utility Revenue - 935020; Cemetery - 27502; State Gaming Revenue - 1427; Surplus Property Sales - 1379.

TOTAL REVENUES: \$1,809,029

COMPENSATION SUMMARY:

Under \$25,000.00: Scott Abernathy, Ken Blandford, William Bowen, Jr., William Bracken, Billy Davis, Jr., Aaron Gregory, Bart Hileman, Vickie Hileman, Scottie Hubble, John Pickel, Lance Meisenheimer, Michael Stegle, Ethan Miller, Jeremiah Reagan, James Edwards, Michael Hunter, Hayden Newberry, Shelly Pender, Jimmy Watkins, Larry Clover, Jr., Joshua Kelley, Shawn Knupp, Kyle McDaniel, Kelle Sanders, Nathan Smith, Timothy Smith, James Watkins, Roy Walker, Karen Hallam, Jonathan Webb.

\$25,000.00 - \$49,999.99: Brentley Sims, David Wilkins, Barbara Casper, Brian Calhoun, Michael Ellis, Billy Alsip, Beverly Boyd, Kenneth Quick, Howard Theis, Jr.

TOTAL COMPENSATION \$517,408

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:

AJ Water Commission - 165679; A.S.H. Credit Union - 3175; Ameren Illinois - 21586; Anna Jonesboro National Bank - 29710; Anna Tire & Auto Center - 3199; Associated Lumber - 2696; Beussink & Hickam PC - 9895; Blue Cross Blue Shield - 66028; Cambridge Technologies, Inc. - 2693; Casey's General Store - 11516; City of Jonesboro - 12269; Coad Chevrolet - 29895; CTS Technology Solutions - 3732; CWI of Illinois #732 - 75006; Drake & Scruggs Equipment, Inc. - 13962; Illinois Department of Revenue (Gas Tax) - 8177; Illinois EPA (NPDES) - 2500; Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opport - 20000; IML Risk Management Associates - 51250; Ken Hall Electric, Inc. - 3107; Local 318 B Card - 3603; New Wave Communications - 2780; Miscellaneous - 9262; Operator Local 318 - 3388; Penninger Asphalt Paving - 19900; Ray O'Herron Co. Inc. - 4482; Ready Mix Solutions, LLC - 3073; Reynolds & Doyle, Inc. - 2850; Ron Gobin Enterprise, Inc. - 53353; Scheffer's Office Furniture - 15866; Southern FS, Inc. - 4550; Southern IL Electric Coop - 26744; State Disbursement Unit - 4160; Stewart Construction - 5393; T & I Office Equipment - 5683; Taylor, Dodd & Wood - 9713; Terrence Walsh - 5320; Union County Animal Control - 3794; Union County Drug Task Force - 7578; Union County Highway Department - 50488; Utility Gas Management - 119121; Utility Safety & Design, Inc. - 8844; Utility Sale & Service, Inc. - 5686; Walker Communication, Inc. - 3478; Walmart - 3175. All other disbursements in amounts less than (\$2500) - 69437.

TOTAL VENDORS: \$987,796

	May 1, 2015 Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	April 30, 2016 Balance
01 Corporate Account	140,492.23	598,039.86	637,687.61	100,844.48
01 Clearing Account	17,135.62	1,378,148.35	1,373,580.84	21,703.13
02 Police Anti-Crime Account	1,404.04	50.00	0.00	1,454.04
02 Police E-Citation	174.00	54.00	0.00	228.00
02 Police - Savings	537.52	138.60	0.00	676.12
02 Cash - Police Fund	931.71	105.00	0.00	1,036.71
02 PDDUI	2,756.49	702.00	0.00	3,458.49
01 Colorfest	4,586.81	1,620.00	2,000.00	4,206.81
01 Insurance Account	252.55	2,000.00	2,110.00	142.55
01 DCEO Grant	62.79	0.00	62.79	0.00
01 Cash - City Hall Fund	27,064.18	8.78	27,072.96	0.00
01 Cash - IHDA Grant	11,025.00	0.00	11,025.00	0.00
01 Investment CD	222,732.46	6,024.07	0.00	228,756.53
02 Police Investment CD	10,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
02 IHDA Grant	0.00	820.00	0.00	820.00
City of Jonesboro Deposit Account -				
21 Gas/Wtr/Swr	64,352.72	16,550.00	14,342.85	66,559.87
21 Municipal Gas Revenue Account	320,900.78	484,973.44	395,741.62	410,132.60
21 Municipal Gas Investment CD	688,763.62	10,260.06	0.00	699,023.68
Waterworks & Sewerage Revenue				
22 Account	118,838.41	485,851.67	467,381.97	137,308.11
22 Waterworks & Sewerage Investment	269,005.82	6,669.05	0.00	275,674.87
22 Sewer Grant	20,032.59	6.10	20,038.69	0.00
23 Cemetery Fund	1,752.34	66,504.68	45,642.79	22,614.23
23 Cemetery Savings Account	15,752.91	3,056.99	0.00	18,809.90
23 Cemetery Special Account	425.44	0.44	0.00	425.88
23 Cemetery Investment CD	49,961.82	89.71	0.00	50,051.53
24 Fire Fund Super Now Account	36,117.38	22,302.49	11,412.15	47,007.72
24 Fire Department Fund Raiser Account	11,454.03	3,559.38	1,523.85	13,489.56
24 Fire Department Building Fund Savings	889.55	0.88	0.00	890.43
24 Fire Department Investment CD	88,660.36	9,994.29	0.00	98,654.65
24 Shop with a Fireman	5,950.44	5,657.99	6,070.86	5,537.57
25 City of Jonesboro Motor Fuel Tax Fund	90,107.88	46,731.52	89,481.01	47,358.39
25 MFT Investment CD	96,000.00	44.84	96,044.84	0.00
26 Road District #13	77,747.04	9,058.61	1,847.32	84,958.33
Glady Halterman Fountain Trust - National City Bank, Cleveland, OH	6,254.57			6,254.57
Weiss -Anna State Bank	179,609.43			179,609.43
Helen Gearhart- First Bank of Murphys	2,000.00			2,000.00
D. Meisenheimer, Sowers, Mary Maslen, Glady Halterman - PNC	224,995.22			224,995.22
Totals	2,808,727.75	3,164,022.80	3,203,067.15	2,769,683.40

Subscribed and sworn to this 27th day of September, 2016. *Shelly Pender*

Shelly Pender, Treasurer

I, Barbara Casper, Clerk of City of Jonesboro, Union County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2016.

Barbara Casper

Barbara Casper, City Clerk

Shawnee Chapter Ducks Unlimited Banquet
October 1, 2016
 Anna VFW • 70 VFW Lane

Doors Open: 5:00 p.m.
 Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

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Downhill Derby set in Alto Pass

The 2016 running of the Alto Pass Great Downhill Derby is planned Saturday, Oct. 1. Competition is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. A drivers' meeting is planned at 9 a.m. The event is presented by the Village of Alto Pass and the Alto Pass Business Association. The event is billed as a soapbox derby style competition and features categories for all ages. Organizers said that the Alto Pass Great Downhill Derby "is a fun-filled family event designed to encourage participation through a parent-child team or team-building experience."



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JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association PLAINTIFF Vs. Jessica Gayle Manus; et. al. DEFENDANTS 16 CH 00004

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FOR RENT

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This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

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HELP WANTED: Independent Living Services is hiring DSP's for evening, weekend and midnight shifts--full and part-time available. Prefer DSP certified, but will train. Apply in person at ILS, 170 Lick Creek Road, Anna, IL.

HELP WANTED: Union County Chamber of Commerce is accepting resumes for: Executive Director. This is a part-time position. Interested applicants, please email a resume. Submit questions and/or your resume to dbl5@hotmail.com

HELP WANTED: Full-time position, Anna City Hall General Clerk.

The City of Anna is accepting applications for the position of general clerk. Applications may be picked up at Anna City Hall Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Accounting and customer service background is preferred. Health and retirement benefits are offered. Residency within Union County is required, and the position is subject to random drug testing. Position pays \$16.07 per hour. Submit resume and application to Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, IL 62906. Position will remain open until filled. EOE.

HELP WANTED: Direct Support Person to assist in providing training to individuals with developmental disabilities in a vocational, day training & residential program. High school diploma or GED required. Training and certification provided, \$1.00 more per hour on the midnight shifts, 7 paid holidays per year. Experience preferred. Apply at RAVE, Inc., 214 W. Davie, Anna, IL 62906. EOE.

HELP WANTED: Anna-Jonesboro CHSD #81 is accepting applications for the following vacancy:

• Bus Driver

We will help guide you through the bus driver training and licensing process if needed. Interested applicants should pick up an application or print one from our website at www.aj81.net and return to Anna-Jonesboro CHSD #81, Attn: Rob Wright, Superintendent, 608 S. Main St., Anna, IL 62906. Please contact the Superintendent's Office at (618)-833-8421 for more information.

HELP WANTED: Mulberry Manor is accepting applications for DSP's to work the evening shift. If not certified, training will be provided. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent to apply. Competitive salary, vacation and sick days available to full-time employees. Apply in person at 612 E. Davie in Anna. EOE.

HELP WANTED: Full and part-time positions open for local bank. Flexible hours for part-time and benefits available with full-time positions including but not limited to vacation time, health insurance, paid holidays and 401(k) with employer matching funds. Salary above minimum wage. We will train and business casual attire is acceptable. Applicant must be available to work some Saturdays until noon. Send resume to: MLDM, P.O. Box 529, Anna, IL 62906.

HELP WANTED: Mulberry Manor is accepting applications for LPN's. Available positions: Full-time (split days & evenings) and part-time evening shift. Salary based on experience. Vacation, sick days available to full-time employees. Apply in person at 612 E. Davie in Anna. EOE.

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SEASONAL WORKERS NEEDED: Local flower farm is hiring seasonal workers for inside packaging. Start date is October 10, ending approximately December 9. If interested please send contact information to: Farm, P.O. Box 529, Anna, IL 62906.

VACANCY NOTICE Shawnee District #84 is seeking applicants to fill the following positions for the 2016-2017 school year:

- High School Girls Head Basketball Coach
- Assistant High School Boys Basketball Coach
- Assistant Junior High Boys Basketball Coach

Applicants must submit a letter of interest to: Mindy Livesay, Athletic Director
Shawnee CUSD #84
3365 State Route #3
Wolf Lake, IL 62998
Positions will be filled as soon as possible.

WANTED

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WANTED TO BUY: Aluminum cans and other junk. Will pick up junk appliances. ALSO, APPLIANCES FOR SALE. Call (618)-833-3544.

YARD SALE

3 FAMILY YARD SALE: 6725 U.S. Hwy. 51 S., Dongola. Saturday, October 1. Baby items, women's clothing, household items.

2 FAMILY MOVING SALE: Friday & Saturday, September 30 & October 1, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Indoor, outdoor furniture, plants, bulbs, some adult clothing, some children's toys, lots of misc. 2645 Lick Creek Road, Anna.

5 FAMILY YARD SALE: Saturday, October 1, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Household, clothing, furniture, Christmas decor, fireplace, lots and lots of misc. 116 Center Street, Anna.

7 FAMILY YARD SALE: Saturday, October 1, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. 102 E. High Street, Anna. Children's clothing (boys & girls), lots of adult clothing, household items, Large sale, we haven't had a sale in 3 years. Rain or shine.

COBDEN COMMUNITY YARD SALEDAY: Saturday, October 1. Over 20 sales. Maps at Village Hall on E. Maple at 7 a.m. Held rain or shine.

FARMERS MARKET and YARD SALE: Saturday, October 1, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. St. Joseph Church, Cobden. Pumpkins, green beans, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, apples, etc. 25 families have donated a large assortment of yard sale items including a keyboard, guitar, vinyl records, BB gun, trolling motor, 2 mountain bikes, and more. Coffee and donuts early, burgers on the grill from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (618)-893-2652.

GARAGE SALE: Saturday, October 1, 260 Willow Lane, Anna, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Several families of clothing (adult/children), household items, adult bicycles, children's toys, and lots of misc. (Past Subway, turn right onto Dogwalk Road, then left on Mockingbird and right on Willow).

GARAGE SALE: Saturday, October 1, 1920 St. John's Road (2 miles east of Rt. 127) or (4 miles west of Dongola).

MEGA YARD SALE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 4 P.M. TO 7 P.M. AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 8 A.M. TO ??? ANTIQUES, FURNITURE, CLOTHING, COOL JUNK. 408 FREEMAN STREET, ANNA.

