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News Notes

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

Union County Women in Business is planning to host its second annual adult “Prom of the Ages” on Saturday, Oct. 1, at The Davie School Inn in Anna. The event starts at 7 p.m. Proceeds will support the organization’s scholarship program.

The City of Anna planned to finish accepting orders on Friday, Sept. 23, for new Hometown Hero Banners. The banners will be displayed each year on Veterans Day.

ColorFest activities are scheduled Saturday, Oct. 8, in Anna. Music, food, vendors and more are planned from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the downtown Anna area.

Jonesboro ColorFest activities are being planned for Oct. 14-15.

Union County Farm Bureau member Austin Flamm participated in the recent Illinois Farm Bureau’s annual fall Leaders to Washington Program.

The City of Anna reported on social media last week that a traffic light at the intersection of East Vienna Street (Illinois Route 146) and Leigh Avenue was down due to an accident. The intersection has been operating as a four-way stop until a new pole can be installed. Supply chain issues are having an impact on the arrival of a new pole.

The Shawnee School District Athletic Boosters are planning to host their Munz Memorial Golf Scramble Oct. 1 at the Union County Country Club in Anna. Lunch is at noon, tee time is set for 1 p.m.

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Elevated fire danger as dry conditions prevail

Record high temperatures last week in the region gave way to milder conditions. A lack of rain, however, has left the region very dry and with concerns about fire dangers. Rain has been very sparse in the Union County area since the end of July. Local weather observer Dana Cross reported that for the month of September, he had measured only .15 of an inch of rain through the 26th in Jonesboro.

Similar conditions occurred in August, when rainfall for the entire month totalled .06 of an inch. July was a wet month in the Union County area, with 8.27 inches of rain. However, the last significant rainfall to occur in the county occurred on July 20, when about .53 of an inch of precipitation was recorded. **Elevated Fire Danger** Dry conditions, low humidity, strong winds and dry vegetation led the National Weather Service of-

fice in Paducah to issue an alert about an elevated fire danger in parts of Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky. A U.S. Drought Monitor map posted on the website for the weather service office in Paducah showed that Union County and much of the surrounding area were experiencing abnormally dry conditions as of Sept. 20. “There is an elevated fire danger today due to abnormally dry vegetation,

breezy northwest winds and low humidity,” the weather service office stated Monday on its website. “An elevated fire danger will continue through Wednesday due to very dry vegetation and low humidity.” “Grass lands will continue to be a concern. We have seen a few field fires across the region,” the weather service reported early Tuesday. “Outdoor burning is strongly discouraged. Do not discard cigarettes. Fires

can spread rapidly and act erratic during these kinds of conditions,” the weather service advised. Dry weather was expected to continue in the region. As of early this week, no rain was in the forecast for the period through Sunday. Sunshine and high temperatures in the 70s are expected. **Record-Breaking Heat** Those temperatures are significantly lower than the record-breaking highs (continued on page 2)

Gold Star Marker ceremony held Sunday in Anna

The successful culmination of a campaign which began earlier this year was commemorated at a ceremony held last Sunday afternoon in Union County. The Anna-Jo Garden Club in February announced the launch of a campaign to help with the acquisition of a Gold Star Memorial Marker. The Gold Star Memorial Marker was to be placed with honor at the Anna-Jo Garden Club Park. The park is located along East Vienna Street in Anna, next to McDonald’s. Anna-Jo Garden Club led an effort for the placing of a Blue Star Memorial Marker at the park.

A dedication ceremony for the Blue Star Memorial Marker was held on Nov. 11, 1997. November 11 is Veterans Day. The Blue Star Memorial Markers are designed to pay tribute to the nation’s armed forces as a whole. The Garden Clubs of Illinois Inc. and its member clubs have placed 149 Blue Star Memorial Markers throughout the state since the program’s inception in Illinois in 1948. The Gold Star Memorial Marker program represents those fallen heroes who paid the ultimate sacrifice for the nation’s freedom. Gold Star families live daily with the pain of the sacrifice their loved one made for us. Gold Star mother Melinda Clary was among those who attended the ceremony. The garden club noted that prior to last weekend’s ceremony in Anna, there were only two Gold Star Memorial Markers in the State of Illinois. The nearest one to Union

County is in Peoria; the other is in the Chicago area. Anna-Jo Garden Club said at the beginning of the campaign that adding a Gold Star Memorial Marker in Anna would represent the Garden Clubs of Illinois District VII and all of Southern Illinois communities. The local garden club’s members says that it is an honor to be able to host the marker that represents these brave men and women... and their families. The campaign to bring a Gold Star Memorial Marker to Southern Illinois, and to Union County, proved to be successful.