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE: Plus-size women's clothing, furniture, holiday items, tons of misc. Coming from Anna, it is right before Lick Creek School. Canceled if rain. Saturday, October 1, 8 a.m. to noon.

YARD SALE: Saturday, October 1. 508 N. Main, Anna. CDs, DVDs, Blu-Ray, games, toys, books, vintage collectibles, household decor, much more.

YARD SALE: Saturday, October 1, 7 a.m. to ??? 103 Mallard Lane, Anna.

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YARD SALE: Makanda-Stone Creek, Makanda Road & Rt. 51. Saturday, October 1, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

YOUTH YARD SALE: Gospel Assembly Church, 724 E. Davie Street, Anna. Saturday, October 1, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There will be grilled hamburgers, hotdogs & baked goods for sale also.

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Thursday October 13, 10 a.m.

By the table and box full, old and new knick-knacks and misc. household.

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No Reserves, No Buyers Premium.

I know some of you heard ole Dowdy's on his way out - 1 foot in the grave and the other on a banana peeling. But Thanks to some good doctors, good friends, but most important, the Lord Jesus Christ, I'm still here with both feet on the grass, and still sellin' junk.

Come by and check us out. If you don't need to buy anything, you can get a cold soda pop or cup of coffee and set out in the crowd and throw paper wads at me.

If I can get my ole buddy JACK BENNETT to come over, we'll see if he still remembers how to auctioneer.

Col. Jim Dowdy; Auctioneer see pictures at www.dowdyauction.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: September 12, 2016.

CINDY NIXON,
Ind. Executor

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ELVIS C. CAMERON
ATTORNEY FOR
INDEPENDENT
EXECUTOR
205B N. MAIN ST.
ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906
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DISTANCE OF 350 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH ON THE QUARTER QUARTER SECTION LINE A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE WEST A DISTANCE OF 250 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE EAST LINE OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED LOT NO. 3; THENCE SOUTH ON THE EAST LINE OF THE SAID LOT NO. 3, A DISTANCE OF 25 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS SAID LOT NO. 3; THENCE WEST ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT NO. 3, A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.77 OF AN ACRE, MORE OR LESS.

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NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois
SS
County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union

County. Filed this 16th day of September, 2016, under the Assumed Name of My Sun, My Moon Photography with the place of business located at 265 Chestnut Street, Alto Pass, Illinois 62905 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Samantha McCann
265 Chestnut Street
Alto Pass, IL 62905

Terry Bartruff
Union County Clerk
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County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 26th day of September, 2016, under the Assumed Name of 618 Conveyors with the place of business located at 660 Sullivan Road, Makanda, Illinois 62958 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Kenneth Wilson
660 Sullivan Road
Makanda, IL 62958

Terry Bartruff
Union County Clerk
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Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that the election for the Shawnee Community College Board of Trustees will be held April 4, 2017. This

election is for two (2) 6-year term positions. Packets with details and nominating petitions may be picked up in the Executive Office H2105, 8364 Shawnee College Road, Ullin, Illinois on any week day from September 20, 2016 to December 19, 2016, between 8 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Dates for filing nominating petitions are December 12-19, 2016, during the regular business hours of Executive Office H2105, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The time will be extended to 5 p.m. on the last day of filing, December 19, 2016. 41g

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Local, state, county agencies work to reduce railroad crossing fatalities

Illinois State Police District 22 at Ullin partnered with local, state and federal agencies to promote vehicle and pedestrian safety around railroad tracks and trains during Illinois Rail Safety Week, which was Sept. 11-17.

During 2015, there were 140 railroad grade crossing collisions involving motor vehicles, which resulted in 80 injuries and 31 fatalities.

In addition, there were 41 trespassing incidents on railroad property which resulted in 18 injuries and 23 fatalities.

Illinois is ranked second in the nation in grade crossing fatalities and fifth in the nation in railroad trespassing fatalities.

To promote rail safety awareness and education, Illinois State Police District 22 planned enforcement details throughout the week at various railroad grade crossings.

Drivers and pedestrians who disobeyed the laws associated with railroad grade crossings and railroad property were going to be cited.

In addition, police of-

ficers planned to distribute literature to the public that contained information on how to be safe around trains and train tracks.

The Illinois State Police remind motorists that when they are crossing railroad tracks, they must always obey the law and be aware of the surroundings.

Motorists are reminded that not only is it against the law to stop a vehicle on the railroad tracks, it is against the law to stop a vehicle anywhere within the highway-rail grade crossing.

Highway-rail grade crossings are typically marked by white stop lines located on the pavement in advance of the crossing, and if not marked by white stop lines, the highway-rail grade crossing extends from protective gate arm to protective gate arm.

According to Illinois Operation Lifesaver, more than 67 percent of all rail-related collisions occur at crossings with active warning devices, such as flashing lights, gates, and ringing bells.

Illinois Rail Safety Week was supported by

the Illinois State Police, the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, the Illinois Commerce Commission, Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois Operation Lifesaver, the Illinois Sheriff's Association and the Illinois Truck Enforcement Association.

Scholarship funds awarded

The Illinois Manufacturers' Association, IMA, Education Foundation has awarded Rend Lake College in Ina \$25,000 in scholarship funds for meeting a series of set standards and performing at a high level of active engagement to foster greater educational opportunities within the field of manufacturing.

Rend Lake College is one of three institutions across the state which received a scholarship from the IMA Education Foundation this summer.

The manufacturing technology program at Rend Lake College prepares graduates for supervisory or technical positions in manufacturing.

Obituaries

William Thomas 'Tom' Robinson III

William Thomas "Tom" Robinson III, 74, of Jonesboro, died at 2:37 a.m. Monday, Sept. 26, 2016, at his home.

He was born on Aug. 3, 1942, in Du Quoin, the son of William Thomas II and Aura Ruth Purkapple Robinson.

He married Kathy Weigand on April 16, 1966, in Galesburg.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy Robinson of Jonesboro; six children, Michael (Liz) Robinson of Murphysboro, Ann (Gary) Coleman of Jonesboro, Tim Robinson of Ft. Myers, Fla., Mary Poole of Jonesboro, Beth Robinson of Cape Coral, Fla., and Lora Robinson of Anna; Steve Tebbe of Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Kevin Starr Jr. of Miami, Fla., who were both extra sons to the family; 13 grandchildren, Logan and Trey Robinson, Kristen Grant, Samantha Coleman, Jessica Coleman, Sarah Coleman, Josh Poole, Zachary Poole, Mya Laster, David Im, Elaina Im, Matthew Remsey and Isabella Hawk; one great-grandchild, Emmett Godinez; one stepbrother, Chris Hamilton of Barry; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by one brother, Michael Robinson.

He was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Anna for many years. He served in the Marine Corps.

He retired after 35 years from Southern Illinois University, where he worked as the director of computing affairs. He later worked at Southeast Hospital for five years in IT. He served on the Jonesboro City Council for 20 years. He dearly loved his children and grandchildren, cooking and computers.

Funeral Mass for Mr. Robinson will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 30, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Anna, with Father Federico Higuera officiating.

Friends are invited to attend a luncheon directly after Mass in the St. Mary's Catholic Church parish hall.

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

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

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

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



Mathis Hoyle 'Hat' Ayers

Mathis Hoyle "Hat" Ayers, 83, of Anna, died at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016, at his son's home.

He was born on May 17, 1933, in Haleyville, Ala., the son of Willie and Mary Hamilton Ayers.

He married Luberda Jean Turner on April 1, 1956, in Corinth, Miss. She preceded him in death on Nov. 9, 2013.

He is survived by his four sons, Wayne Kermit Ayers of Jonesboro, Sheldon Ayers of Anna, Michael Leroy Ayers of Jonesboro and James Mathis (Daelia) Ayers of Lick Creek; grandchildren Dennis Ayers, Crystal Leigh, Angela (Dustin) Ray, Brandy Shelton, Dustin Ayers and Jaden Ayers; great-grandchildren Brittanie Ray, Lillian Ray, Logan Ray, Aubrie Ray, Richard Leigh and Trevor Leigh; one sister, Bobbie Rossman of Anna; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Luberda Jean Ayers; one sister, Opal Ashley; and three brothers, Darris Ayers, Charles Ayers and Kermit Ayers.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a life member of Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna.

A celebration of life for Mr. Ayers will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, at the Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna. Military rites will be conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW.

Memorials can be made to Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW.

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

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



Dr. Sandra Karraker Cassity

Dr. Sandra Karraker Cassity, 63, of Palmetto, Fla., died peacefully on Thursday, Sept. 1, 2016, at her home with her family in Palmetto, Fla. She battled cancer bravely for over four years while enjoying life with her husband, family and grandchildren.

She was born on March 3, 1953, in Anna. She was the third child and the first daughter of Moneda and James Karraker. She is now home with her mom, dad and her Lord and Savior.

She married Clide Cassity on Dec. 21, 1986, in Anna; they enjoyed 30 years of marriage together.

She leaves behind her husband, Clide Cassity of Palmetto; two brothers, James Karraker of Anna and Wesley Karraker of Cobden; two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Lisa Maxam of Charlotte, N.C. and Ryan and Olivia Maxam of Land O Lakes, Fla.

She enjoyed traveling and spending time with her four grandchildren, Alexander and Gretchen Maxam from James, as well as Ryan Jr. and Britanni Maxam from Ryan.

She enjoyed spending time with her friends and family. She loved traveling and taking her grandchildren on vacations.

She dedicated her life to helping others reach their potential in the field of education. She earned her bachelor's degree in special education at Southeast Missouri State University, a master's degree in vocational education at Minnesota State University Moorhead and a doctoral degree in education administration at the University of Missouri. As a vocational educator, she worked with students and professionals to ensure that they had the training and education to enter the workforce and be successful through education.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro. Friends can gather from noon until 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

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

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



Clifford Harold Wright

Clifford Harold Wright, 86, of Jonesboro, died Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016, at 4:17 a.m. at his home.

He was born on Jan. 7, 1930, in Simpson Township in Johnson County. He was the fourth child born to Douglas Bothwell and Edith Electivia Blades Wright.

On Feb. 14, 1950, he married Helen Louise Richardson in Pope County. She preceded him in death on Oct. 30, 2012.

He is survived by two daughters, Lynn Wright Heisner of Anna and Elizabeth Ann Lingle of Jonesboro; 11 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 24 great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Ivis (his wife, Mary Lou) Wright of Anna; a long-time dear and special friend, Edwina Murray of Anna; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Edith Wright; two daughters, Katherine "Kay" Starr and Barbara Wright; an infant granddaughter, Penny C. Cowsert; five brothers and a sister.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from 1951 to 1953. He earned a Combat Infantry Badge (C.I.B.) and Korean Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars. He was honorably discharged from active military duty on Feb. 10, 1953. He was a former member of the Carroll P. Foster VFW Post No. 3455 in Anna.

He was employed for over 30 years as a mechanic. He primarily worked on tractors and farm implements. Later, he was employed for approximately 12 years as a grounds keeper at the Union County Country Club. Clifford developed a passion for golfing and enjoyed playing for many years. He also was an avid wood worker and enjoyed reading Louis L'Amour western novels.

A funeral service honoring the life of Clifford Wright was conducted Sunday, Sept. 25, at 2 p.m. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Bobby Richardson and Jack Richardson officiated. Burial was in the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery. Military graveside honors were accorded.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105-1905.

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

Laura A. Eichhorst

Laura A. Eichhorst, 93, of Ullin, died at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, 2016, at her home.

She was born on July 9, 1923, in Ullin, the daughter of Edward L. and Ora Taake Eichhorst.

She worked for Famous Barr in St. Louis for over 40 years as a department manager. She was a member of First Lutheran Church in Dongola. She belonged to the Quilter's Club at church and made care packages for new mothers, along with afghans to go overseas to military service men and women. She loved having the sewing group come over to her house and enjoyed playing cards and putting puzzles together.

She is survived by her brother, Elmer Eichhorst of Ullin; a nephew, William A. "Bill" (Kelly) Miller of Anna; a great-niece and a great-nephew, Megan and Jason Miller of Anna; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters Gladys Miller and Vera Echhorst; a brother, Roy Eichhorst; a brother-in-law, Lewis Miller; and a nephew, Jeff Miller.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, at Crain Funeral Home in Ullin, with Pastor Tim Heinecke officiating. Interment was in New Hope Cemetery near Ullin.

Memorials can be made to the New Hope Cemetery fund.

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

Crain Funeral Home in Ullin was in charge of arrangements.



William R. 'Bill' Brown

William R. "Bill" Brown, 88, of Effingham, died Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016, at the Effingham Rehabilitation & Health Care Center in Effingham.

Funeral services were at 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at Johnson Funeral Home in Effingham, with Dr. Roger Marshall officiating. Burial was at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, at the Anna City Cemetery in Anna, with military rites.

Memorials can be made to the First Baptist Church in Effingham. Online condolences can be shared at www.johnsonandsonsfh.com.

He was born on Jan. 27, 1928, in Cairo, the son of Clarence and Genevieve Lingenfelter Brown.

He married Betty R. Wall of Dec. 30, 1950.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Effingham, Effingham Masonic Lodge 149, Effingham American Legion Post 120 and the University of Illinois Alumni Association.

He was a school teacher for two years and later became president of the Federal Land Bank Association in Effingham for 27 years. He enjoyed working in the yard, especially gardening, and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Betty R. Brown of Effingham; a son, William R. "Bill" (Melanie) Brown II of Altamont; grandchildren Jennifer Brown of Beecher City and Paige Brown of Altamont; two nieces and one nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Leondas Brown; and one sister, Joyce Churchill.



Clara Cavitt

Clara Cavitt, 93, of Anna, died at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016, at the Anna Rehab and Nursing Center.

She was born on Dec. 1, 1922, in Joppa, the daughter of Joseph and Arminta Wilshire Farris.

She married Eugene Cavitt on July 4, 1945, in Cape Girardeau. He preceded her in death on June 11, 2004.

She is survived by her son, Dwayne Cavitt of Anna; nieces and nephews; great-nieces and great-nephews; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Eugene Cavitt; and several brothers and sisters.

She was of the Baptist faith.

Funeral services for Mrs. Cavitt were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home, in Anna with Paul Tirey officiating. Interment was in the Anna City Cemetery.

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

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



THANK YOU

The family of
James "Blackie" Mueller
would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our friends and family for their continued support during the last few months.

The calls, prayers, visits, cards, food, flowers and friendships were greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank Debbie Nash for the awesome eulogy, Rendleman and Hileman Funeral Home, LaDonna and Paul Tirey from Celtic Hospice for their compassionate care and support. We also want to thank his second family, Jerry Reppert and the staff at The Gazette-Democrat for the friendship, love and support they gave for the last 71 years.

*Todd and Teresa Vincent
Ronnie, Michelle and Trenton Barnhart
David, Natalie and Kylee Stanley*

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Raymond (Cub) Samuel Boner

Raymond (Cub) Samuel Boner was born on Feb. 9, 1921, the son of Samuel Raymond and Grace Simmons Boner in Johnson County.

His father died in 1929 and he was raised by a single mother with four other children. His mother, Grace Boner Harris, died on Jan. 26, 1998.

He had one younger brother, Alonzo Emmet Boner, who died on July 31, 1944, while serving in active duty during the second World War; and three sisters, Margaret Webb, Paralee Harrell and Reba Jasinski; who preceded him in death.

He has one sister who survives, Barbara Harris Ross. He married Dorothy Allene Sloan in 1947 after returning from World War II. She died on Dec. 26, 1979.

They had one daughter, Elaine (Jerry) Jackson of Lake of Egypt, and one son, Anthony Ray Boner of Anna. They survive.

He had three grandchildren Kelly Jackson of Louisville, Ky., Kindra (John) Grimes of Greenwood, Ind., and Keith Jackson of Lake Villa. He had eight great-grandchildren, Kira Jackson of Louisville, Ky., Samuel and Nicholas Grimes of Greenwood, Ind., and Kayla, Josiah, Elias, Jaden and Kirk Jackson of Lake Villa.

He leaves many nieces and nephews who have called him "Uncle Raymond" over the years and visited him when they came back to Southern Illinois from different parts of the country.

He joined the Army (serving in Company L, 137th Infantry, 35th Division) in 1942 and served as a trainer until the war became intense and then he was transferred to the European Theatre. Preceding the war, he worked at Franzier's Company Farm near Tunnel Hill and could have been deferred because they supplied food to the war effort. He told his boss that "he had to go." He was a life member of Carroll P. Foster VFW Post No. 3455 in Anna.

Because he was an excellent marksman, he was designated as a sniper to guard a first lieutenant in France. While clearing a building, second in line, he was shot in the left forearm. Because of the location and only "sulfa" drugs available, the wound became infected. He was shipped back to a hospital in Texas, where he lost the left forearm and underwent several skin grafts over a period of several months during convalescence.

He was awarded the Purple Heart for his wounds. During his military career, he qualified for three rifle awards and an automatic rifle. He also earned an award for marksmanship at 500 yards.

He worked in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) during the 1930s and 1940s, assisting with the building of Giant City Park in Makanda and also other parks throughout the State of Illinois.

He worked construction for the Laborer's Union and farmed during his life on 167 acres north of Tunnel Hill. He sold the farm in 1995 and the new owner converted it into what is now Bella Terra Winery. He moved to Marion in 1995 and lived there until 2013.

He loved to dance and had different dance partners during his later years. They won several senior citizens dance contests throughout Southern Illinois.

A celebration of the life of Raymond Boner was held Monday, Sept. 26, at 11 a.m. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Jerry Jackson, Mr. Boner's son-in-law conducted the service.

Burial was in Webb Cemetery near Tunnel Hill. Military graveside honors were accorded.

Memorials can be made to the Johnson County Veterans Memorial Fund, c/o Beggs-Gurley VFW Post No. 5222, P.O. Box 561, Vienna, Ill. 62995, or the Illinois State Veterans Home, 792 N. Main St., Anna, Ill. 62906.

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

Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna was in charge of arrangements.



Rae Evelyn King

Rae Evelyn King, 74, of Vienna, and formerly of Cypress, died Monday, Sept. 26, 2016, at 9:12 a.m. at Baptist Health in Paducah.

She was born on May 11, 1942, in the Renshaw Community in Pope County. She was the daughter of Festus E. and Mildred J. Kelly Martin.

On April 6, 1958, she married Dean King at the Dixon Springs Baptist Church. He preceded her in death on May 23, 2006.

Survivors include her children, Rick (his wife, Mary) King of Vienna and Kelly (her husband, Shaun) Aden of Dongola; seven grandchildren, Dustin, Dereck, Kara, Kyle, Hillary, Kory and Adam; nine great-grandchildren, Ethan, Zoey, Lukas, Abigail, Lila, Kenley Rae, Hayden, Eli and Jonas; a sister, Bettie Davis of Vienna; nieces, nephews and many other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Kevin King, and a brother, John Martin.

She had been employed for many years as a convenience store manager throughout Western Kentucky and Southern Illinois. She had previously been employed as a dietary supervisor at the Massac Memorial Hospital in Metropolis for two years.

She was an excellent cook. She had operated an in-home candy making business and, along with her sister, Bettie, formed Sisters Sweets, a custom baking business. She had also cooked at her daughter's restaurant, Kelly's Kountry Kitchen.

Following the tragic death of her son Kevin, she felt a calling into a ministry of assisting others who had experienced loss. She was employed for the past several years as the aftercare services coordinator at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna until declining health prevented her from working. She touched the lives of many through the years with her encouraging spirit, a kind word and a hug.

She was a faithful member of the Vienna First Baptist Church. She was an avid St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan and always considered herself to be Elvis Presley's No. 1 fan.

She was devoted to her family and cherished every moment spent with them.

A service honoring the life of Mrs. King will be conducted Thursday, today, at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Matt Snell and Dr. Ed Hollis will officiate. Burial will be in the Friendship Cemetery near Dongola.

Visitation will be prior to the service Thursday, today, at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials can be made to the Heather Harper Treat Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 98, Vienna, Ill. 62995, or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105-1905.

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

Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna is in charge of arrangements.



Reynoldsville News

by Sue Eudy

Sunday dinner guests of Sue and Steve Eudy of Anna were Brian, Susan and Megan Eudy of Jackson, Mo., and Ryan Wacher of Jonesboro.

On Friday, Sept. 23, Fred Pender of Fair City and Uncle Pind and Kin played music at Sunshine Inn in Anna.

Brad and Lori Pender of Jonesboro and Kristin Pender of University of Indiana visited with Fred and Maxine Pender of Fair City.

Penny and Kerry Hill of McClure and David and Kristy Miller of St. Charles, Mo., spent last week visiting in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Shirley Miller of McClure attended Young at

Heart at Anna Heights Baptist Church last Tuesday.

Shirley Miller, Penny Hill and David and Kristy Miller enjoyed eating at O'Charley's in Cape Girardeau on Saturday night.

The annual Gibbs family reunion will be held Saturday, Oct. 1, at Giant City State Park, shelter No. 3. All family and friends are invited to come share a potluck meal at noon. Signs will be posted.

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

News from First Baptist Church, Cobden

Pastor Ed Falgout's message on Sunday morning, Sept. 25, was titled "A Voice Crying Out in the Wilderness."

The message, which made reference to the 15th article from the Baptist Faith and Message, was about "separation, the role and culmination of church and state."

The Lord's Supper was observed during the morning worship service.

Hugo Quintero brought

the message at the Sunday evening service. He and his family were visiting from Mexico City, Mexico. Quintero is an optometrist who helped the church's mission team while it served in Puebla.

Sunday School begins at 9 a.m. The Sunday morning worship service begins at 10 a.m. The Sunday evening worship service begins at 6 p.m. The Wednesday service begins at 6:30 p.m.

News from First Christian Church, Anna

"Avoid Being Judgmental" was the title of the sermon preached Sunday, Sept. 25, by Senior Minister Dee Arnes. Scripture was from James.

The message shared that "judging others reeks of hypocrisy. It hurts the church. It hurts the one who is judging."

Birthdays: Nick Ellis, Sept. 25; Christina Bynum,

Sept. 29. First Christian Church meets at 200 Mallard Ln. in Anna.

School School is at 9:30 a.m. The Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. The Sunday evening program begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening Bible study is at 6:30 p.m.

A tribute to our area veterans . . .

The Gazette-Democrat will publish on November 10, 2016, a special commemorative issue in honor of our area veterans and service members currently serving on active duty. There will be no charge for this service.

Don't miss this opportunity to pay tribute to those who have proudly served or are still serving our country.

Please mail or bring on a picture of your veteran (living or deceased) or your family member still on active duty to:

The Gazette-Democrat
112 Lafayette Street
Anna, IL 62906

If you wish to repeat information about a veteran which was part of last year's section, you must notify the newspaper by writing or calling 618-833-2158. The deadline to submit an item is October 14.

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"The Preaching Pen" He Is Risen!

There are many words in the Bible that gives hope, but surely none greater than, "He Is Risen!" This rekindled hope in those who walked with Jesus during His ministry, and it brings hope to any who follow Him today. Isn't it logical that if the Lord didn't come forth from the grave, neither will we? Therefore, our hope is based on His resurrection! In fact, Jesus is the resurrection! He said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life" (Jn. 11:25). The resurrection is the very thing that declares Him to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness (Rom. 1:4). One cannot obey the Gospel without the resurrection. "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection" (Rom. 6:5). Paul had just mentioned being buried with Him through baptism into death, and added: "that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (v. 4).

Thus, we can surely see how important the words, "He Is Risen" are, and the hope they have brought to millions over the centuries. "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable" (I Cor. 15:19).

Why would anyone refuse to be buried and raised with Jesus in baptism? Since our only hope is His death, burial, and resurrection, shouldn't we want to obey a form of these (Rom. 6:17)? If you have never obeyed the Gospel, what has kept you from doing so? Has it been weak faith? An unwillingness to repent? A refusal to confess Him to be the Christ? Or, a failure to be baptized for the remission of sins? Does it make sense to refuse obedience when He has become the author of salvation to all who obey Him (Heb. 5:9)?

Dear Reader, we invite you to learn more with us at the Anna church of Christ at 104 Nile St. this Sunday. We meet at 9:30 a.m. for Bible study, 10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m. for worship. We also want to make you aware of our annual clothing giveaway to be held Oct. 15th from 7 a.m. - 12 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall - 106 Nile St. We wish you a great day and hope to see you soon!

R. W. McAlister, Minister
 Anna church of Christ

Monthly report for August

Anna Police Department responded to 281 calls

The Anna Police Department recorded 281 calls which required a response during August.

The statistics were shared in a monthly activity report for August which was released by Anna Police Chief Mike Hunter.

Monthly Activity

During August, the Anna Police Department also recorded:

124 walk-in requests. 74 traffic stops. 22 crashes handled. 14 vehicles impounded. 13 motorists assisted.

43 criminal arrests. 38 traffic citations. 49 written warnings. 14 code violations cited.

3,637 miles patrolled. 991 hours worked.