That success was commemorated Sunday, Sept. 25, with a ceremony at the Anna-Jo Garden Club Park. Sunday also was Gold Star Mother’s Day. The ceremony began at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Anna-Jo Garden Club Park. The park is located near McDonald’s. Many were on hand for the ceremony on a warm and breezy September afternoon. Prior to the ceremony, the Anna-Jo Garden Club, Garden Clubs of Illinois District VII and the National Garden Clubs again noted that they were honored to bring a Gold Star Memorial Marker to the City of Anna and Southern Illinois. Sunday’s ceremony also included rededication of the Blue Star Memorial Marker at the park. (continued on page 16)



Marker unveiled

Marine veteran William Whitaker and Peggy Ferguson unveiled the Gold Star Memorial Marker. Both are members of the Anna-Jo Garden Club. Ferguson served as chairperson of the Anna-Jo Garden Club’s Blue and Gold Star Marker project.



Gold Star Memorial Marker

A new Gold Star Memorial Marker unveiled during Sunday afternoon’s ceremony at the Anna-Jo Garden Club Park.



Students visit Downtown Anna businesses

Students from Anna School District No. 37 took a tour of downtown-area businesses in Anna as part of the Downtown Connection program on Tuesday, Sept. 20. Groups of 5th graders visited with representatives from numerous local establishments. The students learned how the various businesses operate and had a chance to ask questions during their visits. The program was organized by the University of Illinois Extension office and members of the local business community. Photos by Benjamin Marxer. In the photo on the left, Moury Bass from WIBH Radio discussed the radio broadcasting business with students from Heather Reynolds’ class. In the photo on the right, students from Jennifer Osmond’s class visited Anna-Jonesboro National Bank’s main facility in downtown Anna.



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Ribbon cutting held
Union County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development sponsored a ribbon cutting last Saturday at the Havisham Bourbon Bar in Alto Pass.

Havisham Bourbon Bar opens in Alto Pass

By Benjamin Marxer

Jerri and Nick Schaefer were joined by friends and members of the community to celebrate the grand opening of the Havisham Bourbon Bar in downtown Alto Pass.

Havisham Bourbon Bar is a new upscale specialty tavern which offers “bourbon, brew and spirits.”

The Schaefer family already contributed to the region’s business and tourism industry with the Havisham House, a restored French-Victorian-style estate in Alto Pass, which offers vacation rentals, along with a wedding venue and a guest event pavilion.

With their newest project, Jerri and Nick Schaefer hope to add a shot of bourbon to the Southern Illinois adult beverage tourism scene.

“Our main focus is bourbon and bourbon appreciation,” said Jerri Schaefer.

The Havisham Bourbon Bar in downtown Alto Pass houses a wide selection of

brands for the bourbon connoisseur, including varieties that might normally be difficult to find in the region.

The bar also has options to cater to bourbon newcomers as well.

“We are going to have bourbon tastings, so people can learn more about what we offer,” said Schaefer. “We also have a lot of bourbon cocktails. So if people don’t like a straight bourbon, we have options available.”

“We also do wines. We have beer, craft beer and regular lagers on tap, so there’s something for everyone,” Schaefer continued. “But our main focus

is bourbon. That’s what sets us apart.”

Like the buildings of the Havisham House next door, the Havisham Bourbon Bar has been restored and redecorated to capture a particular ambience.

“We love New Orleans. We love the south. I love antiques. So we tried to give it a New Orleans-style, laid back atmosphere,” said Schaefer.

Jerri Schaefer hopes that they can help start a new trend in Southern Illinois spirits.

“We do hope there can be a bourbon trail in Southern Illinois, just like the Shaw-

nee Hills Wine Trail. And we want to work with the wine trails to add to the tourism,” said Schaefer.

“There are some people who are not wine drinkers. And we feel like we can bring more people in and give more options. So people can enjoy the wine trails with a bit of a bourbon twist.”

The Havisham Bourbon Bar is located at 260 Main St. in Alto Pass. More information can be found on social media at facebook.com/HavishamBourbonBar or on Instagram at havishamhouse.

Illinois joins Midwest Hydrogen Coalition

Illinois has joined six other Midwestern states in announcing the development of the Midwest Hydrogen Coalition, an agreement that will boost the state’s decarbonization efforts.