Investigative Cases

A review of investigative case reports showed: 43 cases approved. 25 cases submitted for prosecution. Three pending investigations. 15 cases closed.

Case Reports

Chief Hunter shared reports about several incidents which occurred in August and early September.

Sept. 3: At approximately 5 p.m., an Anna Police Department officer identified a male subject who was driving a silver-colored sedan and was wanted on a warrant.

After confirming the warrant, the officer attempted to stop the subject. The subject stopped the vehicle he was driving

and ran into a residence where he had been staying, disregarding the officer's commands to stop.

After the subject entered the residence he locked the door.

There were other occupants in the residence, who refused to open the door for the officer. After several other officers arrived at the scene, they were able to make entry.

The subject who was wanted on a warrant was located, hiding in the attic at the residence.

Other charges were pending against the subjects who were in the residence at the time of the incident.

Aug. 30: As the result of an employee at the Walmart store in Anna, Anna Police Department officers apprehended a male subject from Tennessee.

The subject had been to the Walmart store on two prior occasions. He was captured on video allegedly removing merchandise.

Store employees had been provided with a photograph of the subject in the event that he returned.

After positive identification was made, the subject was arrested and charged with burglary and felony retail theft.

Aug. 20: the Anna Police Department also used security video provided by Walmart to identify a subject from California.

The subject entered the store multiple times on

Aug. 20 and allegedly removed items from the store without paying for them.

The subject has been positively identified and charges were pending.

Assistant Chief of Police/Investigator's Report

Anna Police Department assistant chief of police and investigator Bryan Watkins reported that he investigated 14 criminal complaints during August.

Of those complaints, eight incident reports were submitted to the Union County state's attorney's office in Jonesboro for prosecution.

Watkins conducted 12 interviews, and made numerous telephone calls, which involved suspects and witnesses.

Watkins was called to testify before a Union County grand jury in three different cases. The testimony was used to obtain indictments involving three suspects.

One additional case was given to Watkins because an on-duty officer was being called to service.

Watkins assisted the Union County Drug Task Force with the purchase of two drug buys.

His assistance included interviewing a confidential source, a briefing on the purchase of the drugs and maintaining visual contact with the confidential source while purchasing the drugs.

Watkins attended a meeting at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School with other law enforcement department heads to discuss a scenario involving an active shooter.

Cobden police chief: August was busy month

August was a busy month for the Cobden Police Department.

Cobden Police Chief B.J. Hale has released an August activity report for the department.

Department personnel issued four written warnings, 14 traffic citations and four criminal citations during August.

"Thanks to thorough patrolling and contacts made by Officer (Jesse) Adams, it helped me collaborate evidence reports and interviews which enabled us to successfully close all of the pending burglary cases for Cobden," Hale reported.

Hale reported that subjects which were the focus of an investigation also had been linked to a string of thefts which occurred in Anna.

The police chief reported that all except one of the suspects were from

outside the village. Two were under 18 at the time of the crime.

On Aug. 2, department personnel volunteered for a National Night Out event which was held at the park in downtown Cobden.

"I think it was a great event and we are all excited to do it again next year," Hale stated.

He noted that the event helped to boost a positive relationship with young people in Cobden.

"This made it easier for all on August 19th when school started again," Hale added.

The Cobden Peach Festival and the Peach Festival parade were held on Aug. 5-6. Hale said the festival and parade were "a great success."

Hale reported that four of the department's officers were certified on Aug. 30 to use the X2 Taser.

Anna City Council acts to allow for outdoor consumption of alcohol

The Anna City Council last week took action that will allow for consumption of alcoholic beverages outdoors at eligible, licensed establishments in the Union County city.

A vote to amend the city's liquor control ordinance was approved by the city council at its regular meeting on Tuesday evening, Sept. 20. The meeting was at Anna City Hall.

The council voted 4-1 in favor of amending the ordinance. Mayor Steve Hartline voted in favor of the proposal, as did city council members Brandon Bierstedt, Al Kamp and Martha Webb. City council member Da-

vid Isom voted against the proposal.

The amendment to the liquor control ordinance was drafted by city attorney John Foley.

Last week's vote came after the council had discussed the matter numerous times.

Businesses which want to establish a location for outdoor consumption of alcohol will need to gain the approval of the city's liquor commissioner and the entire city council. The mayor serves as the liquor commissioner.

Regulations governing amplified music are included in the amended ordinance.

Illinois State Police District 22 responded to 100 calls in August

Illinois State Police District 22 personnel responded to 100 calls for service during August.

The district patrols and handles calls for service in seven Southern Illinois counties, including Union, Johnson, Pope, Massac, Hardin, Pulaski and Alexander. The district's headquarters are in Ullin.

The district's August activities were highlighted in a Sept. 21 news release.

In addition to responding to the 100 calls for service, District 22 personnel:

Issued 498 citations and 757 written warnings.

Arrested six motorists for driving under the influence.

Handled 26 crashes, including two which involved fatalities.

Conducted 200 motor carrier safety inspections. Twenty-seven of the inspections led to either the driver or the vehicle being placed

out of service for safety violations.

Assisted 134 motorists on the side of the road.

Made nine criminal arrests.

Citations which were issued for "Fatal Four" violations included:

Six for driving under the influence. 260 for speeding. 73 for occupant restraint violations. 16 for distracted driving.

The District 22 safety education office conducted 14 presentations, with a total of 300 people in attendance.

Sheriff reports 19 felony arrests

The Union County Sheriff's Office made 19 felony arrests during August.

The numbers were shared in Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel's monthly activity report.

The report also showed 24 misdemeanor arrests, 40 traffic arrests and four warrant arrests. A total of 87

Those in attendance included area students, school staff members and parents.

The officers of District 22 remind motorists who are traveling on Illinois roadways to follow Scott's Law, or "The Move Over Law."

The law requires motorists to:

Reduce the speed of their vehicle. Yield the right-of-way by changing lanes away from an authorized emergency vehicle. Proceed "with due regard to safety and traffic conditions."

arrests were reported during August.

The sheriff's office opened 49 cases in August. Ten drug investigations were reported. The sheriff's office had 16 crash reports.

A total of 2,016 911 calls were reported. Sheriff's office personnel patrolled 12,443 miles in August.

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Section B



Our Healthy Circle kickoff celebration

The Our Healthy Circle program at Union County Hospital in Anna held a kickoff celebration on Friday, Sept. 16. The celebration was at the Main Street Center in Anna. The program was launched in 2002 under the name of Senior Circle. The transition to the new name was developed in part because members had been communicating their shift away from the identity of "seniors." They are living increasingly more active and diverse lives, and the hospital felt it needed to consistently keep pace with their needs. Members will continue to enjoy the benefits they know. Door prize winners at the kickoff celebration included, from left, Marion Stevens, Judy Smith, Carol Frick and Jackie Myers, along with Kelley Thorpe from Crain Funeral Home and Cemetery Services, which sponsored the door prizes for the event.

Oasis Shrine Club plans to offer orthopaedic screening at clinic

The Oasis Shrine Club plans to have a screening clinic for orthopaedic conditions, for Shriners Hospitals for Children for all children under the age of 18.

The clinic is planned from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Southern Seven Health Department Union County clinic, which is located at 260 Lick Creek Rd. in Anna.

For parents who suspect their child may have an orthopaedic condition, the free screening clinic is an opportunity for a local physician to evaluate children and, if necessary, refer them to seek treatment at Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Families don't need to

know a member of the Shriners to participate.

No appointment is necessary; however, families with questions can call Doug Sauerbrunn at 833-8912 for more information.

Children will not be diagnosed—they will be evaluated to determine if they have a condition that is treatable at Shriners Hospitals for Children. Acceptance as a patient is based solely on a child's medical needs.

Conditions include, but are not limited to scoliosis, club foot, hip problems, shoulder and arm problems, limb-length differences, bowed legs and others.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives

of children by providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research, and outstanding teaching programs for medical professionals.

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Shriners Hospitals for Children in St. Louis is recognized throughout the Midwest as a leader in treating orthopaedic conditions, with some of the world's most renowned surgeons, many of whom are faculty members at Washington University School of Medicine.

River-to-River Trail Society plans fall hikes in region

The River-to-River Trail Society announces its schedule of guided hikes in the Shawnee National Forest area in Southern Illinois for October and November.

All hikes are open to the public and are free of charge. The trail society said that all hikes are of at least moderate difficulty and are intended for people in good health who have done some walking.

Boots or sturdy shoes and a walking stick are highly recommended. Hikers are advised to bring their own water and a snack, and to not bring dogs.

On Oct. 8, Eric Johnson plans to lead a hike through Max Creek in Johnson County starting at 10 a.m.

Hikers plan to meet at the New Simpson-Tunnel Hill School on Route 45, between Ozark and Vienna.

Jim Kramer is planning a hike through Wildcat Bluff, Boss Island and Little Black Slough in Johnson County on Oct. 15 beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Those planning to hike are asked to meet at the Vienna City Park at 302 E. Vine St. (Illinois Route 146) in Vienna.

On Oct. 22, hikers can join Bob Mulcahy on a walk through Kincaid Lake in Jackson County starting at 10:30 a.m.

The group plans to meet at the trailhead at the north end of Spillway Road, just east of Route 3, about 5 miles west of Murphysboro. Jackson Hollow, west of railroad tracks in Pope County is the focus of a hike led by Bill Gilmour on Oct. 29 at 10 a.m.

Those who plan to go on the hike are asked to meet at the East Trigg Trailhead, Trigg Tower Road (Forest Road 424), 1.5 miles northeast of Trigg Tower and 3 miles northeast of Simpson.

On Nov. 5, a hike is planned on the Ferne Clyffe loop in Johnson County

with Ernestine Brasher and Jim Todd at 10 a.m.

Participants plan to meet at the parking area by the lake in Ferne Clyffe State Park, near Goreville.

On Nov. 12, Kelly Pearson of the U.S. Forest Service plans to lead a hike on the Clear Springs Trail in the Clear Springs Wilderness of Union County.

Hikers are asked to meet at 10:30 a.m. in the eastern parking area for Clear Springs Wilderness.

Directions to the location: From the intersection of Route 3 and Muddy Levee Road (approximately 4 miles north of Wolf Lake and 4 1/2 miles south of Grand Tower), proceed east to the base of the bluffs and the intersection with LaRue Road. Turn left onto LaRue Road and proceed about 4 miles past the intersection with Hutchins Creek Road. Cross the low water crossing and the parking area will be to the left.

Mart Watson plans to lead a hike through Jackson

Falls in Pope County starting at 10 a.m. on Nov. 26.

Hikers plan to meet at the climbers' parking lot, Jackson Falls, 2 1/2 miles southwest of McCormick and 4 miles east of Ozark.

The River-to-River Trail Society is a not-for-profit organization founded by John O'Dell during the 1990s to promote completion of the River-to-River Trail, which now runs through the Shawnee National Forest between Elizabethtown on the Ohio River and Grand Tower on the Mississippi River.

The society engages in trail maintenance and advocacy and offers guided public hikes during the spring and fall hiking seasons.

The society also publishes a trail guide to the entire River-to-River Trail, which is available for \$20 plus \$5 postage and handling (\$25 total), from the society's headquarters at 1142 Winkleman Rd., Harrisburg, Ill. 62946.

Family, consumer science conference set at Shawnee

University of Illinois Extension has announced plans for the ninth annual family and consumer science conference.

The conference is scheduled Oct. 10 at Shawnee Community College near Ullin.

The event is open to the public. Organizers said that preregistration is appreciated.

A youth workshop will be a new event at this year's conference. Young people ages 5 to 14 will have an opportunity to participate in hands-on science and cooking activities. A light lunch and snacks will be provided. For more information about the event, or to preregister, call 618-745-5200.

The conference is sched-

uled to begin with registration from 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. A welcome is planned from 8:45 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Lessons are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

The schedule of lesson topics includes Living Your Bucket List, Hold That Thought, New Ways to Cut Your Electricity Bill, The Most Dangerous Room in Your House: Kitchen Safety, Eating Well as You Age, Is Your File Cabinet Too Full?, Slow Cookers: How and When to Use Them and "Wits Fitness" Training Camp.

At the end of the day, lunch will be served. Traveling trophies will be awarded. Door prizes will be given away.

Extension educator Susan Sloop is scheduled to give a keynote talk from 12:45 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Preregistration forms are available at local University of Illinois Extension offices.

The cost for the day is \$10, if registration is paid by Oct. 1. Late registrations will cost \$15.

An Extension office is located in Anna and can be contacted by phone at 833-6363.

Festival planned

A Pope County Fall Festival is planned Oct. 9 at the courtyard in Golconda.

The day will feature food, crafts, music, games and antiques. For more information, call 618-926-5095 or 618-683-5821.



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'Rare and Rarely Seen' exhibit set at Lincoln Library, Museum

Area residents who are planning a trip to Springfield may want to make note of a new exhibit at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield.

The exhibit celebrates the depth of the library's collection by highlighting items that rarely get a turn in the spotlight, from a document signed by George Washington and Thomas Jefferson to a pair of shoes from a Nazi concentration camp.

"Rare and Rarely Seen" was scheduled to open to the public Sept. 28 and will run until Jan. 29, 2017.

"What makes this exhibit so special is that it shows

the depth of our collection through documents and artifacts that, in most cases, have never been on display before," said Alan Lowe, executive director of the presidential library and museum, in a news release. "We're excited to share these rare items with our visitors."

Items which are scheduled to be on display in "Rare and Rarely Seen" include:

- Wooden shoes worn by a prisoner at the Dachau concentration camp.
- A commission naming a federal marshal, signed by President George Washington and Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson.

- A Howitzer shell representing Illinois that was fired during President Kennedy's funeral.
- A dress worn by Marilyn Monroe.
- A letter from Robert E. Lee to Ulysses S. Grant expressing concern that he might be indicted for treason. It includes Grant's handwritten recommendation that Lee not be prosecuted.

"The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum commemorates Lincoln, of course, but it is also the home of the Illinois State Historical Library. Millions of fascinating documents and artifacts that cover the gamut of Illinois history have made their way into the collection over the past 125 years, and we are so excited to share a few of them with the world in this exhibit," said Dr. Samuel Wheeler, the state historian.

The exhibit also includes two interactive features. One was inspired by the section on politics and will let visitors vote on their favorite item in the exhibit. Another asks visitors to write about rare, precious items from their own lives; their answers will be posted for everyone to see.

"Rare and Rarely Seen" will be presented in the museum's Illinois Gallery. The exhibit is free with regular admission to the museum.

The exhibit will be accompanied by a series of special events over the next four months.

Kid-friendly events are planned on Oct. 3 and Oct. 10. The historians and curators who produced the exhibit will offer a behind-the-scenes look at it on Nov. 17.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, a division of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, is dedicated to telling the story of America's 16th president through old-fashioned scholarship and modern technology.

The library and museum have some 12 million items collected by the Illinois State Historical Library, which was founded in 1889 and eventually became part of the presidential library.

The museum is open seven days a week. The library portion of the AL-PLM is open free of charge Monday through Friday for research. For details, visit www.PresidentLincoln.il-linois.gov.

IDNR: 53 suspected cases of EHD in deer

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, had received reports of 53 suspected cases of Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease, EHD, through mid-September.

EHD appears to be more prevalent in east-central and northeastern Illinois counties, including Cook, Lake and Vermilion counties, where tests have confirmed the presence of the disease and 40 cases have been reported. In all, reports have come from nine counties.

Scattered suspected EHD cases have been reported across the remainder of Illinois, including Adams, Fulton, Macoupin, Madison, Mason and White counties involving a total of 11 deer.

The worst year for EHD in Illinois was 2012 when 2,043 cases were reported from 76 counties. In 2013, IDNR received reports of 403 cases from 51 counties. EHD was virtually absent in 2014 and low levels were reported in 2015.

IDNR continues to ask landowners, hunters and concerned citizens to be on the lookout for dead or dying deer, and to report suspected EHD cases to their local IDNR field office, or to the IDNR Wildlife Disease and Invasive Species, WDIS, program.

IDNR is especially in-

terested in sick or recently dead animals, as staff may attempt to collect tissue samples in order to confirm the presence of the EHD virus.

Contact information for local IDNR biologists is available at the following website <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/wildlife/professionals.cfm>.

The WDIS program can be contacted at 815-369-2414 or by email at doug.dufford@illinois.gov.

Those who contact IDNR or WDIS will be asked to provide their name and contact information, as well as the county, number of dead/sick deer, sex (if known), age (fawn or adult) and specific location of the deer (distance/direction from the nearest town or intersection of two roads).

EHD is a viral disease of white-tailed deer that can cause localized die-offs when conditions are favorable for transmission.

Infected animals develop a high fever, and dead animals often are found near water sources.

Hunters may encounter deer killed by EHD when they go into the woods during the upcoming deer hunting seasons.

EHD outbreaks typically end when freezing weather kills the insects that spread the virus.

While often fatal to deer, EHD is not hazardous to humans or pets. EHD has been shown to affect livestock, so IDNR encourages producers to be vigilant.

The virus is transmitted between deer by a midge that hatches from muddy areas along lakes/ponds and streams/rivers.

Although EHD is observed somewhere in Illinois every year, cases are more numerous during hot and dry summer weather conditions, presumably because receding water levels create these muddy areas, providing breeding sites for the midges.

Limited water resources also congregate deer at remaining watering sites, creating conditions favorable for disease transmission.

Volo Bogtrotters coming to Cobden

The Volo Bogtrotters are scheduled to bring their old-time, traditional music to The Old Feed Store in downtown Cobden on Sept. 30.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. The kitchen opens at 6:30 p.m.

Gibbs reunion set

The annual Gibbs family reunion is planned Saturday, Oct. 1, at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

The reunion will be at shelter number 3, with a potluck dinner starting at noon.

All family and friends are invited to attend. Signs will be posted.

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State public health officials urge Illinois residents to get flu shot

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, is urging everyone 6 months and older to get a flu shot, not the influenza vaccine nasal spray, as soon as it's available.

IDPH stated in a news release that due to concerns about how well the nasal spray vaccine has worked during the previous flu season, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, ACIP, is temporarily recommending that people stick to getting a flu shot and skip the nasal spray.

"No one likes getting stuck with a needle, but no one likes having a fever, cough, sore throat and body aches for days, or even weeks," IDPH director Dr. Nirav D. Shah said.

"Anyone can get the flu, even healthy people. Getting a flu shot is the first and most important step in protecting you and those around you against flu viruses."

Influenza is spread mainly when people with the flu cough or sneeze. The flu can cause mild to severe illness, and can even result in hospitalizations or death.

People at high risk of serious flu complications include young children, pregnant women, people with chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes, or heart and lung disease, and people 65 years and older.

Vaccinations can reduce flu illnesses, doctors' visits, missed work and school, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations.

Over a period of 31 seasons between 1976 and 2007, estimates of flu-associated deaths in the United States range from a low of about 3,000 to a high of about 49,000 people.

During recent flu seasons, between 80 and 90 percent of flu related deaths have occurred in people 65 years and older.

The flu season typically runs from October to May, with the peak between December and February. Last year the flu season started and peaked later than usual.

IDPH noted that it's not possible to predict what this flu season will be like. While flu spreads every year, the timing, severity, and length of the season varies from one year to another.

Manufacturers project providing between 157 million and 168 million doses of vaccine this year, the

same amount as last year.

While the flu shot vaccine effectiveness was almost 60 percent last year, the vaccine has been updated to better match viruses circulating this season.

In addition to getting a flu shot, IDPH recommends following the 3 C's: clean, cover and contain.

Clean: frequently wash your hands with soap and warm water.

Cover: cover your cough and sneeze.

Contain: contain your germs by staying home if you are sick.

Influenza antiviral drugs can be a second line of defense for treatment of some who get sick with the flu.

Many observational studies have found that in addition to lessening the duration and severity of symptoms, antiviral drugs can prevent flu complications.

Because it is important to start antiviral medication quickly, high-risk patients should contact a health care professional at the first

signs of influenza symptoms, which include sudden onset of fever, aches, chills and tiredness.

Illinois saluted for improved technology

The Center for Digital Government recently named Illinois as one of the most improved states in the country for technology and innovation.

In 18 months, Illinois has moved from the bottom quarter to the top third of all 50 states.

The staff at the newly formed Illinois Department of Innovation & Technology, DoIT, works to improve efficiencies and simplify the ways citizens can access the services and information they need.

DoIT was formed through Executive Order 16-01, which created a new state agency with responsibility for the information technology functions of agencies under the jurisdiction of the governor.



Donation to museum

Union County Historical & Genealogy Society board member Paulette Aronson examines a walnut Victorian jelly cupboard. The cupboard was donated recently to the Union County Museum in downtown Cobden. The museum is operated by the Union County Historical & Genealogy Society. The cupboard belonged to Dr. W.E. Lingle, who opened his medical practice in Cobden in 1897 and practiced until his death in 1936. Dede Ittner of Carbondale, a granddaughter of Lingle's, donated the cupboard to the museum. The museum's hours are from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Photo provided.

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News from Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

On Sunday, Sept. 25, the message was about listening, being responsible and sharing.

Pastor Mark said, "Don't think too highly of yourself, but above all else, be ready to help others. This story is about listening and paying attention to what matters most. It is important to know scriptures and God's teaching so that we have the resources we need now, to face whatever comes our way."

The prayer list for healing included Mike Chase, Glenna Tripp, Mildred Kohler, Daniel Sedden, Ann Shaw, Bill Hensch, Jack Johnson, Shirley Earnhart, Hadley Ashby, Linda Clark, Brandon Lacy, Urs Becker, Todd Breiner, Pat Martin, Mort Wright, Hope Singleton, Joe Frick, Carolyn Frick, Elizabeth Corbit, Joe Lyerla, Max Casey, Pam Wheaton and Shawn Knupp.

The families of J.H. Wilkins, Virginia Glasco, Jim Mueller, Maxine Williamson and Shane Laminack were remembered in prayer for loss of their loved one.

Children of all ages are invited to participate in Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.

Adult Bible study class meets from 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sunday.

Mt. Moriah's Holy Smokers barbecue team has volunteered to cook brats

IDOT to hire help for snow, ice removal

The Illinois Department of Transportation, IDOT, has announced plans to hire temporary help to assist with snow and ice removal throughout Illinois this winter.

The seasonal employees will be hired on a full-time and an on-call basis, IDOT reported.

The department's annual "snowbird" program requires employees to promptly respond to weather situations, assisting in snow-and-ice control and working in emergency conditions at any time, including weekends, holidays and nights.

Applicants must have a commercial driver's license and submit to a criminal background check.

A pre-employment physical, vision testing, drug and alcohol screening also are required.

Applicants will be selected based on availability, job-related experience and qualifications.

IDOT noted that veterans are strongly encouraged to apply.

For additional information, including details about pay and the potential for benefits, visit www.idot.illinois.gov/about-idot/employment-opportunities/employment/index.

News from First Baptist Church, Anna

In the morning service on Sunday, Sept. 25, Pastor Sinks' sermon was titled "Praying For Your Enemies" and was based on scripture from Matthew.

The next Soup and Serve is planned Monday, Oct. 10, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The free meal will include soup and sandwiches with coffee, tea or lemonade.

Church dinner set

The Apostolic Lighthouse Church in Cobden plans to serve its quarterly dinner on Friday, Sept. 30. Serving is planned from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

News from Camp Ground Church and Community

Rev. Vance was back in the pulpit Sunday, Sept. 25. His sermon was titled "Transformed Through Worship," with his main scripture selection from Isaiah.

The message shared that "too often people attend church, but never worship God; they are there in person, but their minds or hearts are elsewhere. We need to worship (renew our minds) so that God can transform our hearts. When our minds are renewed, we see how holy, powerful, awesome and loving God really is."

Receiving the offering Sunday were Gage and Tymber Roach assisted by their grandfather, Rodney Miller. The elder for October will be Sandy Boaz.

Birthday greetings go to Teresa Rogers, whose birthday is Monday, Oct. 3.

Rodney and LaDonna Jean Miller will have a wedding anniversary Saturday, Oct. 1.

Jerri Clayton spent a couple of days in the hospital this past week and is home and feeling much better.

Gage Roach broke his collarbone a week ago; the congregation is happy he is healing well and no surgery was needed.

Worship begins at 11 a.m. each Sunday. Sunday School is at 10 a.m.

News from First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Sept. 25, Pastor Mike continued his "Red Sea Rules (Changing Worry into Worship)" series with the sermon, "The Toughest Two Words," which was based on scripture from Exodus.

Worship was directed by the Rev. Paul Lemon. Debbie York presented special music.

In the late morning service, Ella Whitaker, and Amber and Will Hubbs were baptized.

The church will be hosting a football breakfast this Friday, Sept. 30, for the players, cheerleaders and coaches from A-JCHS. Pastor Sean, associate pastor of student and family ministries, will speak at the breakfast.