In addition to Illinois, the coalition includes Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana.

The creation of the coalition allows for a multi-state, multi-sector approach for leveraging each state’s unique assets to be adopted to ensure the development of the hydrogen produc-

tion industry across the Midwest.

By jump-starting the hydrogen market in the Midwest, the State of Illinois will add to its clean energy jobs and bring down the cost of clean energy alternatives for those who live in the state.

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Starting Oct. 11, the Spanish Club at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School will be involved in a partnership project with The Pulsera Project, which is a fair trade nonprofit organization that seeks to empower, inspire and educate people in Central America and the United States.

The City of Anna is working on plans for Small Business Saturday, which is in late November.

Candidates could begin circulating nominating petitions for April 2023 municipal elections on Sept. 20. Filing of petitions is set for Dec. 12-19.

The City of Anna is anticipating a rate increase from the Anna-Jonesboro Water Commission.

Anna Police Chief Bryan Watkins attended a recent training event in Peoria.

During a rather short meeting last Friday morning, the Union County Board of Commissioners approved the reappointment of David Livesay to the Ware-Wolf Lake Fire Protection District.

Work on improvements at Kiwanis Field at the Anna City Park is nearly complete.

In recognition of his efforts to promote and protect the interests of employers both large and small, State Rep. Patrick Windhorst, R-Metropolis, has been

named a Champion of Free Enterprise by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce.

Folks of all ages are invited to join a community choir planned at Shawnee Community College near Ullin. The choir is scheduled to start meeting in October and plans to have a performance in time for the Christmas season.

The Fort Massac Encampment is planned Oct. 15-16. The event takes place at Fort Massac State Park in Metropolis.

A Fall Fest celebration is planned Saturday, Oct. 22, at Shawnee Community College. Activities are being planned for the daytime and evening hours.

A Flyway Fungi Festival is scheduled Oct. 14-16 at Camp Manitowa at Cedar Point.

A free “Boo at the Slough” Halloween family event is planned from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress.

Fire danger

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which were reported throughout the region on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 20 and 21.

“Record shattering heat” was recorded on both days in Paducah and Cape Girardeau.

The high temperature on Sept. 21 in Paducah was 101 degrees, which broke the record of 98 set in 1940.

The high on Sept. 21 in Cape Girardeau was 100, which broke a record of 94 set in 2010.

The high on Sept. 20 in Paducah was 100. The record had been 97, which was set in 2018.

A high of 100 was recorded on Sept. 20 in Cape Girardeau. That broke a record of 94, also set in 2018.

High temperatures recorded in Union County last week included 98 on Sept. 20 and 99 on Sept. 21. On Sept. 22, the high was a much milder 75.

Weather

High 99, low 43; only trace of rain

Temperatures ranged from a high of 99 degrees to a low of 43 during the period of Sept. 20 through Sept. 26 in the Union County area.

The weather remained extremely dry, with only a trace of rain recorded on Sept. 24.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, Sept. 20	98	67
Wednesday, Sept. 21	99	66
Thursday, Sept. 22	75	53
Friday, Sept. 23	75	53
Saturday, Sept. 24	89	58
Sunday, Sept. 25	80	52
Monday, Sept. 26	74	43

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Ribbon cutting for boutique
Diana Howell was joined by friends, family and members of the community to hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony commemorating the opening of a new brick-and-mortar location for her business, **Kenz Boutique**. The Union County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development event was held on Thursday, Sept. 22.
Formerly an online-only operation, Diana’s new location at 346 S. Main St. in Anna features trendy style options in women’s apparel and accessories. Diana was joined for the ceremony by her husband Anthony Howell and two sons Mitchell and Matthew Howell. Daughter, and store namesake Mackenzie Howell, could not be present for the picture.
Hours for Kenz Boutique are scheduled Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Online orders can still be placed at kenzboutique.com. More information can be found on social media at kenz.boutique on Instagram or on Facebook at facebook.com/kenzboutiqueshopping.

Pearson reunion held at Giant City

The 72nd annual Pearson reunion was Saturday, Sept. 10, at Giant City State Park near Makanda.
Registration began at 10 a.m., with everyone signing up for the events of the day.
Lunch began with a prayer by Nova Dean Pack.
Henry and Matt Hand supervised a basketball free throw contest.
The 12 and under group was tied after the first round. Eleison Baggott and Carmen Holderfield each had 7, with Carmen Holderfield winning the trophy.
Trophy winner in the adult group was Nolan Hand with 8 out of 10.
Drawings for free t-shirts were won by Matt Hand, Shelby Edington, Reena Robinett, Stephanie Ritter, John Grant and Jim Pearson.
Youngest baby was Gia Edington. Newlyweds were Johnny and Glori Garcia. Men’s senior citizen was Donald Pearson. Women’s senior citizen was Edna Hand.
Raffle items were a Scentlok Camouflage jacket won by Matt Hand and a Broyhill area rug won by Ken Pearson.
The winner of the kids M&M candy game was Harper Hand.
Henry Hand Jr. conducted the auction for the day. It

was a lot of fun and he definitely got his exercise.
Stephanie Ritter brought badminton racquets, blow up plastic balls and plastic bats and balls for the children to play with. They all received candy bags and bubble wands.
Trophy winners in the cornhole tournament were Henry Hand and Brooks Pearson.
Those in attendance were Dean and Linda Pack, California; Jerry and Bonnie Coffman, Foley, Mo.; Cody, Reena, Corbin and Raya Robinett, Advance, Mo.; Jim and Linda Pearson, Ozark.
John and Angie Grant, Tina Grant and Wesley Grant Stroehlein, Buncombe; Lee and Adaline Pearson, Marion; Jeff and Donna Holderfield, Carmen Holderfield, Justin Holderfield and Preston Holderfield, Herrin.
Donald Pearson, Ladonna Pearson, Chris and Martha Pearson, Cambria; Kevin and Kevin Jr. Pearson, Cody and Rachael Hand and Connor Stanley, Kayla Hand and Eleison and Zelia Mae Baggott, Jonesboro.
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Lupe Pearson, Henry Hand, Christopher and Rhett Hand, Anna.
Anthony Stein and Bobbi, Vance and Addy Bass, Makanda; Bud Pearson, Ken Pearson, Edna Hand, Marilyn Smith, Michael and Maddie Smith and Faleshia Crisp, Brooks Pearson, Josh and Henry Pearson, Matt, Kaden, Makenna and Charlotte Hand, Jacob and Harper Hand, Valerie Caraker and Nick Harris, Cobden; Johnny, Glori and Delanie Garcia, Shelby and Gia Edington.

Hess News

By Glenn Heisner
Don and Elaine Treece from Colorado recently spent several days here with his mother to celebrate her 95th birthday.
Some Saddle Club members camped at Giant City horse camp over the weekend.
At the Grand Chain school reunion, Carl Heisner was the oldest attendee at 92. He still does his own bush hogging.
Our son Danny’s birthday was Sept. 15, but he was working out of state. We celebrated it here on Sept. 22 with cousins and his uncle Bruce Williams.
Other September birthdays are Sam Heisner on Sept. 12, Sue Hoskins on Sept. 14 and Gary Hoskins on Sept. 19.

Leyerle Cemetery clean-up, business meeting planned

The annual Leyerle Family Cemetery clean-up and business meeting is set for 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1.
A picnic lunch is planned at noon. Lunch will be followed by the annual meeting. All interested persons are invited to attend.
The cemetery is located on Little Creek Lane, off of U.S. Route 51, at Dongola.
More information is available by contacting G. Jean Williams by email at gwil-law@msn.com.
The event will be cancelled if it is raining.

A-JCHS homecoming celebration underway

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School’s 2022 homecoming celebration is underway this week.
The theme for this year’s homecoming is “Let’s Go Wild.”
Dress up days, which began Monday, are among the activities planned during homecoming week.
Thursday, today, is Tacky Tourist Day. Friday is Class Color Day (seniors/black, juniors/blue, sophomores/grey, freshmen/white).
Classes are decorating windows and hallways at the school for a homecoming competition.
Tours of the high school are planned prior to the homecoming Prowl for three class reunions: 1987, 2002 and 1972 (50th).
Class competitions are planned Friday morning, Sept. 30, in the Union Hall gymnasium.
A homecoming parade is set for 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30. The parade will begin at the Anna City Park and go along Davie and Main streets through the downtown area.
A-J’s homecoming football game is set for 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, at The Pit. The Wildcats are scheduled to host Pinckneyville.
Coronation of a homecoming queen and king will

be during halftime of the football game.
A homecoming dance is planned Saturday at the school. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The dance begins at 7 p.m.
A homecoming Prowl is planned Friday evening. Community groups, organizations and businesses have been invited to be a part of the Prowl.