Birthdays: Shirley Bauer and Barbara Clymore, Sept. 25; James Clary, Sept. 26;

News from Anna Nazarene Church

On Sunday, Sept. 25, the Anna First Church of the Nazarene moved its morning worship "The Church Has Left The Building" service to the Anna City Park and invited the community to join them at 10:30 a.m.

Music for the morning worship service was provided by the praise band,

which consists of Randy Wright, Johnathon Cauble, Jason and Jessica Elkins, Abby Barlow and Jack and Nina Shepard.

The morning message was brought by Pastor McBride, followed by a cook-out, games and fellowship for all who attended. The Sunday evening service was cancelled.

On Oct. 1, a birthday party is planned for Mikah McBride, who is turning 1.

The Alabaster Offering will be taken and church membership classes are scheduled to begin Oct. 2.

A missionary rally is set at Harrisburg on Oct. 3.

October 6 is Prime Time Day at Olivet.

Prime Time brunch is planned at the Grahams' at 10 a.m. on Oct. 8.

Birthdays: Kim Foskey, Drew Sadler, Zoe Sadler, Sept. 25; Jeff Sadler, Sully Edwards, Sept. 26; Connie Sadler, Sept. 27; Christopher Fuller, Sept. 29; Shirley Ralls, Sept. 30; Mikah McBride, Oct. 1.

Anniversaries: Bruce and Paula Rentfro, Sept. 29; Christopher and Kacie Fuller, Sept. 30.

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Daily Devotional Reading

Ecclesiastes	Ecclesiastes	Ecclesiastes	Ecclesiastes	Job	Job	Psalms
4:1-16	5:1-20	7:1-25	12:1-14	27:1-23	28:1-28	72

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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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



Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies meeting: Linda Clutts showed a picture of the paver the Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies purchased at their May 18 meeting. Linda received a thank you from the board of directors that said thank you for your purchase of a paver at Bald Knob Cross of Peace. Your paver has been placed at the cross on the North / Charity side in row 6. The cross continues to be a wonderful reminder of Christ's love for all. Blessings to you.



Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies celebrate Sept. birthdays at the Haven: Queen Mom Joan Graves Edwards from Anna, Marie Samuel from Cartersville, Shirley Harris from Harrisburg, Mary Elkins from Anna, Margie Davidson from Marion.



Vivian Robinson from Harrisburg guest of her friend Harriet Baker at the Red Hat meeting at the Haven. This was Vivian's first time attending.

A-JCHS Homecoming

Homecoming parade starts at 1 p.m. Friday. Good luck Wildcats on winning your game.

Trip to England and Ireland

Elaine Crain left the United States on Sept. 6 for a Teach by Travel adventure with 31 people to England and Ireland.

They landed at Heathrow Airport in London and were met by Anna, their travel guide for the next 10 days. She was a fountain of historical information the entire trip.

They spent three days in England, touring London; seeing Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, Kensington Palace, the Victoria & Albert Museum and a theatrical performance of The Lion King.

They left London and headed to Windsor Castle for a tour that included watching the changing of the guard. They continued to Oxford for a walking tour of the city which has 47 small prestigious colleges.

They drove through picturesque Cotswold villages and stopped in one where the group enjoyed "high tea."

They spent time in Stratford-on Avon visiting Shakespeare's birthplace and his wife Anne Hath-

way's cottage and garden.

They visited ancient Warwick Castle then made their way to Wales where they boarded a ferry on the Irish Sea to Dublin.

In Dublin they had a tour of the city and then made their way to the famous Rock of Cashel for a tour.

The fortification and church sits high atop a mountain looking down on emerald green fields filled with sheep and cattle. Fields are enclosed with stone fences or dense foliage.

They visited the Waterford Crystal factory. The Woollen Mills and Blarney Castle were their next stops.

They were invited to a sheep farm for sheep shearing and a dog training demonstration. Border collies are trained to herd the sheep from one rocky hillside to another.

One day was spent driving to the Dingle Peninsula viewing one spectacular view after another. The Cliffs of Moher were an awesome sight jutting out into the Atlantic.

They were served Irish coffee or hot tea at many pubs and were treated to a night of Irish folk dancing and music at Bunratty Castle.

Wonderful meals and desserts, historic hotel lodging and beautiful scenery,

including lush blooming plants, and friendly Irish people made for a very enjoyable trip.

Trip

Irene Marshall enjoyed a trip to Alaska with her sister-in-law.

Alabama Trip

Mary Light and Darla and Cheyenne Lingle have returned from a trip to Gulf Shores, Ala.

Guest

It was good to see Carol Tweedy Gordon from Virginia, formerly from Anna-Jonesboro, who is here visiting her sister Janice Lewellyn and other family members.

Trip

Audrey Davis spent three great days last week with daughter Gayle, grandson Jesse, great-grandson, Kady, and his mama Megan in Champaign, then to her son's home in Lafayette, Ind.

Family Reunion

Bill and Glenda Jones attended the Jones-Curry reunion 2016 in Hurst.

Birthday

Sept. 22 Jason Hacker from Ullin.

Best Teacher

I received this from Wilma Thomas, who is formerly of Anna and now lives in Norris City.

Wilma takes The Gazette-Democrat and enjoys reading about everyone in her hometown.

Wilma just recently received word her second grade teacher Mrs. Ruth Howerton had died. She wanted to share this with her friends.

"My second grade teacher was very special. The best teacher I ever had. By my fifth birthday I had already been to three kindergartens in three different cities and it wasn't even Christmas yet.

"First grade wasn't much better. I never even learned the names of most of my teachers, barely knew the names of the schools.

"Second grade was more promising. I was finally back in God's Country, Southern Illinois, and our family was all together again.

"The first day at my newest school Davie in Anna I had no idea what to expect. Mrs. Howerton must have recognized my panic, my fears. The classroom was full and there was no desk for me so I sat at a table near her.

"When she announced lunch time, I certainly didn't know what to expect. None of the schools I had attended served meals and the kids all had to either go home for lunch or do without.

"Mrs. Howerton lined us all up to head for the cafeteria, carefully maneuvering me into the middle of the line, and away we marched. Hot lunches with play time after we ate.

"I thought for sure Mrs. Howerton was responsible for the meals and the play time. By the time my first lunch was finished, the janitor had found me a desk and I was so delighted. Later, Mrs. Howerton discovered I was ahead in reading and that my previous school had almost finished the first half of our reader.

"Unfortunately, my math skills were almost non-existent. She promptly selected three of the most popular girls and had them coach me during recess and after lunch time for several weeks, maybe months, to bring me up to second grade level.

"I remember one winter day with lots of snow and ice my mother had to walk about two miles to work because Dad couldn't get our truck running. Mrs. Howerton's husband brought her to school in his big farm truck.

"I was truly impressed and decided Mr. Howerton must be an angel too. Mrs. Howerton always showed kindness and love for all

of us kids. She had unique solutions to help us with our problems even after we went on to other grades.

"When I was promoted to 6th grade and had to go to Anna Junior High, I cried because I knew I wouldn't see her again. After nearly 65 years I still remember how she looked that first day of second grade. She was wearing a tan outfit and pretty brown shoes, her glasses were sparkling and she had the most wonderful smile I had ever seen. She was standing in the sunlight and to me it was almost like a halo.

She was, and still is, a fine lady and I still love her. Wilma Thomas."

If you would like to get in touch with Wilma her address is 520 Co. Rd. 1000E Norris City, Ill. 62869. Her phone is 618-265-3231. Mrs. Howerton was 98 years old, Wilma thinks she was born in Jonesboro, her maiden name was Kohler. She and her husband Collin had moved to an assisted living apartment in Carbondale recently.

Project Pride

Booths will be set up in Goodner Hall gymnasium on Choate Mental Health grounds Saturday, Oct. 8, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

They will be selling crafts, woodworking and lots of goodies. All of the products are made by the individuals at Choate.

Friends of Stinson

Stinson Memorial Library will be having a book sale and rummage sale ColorFest weekend.

Red Hat Meeting

Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies met at the Haven on Crab Orchard Lake. Forty-four ladies attended. Sherry Rix, along with her husband Allen and her other Red Hat group Firebells hosted.

Celina Johnson made beautiful hand made baskets for the table decorations. The oldest lady at each table got to take the basket home.

A game was played with a list of who had the most items in their purse.

Harriet Baker won the door prize. It was a very large beautiful red hat. Harriet also brought a guest; Vivian Robinson from Harrisburg. It was Vivian's first time attending a red hat meeting.

Queen Mom told the ladies they had been asked to be in the Veterans Day parade. She also asked for the purple quilt blocks to be turned in so the second quilt could be made.

Linda Clutts showed a picture of the brick that was bought for the Bald Knob

Cross from the Little Egypt Red Hat ladies money they donated in May.

Several ladies celebrated their birthdays in September. Queen Mom Joan Graves Edwards told everyone she had passed her drivers test so would be driving and everyone cheered as she walked with out her cane.

Other ladies celebrating birthdays were Marie Samuel, Margie Davidson, Mary Elkins and Shirley Harris. Vivian Marks special guest was Vivian Robins.

A special song was sung by Pat Jones. Linda Clutts led the ladies in singing several songs and they all stood for the closing song God Bless America.

It was good to see guest Carol Tweedy Gordon from Virginia, who was visiting. Carol is a member of the Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies and attended the meetings before she moved.

Everyone enjoyed the food prepared by Sherry's husband Allen Rix and the Firebells red hat group. It was a beautiful day for the view of Crab Orchard Lake.

VFW

Star Karaoke is Sunday, Oct. 2, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

AJWC meeting

The Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club plans to meet

Monday, Oct. 3, at 1:30 p.m. at PAST's Heritage House, 102 S. Main St., Jonesboro.

President Jane Bauer will introduce plans for the coming program year. Program for the day will be Heritage House Museum and the History of Union County. Guests are welcome. Call 833-3228 for more information.

UMC

The United Methodist Church in Anna prepared a breakfast Friday morning for the A-JCHS Wildcats Football team and cheerleaders.

Sunday morning Rev. Carl Johnston's sermon was on a peek into the after life with scripture from Luke.

Praises were given for



Allen Rix celebrated his birthday, Sept. 19.



Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies Martha Schwegman and Janice Lewellyn hold their Red Hat book with Maxine Williamson's picture over her empty plate and chair with her red hat hanging silently as a memorial at their Red Hat meeting at the Haven Wednesday, Sept. 21, for our friend who went to be with our Lord recently. Carol Gordon, visiting from Virginia, is also in the picture with Red Hat friends in the background.



Claudia Walker with the beautiful hand made basket by Celina Johnson who made them for table decorations then gifts to the oldest at each table at the Little Egypt Red Hat meeting at the Haven.



Hostesses and host at the Little Egypt Red hat ladies dinner at the Haven: Firebells Red Hat Ladies all hosted: Allen Rix, Donna Crundwell, Harriet Baker, Barb Seifert, Cecile Caravello, Sharon Lasiek, Celina Johnson, Kay Henry, Seated Sherry Rix and Sissy Baby Girl.



Forty-four Red Hat Ladies went to the Haven for their meeting Wednesday, Sept. 21, hosted by Sherry Rix and her Red Hat group.

Anna News

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Shawnee College offers FAFSA completion events during October

Shawnee Community College plans to host several Federal Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA, completion events during October.

One of the events is scheduled in Union County.

In the previous years, the first day to file for FAFSA was in January before the desired academic year.

However, starting this year, students will be able to file for FAFSA as early as Oct. 1 for the 2017-2018 academic year. Students will be able to file using 2015 income.

Students will be able to attend one of the following Shawnee Community College FAFSA completion events:

Shawnee Community College Anna Extension Center on Oct. 3 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Vienna High School in the media center on Oct. 5 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Shawnee Community College Metropolitan Extension Center on Oct. 18 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Shawnee Community College main campus near Ullin on Oct. 24 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Shawnee Community College Cairo Extension Center on Oct. 27 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A FAFSA must be on file to receive a scholarship, grant or loan at any college or university. Students should apply early to avoid missing the State of Illinois MAP, Monetary Award Program, grant deadline.

Prior to attending a FAFSA completion event, students must create an FSA ID at www.studentaid.gov/fsaid for the student (and parent, if the student is dependent).

The FSA ID takes one to three days to verify with the Social Security Administration.

All of those who plan to attend must arrive before 5:30 p.m. on the day of the event. Students are advised to allow at least 30 minutes

to complete their FAFSA.

The following should be brought to the FAFSA completion event:

Verified FSA ID username and password for student (and parent, if dependent). 2015 income taxes. 2015 W-2s and/or 1099s. 2015 child support received. 2015 child support paid. Any other income in 2015.

For more information, contact Dr. Tammy Capps, Shawnee Community College's director of financial aid, at 618-634-3280 or tammyc@shawneecc.edu.

Movie planned

"Star Wars: The Force Awakens" is scheduled to be shown Sept. 30 at Fort Massac State Park in Metropolis.

The movie is scheduled to start at dusk (at approximately 7:10 p.m.). Admission is free. Concessions will be available to purchase.

This will be the last movie in the park for 2016.



A-JCHS class of 1954

Members of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School class of 1954 gathered Sept. 17 at El Jalapeno restaurant in Anna. In the first row are, from left, Gayle Lirely Caraker, Glenn Heisner, Bob McCain, Buddy Brimm, Betty Wilson Howell and Richard Howell. In the second row are Barbara Basler Stute, Pat Manning Williams, Fawn Follis, Harold Hubbs, Annetta Dale Markham, Luther Fear, Kathryn Orr Harvey, Lucille Eddleman Rich, Allibeth Nalley Partridge, Irwin Harvey, Linda Turley Kelley and Barbara Houseman Pitts. Photo provided.

Southern Seven to administer influenza vaccinations for state employees, retirees

Southern Seven Health Department plans to administer influenza vaccinations to state employees and retirees in the training center of the main building at Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna.

The vaccinations for the 2016-2017 influenza season will be administered on the following schedule:

Monday, Oct. 17, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Friday, Oct. 28, from 1

p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

State of Illinois employees will need to show state ID cards and state health insurance cards to receive vaccinations free of charge.

Each retiree must present a state health insurance card and another form of ID.

Dependents, spouses, contractual workers, survivors, consultants and students of state employees or retirees are not eligible

for a free flu shot.

Additionally, employees who have opted out of health care sponsored insurance plans through the state are not eligible for a free flu shot through this program.

Employees who do not have State of Illinois insurance are encouraged to participate in the vaccination clinic and receive their flu shot for a nominal fee paid to Southern Seven Health Department at the time of service.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6:30 PM	Local Programs	Local	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Sports (HD)	Seinfeld	Mod Family	Girl World	"Aviator"	Quarry Vietnam War vet.	(5:45) "The DUFF" (15) <i>Girl reinvented.</i>
7:30 PM	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	Thursday Night Kickoff	Rosewood Victim Identity.	Superstore	College Football Connecticut Huskies at Houston Cougars (Live) (HD)	2 Broke	Mod Family	Undercover	"The Revenant" (16) <i>Man wants revenge on former friend. (R) (HD)</i>	Quarry "Figure Four" (HD)	Masters of Sex (HD)
8:30 PM	Notorious Jake's feelings.	Night Football Miami vs Cincinnati (Live) (HD)	(:59) Pitch "The Interim"	Good Place	Chicago Med "Win Loss"	Big Bang	Mod Family	Liv Maddie	Undercover	Quarry Mac asks for help.	"Spring Breakers" Spring vacation. (HD)
9:30 PM	Get Away with Murder	Local Programs	The Blacklist "Mat" (HD)	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Big Bang	Mod Family	Undercover	First Look	"The Visit" (15) <i>Shocking secret. (HD)</i>	Gigolos
10:30 PM	Local	(:15) Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Mod Family	Backstage	Real Sports - Gumbel	★★½ "The Reaping" A mysterious death.	Gigolos
11:30 PM	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel (HD)	(:50) Late Show Stephen Colbert (HD)	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	2 Broke	Mod Family	Girl World	Wednesdays	Masters of Sex (HD)	Masters of Sex (HD)
11:30 PM	Nightline	Local	Late Night	Late Night	Local	Conan (HD)	Mod Family	Best Fnds	Maintenan		

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FRIDAY

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6:30 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	Mod Family	BUNK'D	"The Intern"	(5:10) "Marley & Me" (08)	"Along Came a Spider"
7:30 PM	Man Stand.	MacGyver "Metal Saw"	Hell's Kitchen (HD)	Superstore	CFB Countdown	Bob's Brgr	Mod Family	Liv Maddie	"I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry" (07) (HD)	"Tropic Thunder" (08) Ben Stiller. <i>Clueless heroes.</i>	"No Escape" (15) <i>Escaping coup. (HD)</i>
8:30 PM	Shark Tank Paleo meals.	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	(:01) The Exorcist (HD)	Dateline NBC (HD)	College Football Starlord Cardinal at Washington Huskies (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	Mod Family	Undercover	Real Time w/ Bill Maher	Quarry "Seldom Realized"	(:45) "Cape Fear" (91) <i>Vengeful ex-con hunts his former lawyer. (R)</i>
9:30 PM	(:01) 20/20 (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs	Local	ELEAGUE "Overwatch Open Grand Final" (HD)	Big Bang	Mod Family	Bizzardvark	Freemaker	Quarry "Seldom Realized"	Masters of Sex (HD)
10:30 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Big Bang	Mod Family	Freemaker	Maintenan	Quarry "Seldom Realized"	Masters of Sex (HD)
11:30 PM	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel (HD)	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)	Local	"The House Bunny" (08)	Mod Family	Liv Maddie	Real Time w/ Bill Maher	Quarry "Seldom Realized"	Masters of Sex (HD)
11:30 PM	Nightline	(:37) Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	Local	Chrisley	Mod Family	BUNK'D	Maintenan		

SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

SATURDAY

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6:30 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Local Programs	College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	2 Broke (HD)	NCIS Military crimes. (HD)	Girl World	(4:45) "Spider-Man 2" (04)	★★★ "Snow Angels" (08) <i>Kate Backsale. Chaotic family.</i>	Dexter Man kills criminals.
7:30 PM	(:07) College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	To Be Announced	College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	The Voice (HD)	CFB Countdown	Big Bang	NCIS Military crimes. (HD)	Bizzardvark	"Deadpool" (16) <i>Action! Alter ego. (R) (HD)</i>	Quarry "Seldom Realized"	Dexter Man kills criminals.
8:30 PM	Local	To Be Announced	Local Programs	This Is Us "The Big Three"	Scoreboard	Big Bang	NCIS Military crimes. (HD)	BUNK'D (HD)	(:50) Ballers "Game Day"	(:05) "Tropic Thunder" (08) Ben Stiller. <i>Clueless heroes.</i>	Sebastian Maniscalco (HD)
9:30 PM	Local	48 Hours	Local Programs	Saturday Night Live (HD)	College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	Mod Family	Undercover	Best Fnds	(:05) Masters of Sex (HD)	Masters of Sex (HD)
10:30 PM	Local	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local	Frontal (HD)	Mod Family	Undercover	Best Fnds	Quarry "Seldom Realized"	The Circus
11:30 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	(:29) Saturday Night Live (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	★★★ "Talladega Nights: Ballad" (06) (HD)	Mod Family	Best Fnds	"Diary of a Wimpy Kid"	Quarry "Seldom Realized"	Maniscalco

OCTOBER 1, 2016

SUNDAY

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6:30 PM	Funnist Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	NFL (Live)	Football America OT (Live)	SportsCenter (HD)	2 Broke (HD)	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	"Movie"	(:10) "Deadpool" (16) <i>Man adopts antihero alter ego. (R)</i>	"Simpsons"	Masters of Sex (HD)
7:30 PM	Once Upon a Time (HD)	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Simpsons	(:20) Sunday Night Football Kansas City Chiefs at Pittsburgh Steelers from Heinz Field (Live) (HD)	2016 World Series of Poker (1) (HD)	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Undercover	Bizzardvark	★★★ "Speed Racer" (08) <i>Action! A race car driver fights corruption.</i>	The Circus
8:30 PM	Secrets and Lies (HD)	Madam Secretary (HD)	Family Guy	This Is Us "The Big Three"	World Series of Poker (1) (HD)	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Best Fnds	Westworld Satisfy desires.	Shameless "Hiraeth" (HD)	Shameless "Hiraeth" (HD)
9:30 PM	Quantic "Lipstick" (HD)	Elementary "Folie a Deux"	Local Programs	Saturday Night Live (HD)	World Series of Poker (1) (HD)	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	BUNK'D (HD)	(:15) Westworld Satisfy desires. (HD)	"Entourage"	Masters of Sex (HD)
10:30 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Big Bang	Mod Family	Bizzardvark	Quarry "Seldom Realized"	Shameless "Hiraeth" (HD)	Shameless "Hiraeth" (HD)
11:30 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	★★★ "Shrek 2" (04) <i> Ogre meets his in-laws.</i>	Mod Family	Liv Maddie	Oliver (HD)	"Phone Booth" (02) <i>Hostage in booth. (R)</i>	The Circus

OCTOBER 2, 2016

MONDAY

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6:30 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Monday Countdown (Live)	Family Guy	Mod Family	(:20) ★★ "Girl vs. Monster" (12) <i>Teen hunts monster.</i>	"Dracula Unleashed" (14)	"Hitman: Agent 47" <i>Engineered killer.</i>	Masters of Sex (HD)
7:30 PM	Dancing with the Stars (HD)	Big Bang	Gotham Sister search.	The Voice "The Blind Auditions, Part 5" (HD)	(:15) Monday Football New York Giants at Minnesota Vikings (Live) (HD)	Family Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	Best Fnds	"Class Divide" (16) (HD)	★★★ "Live Free or Die" (07) <i>A detective tries to foil a terrorist.</i>	Shameless "Hiraeth" (HD)
8:30 PM	Secrets and Lies (HD)	Madam Secretary (HD)	Family Guy	Timeless "Pilot" (HD)	World Series of Poker (1) (HD)	Am. Dad	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Best Fnds	"Brooklyn" (15) <i>Saoriwe Roman. Woman in Brooklyn.</i>	Quarry "Seldom Realized"	Masters of Sex (HD)
9:30 PM	(:01) Conviction "Pilot"	Scorpion "More Civil War" (HD)	Local Programs	Local	Local	Family Guy	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Undercover	Liv Maddie	Shameless "Hiraeth" (HD)	Shameless "Hiraeth" (HD)
10:30 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	(:20) Sports Center (HD)	Frontal (HD)	Mod Family	Bizzardvark	(:15) Westworld Satisfy desires. (HD)	Quarry "Seldom Realized"	Masters of Sex (HD)
11:30 PM	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel (HD)	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)	Local	★★★ "Shrek 2" (04) <i> Ogre meets his in-laws.</i>	Mod Family	Liv Maddie	Oliver (HD)	"Phone Booth" (02) <i>Hostage in booth. (R)</i>	The Circus

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TUESDAY

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6:30 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	E-60 (HD)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Girl World	(5:45) Westworld (HD)	"Mad Max: Fury Road"	Shameless "Hiraeth" (HD)
7:30 PM	Dancing with the Stars (HD)	NCIS (HD)	Brooklyn New Girl	The Voice (HD)	NBA Pre. Basketball New York Knicks at Houston Rockets (Live)	Pre-Game	WWE SmackDown (Live) (HD)	★★★ "My Babysitter's a Vampire" (10)	★★★½ "Cast Away" (00) <i>A man is stranded on a remote island. (HD)</i>	(:20) "True Story" (15, Mystery) <i>Inmate interviewed.</i>	60 Minutes Sports (HD)
8:30 PM	Vice Presidential Debate VP debate. (HD)	CBS News: Vice Presidential Debate VP debate. (HD)	Vice Presidential Debate VP debate.	Vice Presidential Debate VP debate. (HD)	(:15) Monday Football New York Giants at Minnesota Vikings (Live) (HD)	Am. Dad	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Best Fnds	Bizzardvark	"Focus" (15) <i>Florida (HD)</i>	Florida (HD)
9:30 PM	(:01) Conviction "Pilot"	Scorpion "More Civil War" (HD)	Local Programs	Local	NBA Pre. Basketball Los Angeles vs Golden State (Live)	Family Guy	Mod Family	Undercover	Liv Maddie	Westworld (HD)	Florida (HD)
10:30 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	Local	Frontal (HD)	Mod Family	BUNK'D	First Look	"The Clearing" <i>Executive kidnapped.</i>	Masters of Sex (HD)
11:30 PM	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel (HD)	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Postseason	Mod Family	Stuck Mid.	Westworld (HD)	★★★½ "Sin City" (05) (HD)	The Circus

OCTOBER 4, 2016

WEDNESDAY

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6:30 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Baseball Tonight (HD)	Seinfeld	NCIS "Neverland" (HD)	(:15) "Wizards of Waverly Place" (09)	"Ocean's Thirteen" (07)	"Ali" Muhammad Ali's life.	(5:30) "The Forger" (15)
7:30 PM	Goldbergs	Survivor: Millennials (HD)	Lethal Weapon	Blindspot "If Beth" (HD)	2016 MLB Playoffs "National League Wild Card Game" (Live)	Big Bang	NCIS "Stop the Bleeding"	BUNK'D	"Deadpool" (16) <i>Man adopts antihero alter ego. (HD)</i>	"Dead Previews" (95, Action) <i>Bank heist plan. (HD)</i>	"Rambo" (08) <i>Vietnam vet transports missionaries.</i>
8:30 PM	Mod Family	Criminal Minds "Sick Day"	Empire <i>Cookie's request.</i>	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big Bang	NCIS "Personal Day" (HD)	Best Fnds	Westworld (HD)	Quarry "Seldom Realized"	Shameless "Hiraeth" (HD)
9:30 PM	Designated Survivor (HD)	Code Black (HD)	Local Programs	Local	Local	Big Bang	NCIS "Incognito" (HD)	Undercover	Oliver (HD)	"The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies" (14)	Sebastian Maniscalco
10:30 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Mod Family	BUNK'D	Fight Game		
11:30 PM	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel (HD)	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	2 Broke	Mod Family	Girl World	Best Fnds	"Cop Car"	(:05) Inside the NFL (HD)

OCTOBER 5, 2016

Steamboat Day activities planned in Grand Chain

Grand Chain Steamboat Day is planned Saturday, Oct. 1.