Countryside Variety plans grand opening

A grand opening is planned at Countryside Variety in Union County.
The new business is located at 80 Mt. Pleasant Rd., at the corner of Illinois Route 146 and Mt. Pleasant Road. The owners are Cheryl and Sharon Weaver.
The grand opening is planned from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1.
The grand opening will feature free refreshments, a 5 percent discount on any purchase of \$50 or more.
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Decorating set to begin for 2022 Pumpkin Town

Decorating is set to begin on Oct. 3 for the 2022 Pumpkin Town displays.
Union County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development has been inviting participants to be a part of the Pumpkin Town, which is a long-standing Union County tradition. The event features creative displays which utilize pumpkins.
Pumpkin Town displays are planned again this year at the Anna City Park.
This year, Pumpkin Town also will feature a window decorating contest.
The theme for 2022 is

“Haunted Nickelodeon.”
Decorations need to be complete by nightfall on Oct. 6. Judging is planned Oct. 7. Tear down is Oct. 17.
Prizes will be announced on Oct. 7. The following awards will be presented:
First place, best window decorations.
First place, second place, third place, best Pumpkin Town display.
Information on how to participate in Pumpkin Town can be found on the Union County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development website at unioncounty.biz.

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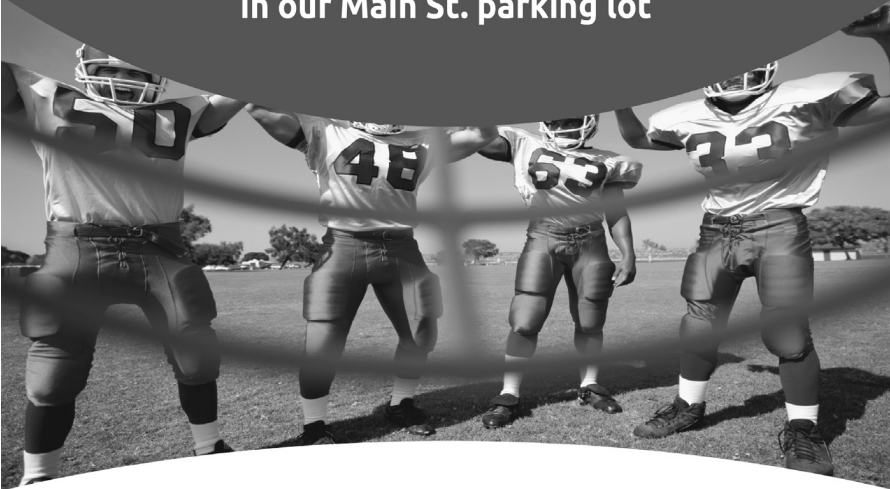
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Sports

A-J hosts Pinckneyville for homecoming game

Anna-Jonesboro is scheduled to host Pinckneyville Friday, Sept. 30, in high school football.

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. at The Pit for A-J's 2022 homecoming game.

Pickneyville enters the game with a 2-2 record after losing to Du Quoin 50-14 last Friday. A-J is 1-3 after losing Friday night.

"They beat West Frankfort earlier and we lost to them," A-J football coach Brett Detering said. "They have a small number of kids

like us. It should be a pretty good match up."

The Panthers are led at quarterback by junior Jase Lee.

The backfield features junior Karsen Konkell and sophomores Marshawn Fisher and Logan Jausel.

Top receivers are seniors Asher Jausel and Kallen Scott.

"We've got to do our part to win a football game," Detering said. "Hopefully, our kids respond to homecoming."

Lady Bulldogs advance to state

Jonesboro softball team wins regional

The Jonesboro School Lady Bulldogs softball team has been crowned as a 2022 Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletic Association Class S regional champion.

The regional championship tournament was played from Sept. 20-26, with the semifinals and finals being held at Jonesboro.

Quarterfinal Round

The Lady Bulldogs shut out Egyptian in the first round of the tournament by a score of 20-0.

Carley Pearson went 2-for-2 for Jonesboro with a home run. Mackenzie Barnhart went 2-for-3.

Brooke Sheffer, Macayla Nance, Addison Pinnon, Addie Suggs, Emma Craig and Maddie Moss all contributed a hit for the team.

Brooke Sheffer pitched another perfect game, her 5th of the season. Sheffer pitched 3 innings and racked up 6 strikeouts in the win against Egyptian.

Semifinal Round

Jonesboro posted another 20-0 shutout win in the semi finals with a big victory over Joppa.

Addison Pinnon, Macayla Nance and Emma Craig all went 2-for-2 for the Lady Bulldogs, with Carley Pearson going 2-for-3.

Franklin pitches no-hitter in victory for Appleknockers

The Cobden High School baseball team won twice in action last week.

Cobden 17, Shawnee 2: Tyler Franklin fired a no-hitter to lead the visiting Appleknockers to the win Wednesday, Sept. 21. Franklin had 8 strikeouts and allowed 3 walks.

Gabe Ellet and Luke Choate pitched for Shawnee and gave up 12 hits.

Mitchell Howell led Cobden's hitting by going 3-for-4 with a double and 3 RBIs.

Thomas Colman was 3-for-4 with an RBI. Daw-

son Short was 2-for-3 with an RBI. Hunter Pitts was 1-for-3 with 3 RBIs. Franklin was 1-for-3 with a double. Xach Roberts and Jace Wyatt were both 1-for-3 with an RBI apiece.

Cobden 15, Meridian 3: The visiting Appleknockers played all freshmen in the win Tuesday, Sept. 20.

Cobden, 8-3, closes out regular season play Saturday, Oct. 1, at Southern Illinois University Carbondale against North Clay.

and Reese Reynolds with 114 each.

All five made the all-conference team.

At Benton, Thursday, Sept. 22, A-J finished in 2nd place with 210 in a 3-team event. Host Benton won with 202.

Ralls led A-J with 44, followed by Reynolds 51, Jada Benefield 53 and Sadler 62.

A-J, 10-9, will play Thursday, today, in the Class 1A regional at the Union County Country Club in Anna.

A-J/Cobden soccer in action

The Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden co-op high school boys' soccer team lost twice in action last week.

Murphysboro 3, A-J/Cobden 0: Goal keeper Om Dipak Patel had 9 saves for visiting A-J/Cobden on Thursday, Sept. 22.

Harrisburg 5, A-J/Cobden 3: Matteo Vaca Diez scored 2 goals to lead visiting A-J/Cobden in the loss at Rent One Park in Marion, Tuesday, Sept. 20.

Zach Henry had the other goal for A-J/Cobden. Brandon Fuentes had the only assist.

Patel had 16 saves in goal.

A-J, 6-6-1, plays Thursday, today, at home against Massac County.

Morrissey has hole-in-one

Debbie Morrissey had a hole-in-one while playing golf on Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Union County Country Club course in Anna.

Morrissey aced the 84-yard number 15 with an approach wedge.

The shot was witnessed by Debra Hesse.

Carterville scores win over Wildcats

By Mike Estel

Carterville won its high school football homecoming game over Anna-Jonesboro 42-7 Friday night Sept. 23.

Even though the Wildcats lost, they showed signs of improving and seemed to play better than they did in the previous week's loss to Nashville.

"We played a lot better against Carterville than we did against Nashville," A-J head football coach Brett Detering said. "But they certainly had a lot of weapons."

A-J had to punt on its opening drive. Evan Hall intercepted Lion quarterback Andrew Hellriegel's pass to thwart their first drive.

However, the drive was stalled when Wildcat quarterback Payton Denny's pass was intercepted by Nolan Hatfield on a fourth down and short yardage situation.

Jaden Smith scored after a 3-play drive, on a 3-yard run. Jordan Cortes kicked the extra point and the Lions led 7-0 with 6:50 remaining in the 1st quarter.

"That really kind of hurt us, but our second drive kind of fueled our kids up," Detering said.