Activities are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Main Street.

Steamboat Day is sponsored by the GCCDA and the Village of Grand Chain.

An antique tractor and car show is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m.

Information about the tractor and car show, as well as a Steamboat Day parade which is planned at 3 p.m., is available by contacting Mike Meyer at 618-634-2546.

The Grand Chain Eastern Star plans to serve breakfast in the learning center (the old Grand Chain

School) from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Vendors will be on hand and yard sales are scheduled. For more information or to reserve a space, call 618-638-6784.

Children's activities and other events are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

A corn hole tournament is planned at noon. Registration for the tournament ends at 11:45 a.m.

Entertainment is slated to include Sue Steers, the K&I Drifters, the Glory Road Travelers, the JC Cloggers, Arrisa McClellan, Shane Baker and other local individuals.

The Head First Band is scheduled to perform starting at 1:30 p.m. and will play after the parade.

A raffle is planned. Food will be available.

Moscow/Mt. Zion Cemetery event set in Dongola

The Moscow/Mt. Zion Cemetery Association plans to have an annual event in support of the cemetery.

The event is scheduled Saturday, Oct. 1, at the community center in Dongola.

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

Those who plan to attend are asked to bring a covered dish, utensils and an item for the auction. Proceeds will go for the upkeep of the cemetery.

Yard sale day set in Cobden

A community yard sale day is planned Saturday, Oct. 1, in the Village of Cobden.

Nearly 20 yard sales are planned throughout the Union County village.

Yard sale maps will be available at Cobden Village Hall at 7 a.m. on Oct. 1. Village hall is located on East Maple Street.

The event is scheduled to take place, rain or shine.

Opinion and Commentary

The family meeting and family fun

It's so hard these days to keep a healthy balance between family, work, chores and fun.

Most parents work full time and have to juggle kids to and from daycare, school and sports events leaving very little time to create strong family bonds and to just enjoy simple time together having fun.

If you don't have a family tradition, begin one. Call a family meeting and ask each member to list activities they would enjoy doing together.

Each month, choose an activity from the list and have a family fun day. Each week, try to devote at least 30 minutes to play a game together, take a walk or enjoy a special treat. Use the meeting time to also discuss and plan meals together.

Are you making a point to eat together at least four times a week? If not, make this a top priority. Studies confirm that this helps in decreasing negative behavior and increases your child's performance in school.

During meal times, have everyone share their favorite and least favorite parts of the day. At the end of the meal, share affirmations, take turns sharing a word of encouragement for each person.

As you spend more quality time together, simple traditions will form that will help in creating strong family bonds. Your child will begin to identify what makes their family unique through family traditions, values and how you relate to one another.

The Fellowship House preventionists, Teresa Goddard and Mandy Hazel, want to encourage families to spend more time together and create those precious memories.

The simplest activities can create the most memorable moments. They have access to so many resources that can be used to help get ideas and inspiration. Families can use Google, Pinterest and Instagram, just to name a few.

Goddard and Hazel remind you that your presence matters – look for those special times to celebrate and always make time to have conversations. Your efforts will help in decreasing risks of drug and alcohol abuse.

For more information and tips, visit www.facebook.com/risingupforchange.

Banned Books Week observed through Oct. 1

By Amber Skelton

The America Library Association's observance of Banned Books Week began on Sept. 25 and continues through Oct. 1. The week is commemorated as a way for book lovers across the country to celebrate the freedom to read.

The American Library Association lists books that have been frequently banned in schools, libraries and other organizations for controversies like language, unacceptable ideologies, sexual content or for being unsuitable for the specified age group.

Many librarians, teachers, booksellers and readers all support the freedom to seek and express ideas, even those that are not popular. A majority of the books banned over the years are still available today due to the determination of these supporters.

Among the most challenged books of 2015 were "Looking for Alaska" by John Green, the Holy Bible, "Fun Home" by Alison Bechdel and "Nasreen's Secret School: A True Story from Afghanistan" by Jeanette Winter.

Other books that are often challenged include "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald, "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee, "1984" by George Orwell, the "Captain Underpants" series by Dav Pilkey, "Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins and the "Harry Potter" series by J.K. Rowling.

Often times, books are banned by organizations whose members have not actually read the book, but are afraid of the mere concept. (This reporter was not allowed to read "Harry Potter" growing up following this logic. Parents have since apologized.)

In a culture where listicles and headlines of online articles are the only reading many do in a day, it is not easy to relay the importance of the freedom to read. But a glance through a dystopian novel like "1984" can demonstrate the problem with letting society and government choose the information that the public has access to.

Like the right to vote, every American has been granted the right to read freely. No one is limited to the high-brow literature of those forgotten high school English courses. Be rebellious and pick up a banned book to read this week. Or not.

Morris Library on the campus of Southern Illinois University Carbondale was planning to join in this week's observance of Banned Books Week. A reading of some of the banned books was planned Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 28.

Political letters to the editor

All letters to the editor endorsing, opposing or pertaining to political candidates must be published as paid election letters. They will be subject to a publication fee of \$50.

A paid election letter must be paid for by the writer. If the letter is paid for by another individual or organization, that information must be stated, according to election laws.

A letter must be signed and must contain the name of the person who wrote the letter, the writer's address and the writer's telephone number. The telephone number will not be published, but must be included for verification purposes.

The deadline to submit a paid election letter, and payment for the letter, is noon on the Thursday prior to publication of the letter. The newspaper reserves the right to edit a letter for clarity, brevity and legal purposes.

Please read this. . .

by Geof Skinner



Hmmmm...this looks like, well, like a big pile of rocks. And so it is. In a manner of speaking. Actually, it's some shale along Lingle Creek. The creek is along the Old Cape Road in suburban Jonesboro. The image was captured by a fellow traveler on the Journey Through Life who works at The Paragraph Factory. The personality of these rocks has not been determined. If you want to know why that matters, read on...

Some whining...and other good stuff, too

A few things up front, before we get started on the "good stuff."

First, I just want to say that I really don't want to hear another mention of how the National Football League team known as the Rams has returned "home." The team's "home" was in St. Louis for about 20 some odd years. Before that, the team's "home" was indeed in Los Angeles. And before that, the team's home was in Cleveland. Returned "home"? Hum bug.

Second, I want to know why so many motorists still insist on using their cell phones WHILE THEY ARE BEHIND THE WHEEL AND ACTUALLY MOVING ON A REAL STREET.

Last Friday morning, I saw a young lady cruising down the street, one hand on the steering wheel in her car, the other hand holding a phone, which she was looking at while she was driving.

Later, around lunch time on Friday, I saw a gentleman of my age persuasion, as in reaching the point where the warrantary is about to run out, tooling down the road in a pickup truck to the size of an ocean liner. He had one hand on the wheel. The other hand was holding a phone. I'm guessing, by the way his lips were moving, that he was on the phone.

FOLKS, HATE TO TELL YOU THIS, BUT YAKING ON THE PHONE WHILE YOU ARE DRIVING IS ILLEGAL. AND STUPID.

There. I am done whining now.

Now, onto something that might, or might not, matter. Maybe you heard: the Ig Nobel Prizes were

awarded last week during a ceremony which was held at Harvard University in Cambridge ("our fair city"*), Massachusetts.

A magazine called Annals of Improbable Research organizes the Ig Nobel Prizes. The awards ceremony, as explained on the website www.improbable.com, "is co-sponsored by the Harvard-Radcliffe Society of Physics Students and the Harvard-Radcliffe Science Fiction Association."

The prizes "honor achievements that make people LAUGH, and then THINK.. The prizes are intended to celebrate the unusual, honor the imaginative – and spur people's interest in science, medicine, and technology."

Now, that's a whole bunch of fascinating concepts, he wrote, with tongue firmly planted in cheek. Laugh. Think. Honor the imaginative. Spur interest in science, medicine and technology. See if you can find those ideas on a reality TV show.

The folks behind the prizes added that they "collect improbable research. Real research, about anything and everything, from everywhere. Research that's maybe good or bad, important or trivial, valuable or worthless."

"Our goal is to make people laugh, then make them think. We also hope to spur people's curiosity, and to raise the question: How do you decide what's important and what's not, and what's real and what's not – in science and everywhere else?"

Just in case you were wondering, and I know that you were, here's a look at some of the 2016 Ig-Nobel Prize winners, by category:

Economics Prize: The prize went to some folks from New Zealand "for assessing the perceived personalities of rocks, from a sales and marketing perspective." They sound like my kind of folks.

Physics Prize: This prize went to some folks from Hungary, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland "for discovering why white-haired horses are the most horsefly-proof horses, and for discovering why dragonflies are fatally attracted to black tombstones."

Medicine Prize: The prize went to some people from Germany "for discovering that if you have an itch on the left side of your body, you can relieve it by looking in a mirror and scratching the right side of your body (and vice versa)." I did not know that. Did you? Let me know if you try this.

Peace Prize: This prize went to folks from Canada and the United States for their study which was titled "On the Reception and Detection of Pseudo-Profound *****." The ***** represent a word which I have chosen not to use in print, and, yet, I now see this vulgarity on several 2016 political campaign signs. I don't get it.

Literature Prize: This prize went to a gentleman from Sweden "for his three-volume autobiographical work about the pleasures of collecting flies that are dead, and flies that are not yet dead."

Perception Prize: The prize went to a couple of folks from Japan "for investigating whether things look different when you bend over and view them between your legs."

With that last prize in mind, please take your newspaper, bend over...oh, never mind...

(*Sincere apologies to all you fans of Tom and Ray. Couldn't help myself.)

Commentary

He will be missed

By Mike Estel

He never let me forget it after all these years.

When he had grandchildren playing softball and I was still an umpire, I called a game one time because of a storm was brewing in the far distant sky.

"Game Over," he would often say to me in a friendly gesture as he raised both his arms.

He never changed in all those years. He was always in a good mood and never seemed to have any complaints.

One thing for sure, he did enjoy gambling. I believe he was a permanent fixture on that gambling boat in Metropolis when he was healthy. From all indications I've seen over the years, he seems to have won a lot more than he lost.

Over the years, I do believe we discussed about every issue in the world. He was definitely interested in what was going on around him.

I worked with him and joked around with him since 1979 when I joined the newspaper staff. He knew the ropes in the business and had been a very valuable part of the newspaper industry for 71 years as a printer.

He told me once he had begun working at The Gazette-Democrat newspaper in Anna while he was still in high school.

The only absence from the newspaper industry in all these year was when he was drafted during the Korean War.

It was very impressive at his funeral to look upon those two Bronze Stars on display that he never talked about. The only thing he ever mentioned about the Korean War to me was that former professional baseball player Ted Williams was in his outfit.

While he was in bed at his daughter's these last couple months of his life, I went over to visit him. I brought with me the Korean War (Forgotten War) CD that I wrote and 326 Productions of Anna produced. I'm very glad I did because he seemed to really enjoy it.

At his funeral, Deborah Nash stepped to the podium and talked about his life. It was a very moving speech and it brought tears to a lot of people's eyes.

The family honored me by asking me to serve as a pall bearer and I gladly accepted.

At the cemetery, the VFW Post No. 3455 honor guard did their 21-gun salute and their bugler played "Taps" to honor his service. That display was impressive as well.

James "Blackie" Mueller may have passed on, but will definitely be missed by his family and numerous friends he made in his connection with the newspaper business all these years.

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