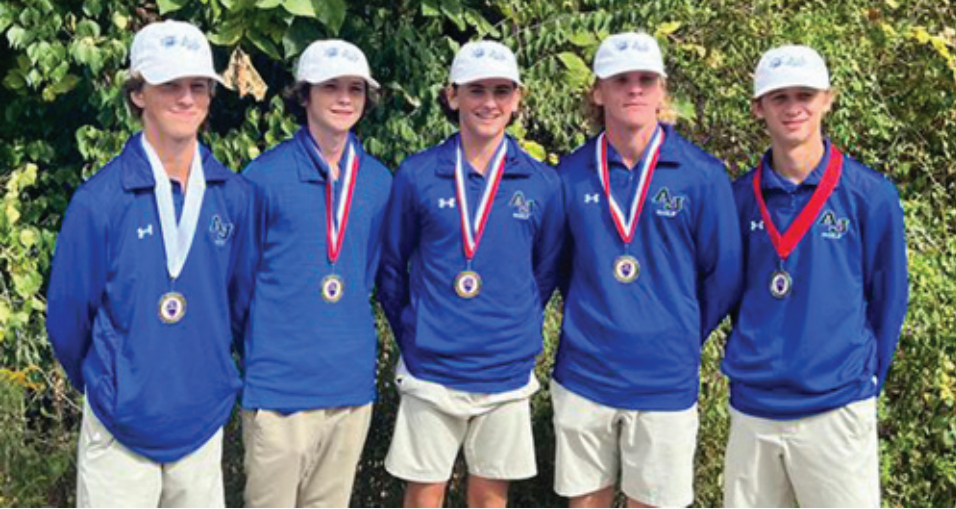
Blake Burkey fumbled the football and A-J's Dylan Harvel recovered.

On the ensuing drive, after a Lion TD was called back because of a penalty, Nolan Hartford scored on a 29-yard run. The extra point kick was good and Carterville led 14-0 with 7:28 left in the 2nd quarter.

The Wildcats gambled on their next possession on a fourth down play, but had an incomplete pass.

Two plays later, Smith scored on a 2-yard run. The

A-J boys' golf wins division title



A-J golfers

From left are Anna-Jonesboro Community High School golfers Aidan McFadden, Nick Hannan, Taj Hodges, Landon Brown and Hayden Ralls. Photo provided.

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' golf team won the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division title Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Hickory Ridge Golf Course in Carbondale.

The Wildcats won with 327. Carterville finished 2nd at 341.

"That was one of our goals and that was huge," A-J boys' golf head coach Jim Woodward said about winning the title. "We

were predicted to win it last year and finished second.

Aidan McFarland finished in 2nd place with 72 to lead the Wildcats.

Other finishers for A-J were Nick Hannan, 3rd, 75; Taj Hodges, 6th, 79; Landon Brown, 8th, 81; and Hayden Ralls, 9th, 81.

All five of the A-J players made the all-conference team.

In its final regular season match played Tuesday, Sept. 20, at the Union

County Country Club in Anna, A-J won a 4-team match with 165. Harrisburg finished 2nd with 204.

McFadden, Brown and Daylon Butler all tied for medalist honors with 39 each. Hodges was next with 43, followed by Ralls 44, Tim Plott 47 and Hannan 50.

A-J, finished regular season play with a 16-4 record. A-J was scheduled to play Wednesday in the Class 1A regional at West Frankfort.

Trail society plans hike

The River-to-River Trail Society plans to offer a guided hike on Saturday, Oct. 1, at Heron Pond Nature Preserve in Johnson County.

This will be a wildlife hike, which is free and open to the public.

The trail society said this will be a loop hike of moderate difficulty, approximately 7 miles long and five hours of hiking time.

The hike leader is scheduled to be Shawn Gossman, who can be contacted by phone at 618-694-7034 for more information.

Those who want to go on the hike are asked to meet at 10 a.m. at the Todd Fink Heron Pond Trailhead

parking area.

The hike is intended for people who are in good health who have done some walking.

The trail society advised that hiking sticks and boots or sturdy shoes are recommended.

Hikers are asked to bring their own bug spray and plan to carry it on the hike with them.

Hikers are asked to bring their own water and a snack. Hikers are asked to not bring dogs.

More information, including a Google Maps link to the trailhead, can be found on the trail society's website at www.rivertoriv-ertrail.net.

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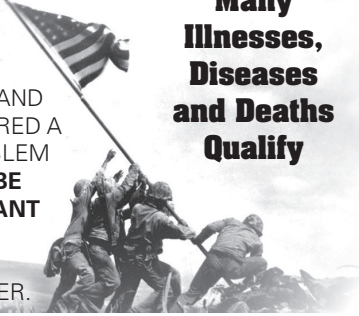
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Constitution Week event participants
Union County Boy Scouts Ben Hauser, Joshua Rochon and David Cook were among those who participated in a Constitution Week ceremony which was held in Union County. The ceremony was Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro. The Boy Scouts presented the colors at the ceremony.

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Breakfast volunteers
The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team's players, coaches and cheerleaders were treated to breakfast at the Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge in Anna on Friday morning, Sept. 23. The meal was prepared and served by volunteers at the lodge. The volunteers included, from left, Jeremy Peeler, Dale Foster, Tim Bowen, Scott Miller, Amy Lietz, Mike Hunter, Chris Whiteside, Trudy Bowman, Ken Bowman and Richard Cunningham.

IDNR shares updates on waterfowl seasons

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, is reminding waterfowl hunters about key dates and other information regarding the 2022-2023 waterfowl seasons.

2022-2023 Waterfowl Seasons
This is the second year of a five-year waterfowl season plan that was developed in 2020.

This fall, Illinois will open the regular duck, Canada goose and snow goose seasons on Oct. 22 in the North Zone, Oct. 29 in the Central Zone, Nov. 12 in

the South Central Zone and Dec. 3 in the South Zone.

White-fronted goose (specklebelly) seasons will open Oct. 24 in the North Zone, Nov. 5 in the Central Zone and on the same dates as duck season in the South Central (Nov. 12) and South zones (Dec. 3).

The daily limit is six ducks of any species; however, daily limit can consist of no more than the following: four mallards (of which no more than two can be hen mallards), three wood ducks, two redheads, two canvasback, two black ducks, one pintail and one mottled duck.

Scaup (bluebills) will have a daily limit of two for the first 45 days of the season in each zone and one for the last 15 days of the

season in each zone.

The daily bag limit of mergansers is five, only two of which may be hooded mergansers. The possession limit for ducks and mergansers is three times the daily bag limit (18 and 15, respectively) by species and sex.

During the regular season, Canada goose daily limits will be three with a possession limit of nine. White-fronted goose daily bag limits will be two with a possession limit of six. The snow goose daily bag limit is 20 birds, with no possession limit, during the fall and winter seasons.

The spring Light Goose Conservation Order will open Jan. 20 in the North Zone and Feb. 1 in the Central, South Central, and South zones, ending April 30 in all zones. There is no daily bag or possession limit on snow, blue, and Ross' geese during the spring conservation order.

Seasons Now Open
Rail (Sora and Virginia only) is open statewide in all zones through Nov. 18, with a daily limit of 25 and possession limit of 75.

Snipe is open statewide in all zones through Dec. 25, with a daily limit of eight and possession limit of 24.

Canada goose (early season) closed Sept. 15 in all zones.

Additional details about waterfowl seasons are included below and in the Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations 2022-2023, which is available on the IDNR website at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/hunting/Pages/Hunt-TrapDigest.aspx>.

The Illinois waterfowl hunting zone maps and anticipated season dates

for the 2021-2025 seasons are available on the IDNR website at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/news/Documents/IDNR-Waterfowl-2021-2025.pdf>.

IDNR noted that sunrise and sunset times are not included in the Hunting and Trapping Digest again this year. IDNR said that hunters should refer to this website for their local sunrise and sunset: <https://www.weather.gov/dvn/sunrise-sunset>.

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, HPAI, Reminder
In coordination with other state and federal agencies, IDNR continues to monitor for outbreaks of the H5N1 strain of HPAI that was observed in Illinois during the spring.

Similar mortality events may occur as waterfowl arrive in Illinois from northern breeding grounds during the fall migration.

IDNR reminds waterfowl hunters to take precautions and to thoroughly cook game meat to an internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit.

Avoid handling sick or dead waterfowl found in the field. Do not allow dogs and other pets to consume waterfowl that died from unknown causes.

Further guidance for hunters can be found at the following link: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_health/fsc_hpai_hunters.pdf.

If five or more wild birds are found deceased of unknown causes in one location, IDNR requests that a district wildlife biologist be contacted at <https://www.wildlifeillinois.org/sidebar/contact-an-idnr-district-wildlife-biologist/>.

Graveside memorial service for
ROBERT J. KOHLER
will be held on October 9, at 2:00 p.m. at the Anna Cemetery.

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ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2022

REVENUES SUMMARY: Property Tax 43983; TIF 39527; Sales and Local Use Tax 110948; Utility Tax 47000; State Income Tax 161450; Replacement Tax 11035; Excise Tax 9313; Video Gaming Tax 6454; Licenses/Fees and Fines 143356; Interest Income 555; Donations 42080; Miscellaneous 3411; Water, Sewer, Gas Fees and Services 819117; MFT 71470; Grants/Loans 97814; CURE 9367; Cannabis Use Tax 1735; **TOTAL REVENUE: \$1,618,615**

EXPENDITURES SUMMARY above \$2500: Alan Environmental Products 2936; Ameren Illinois 62751; Anderson Overhead Door, Inc. 4606; Anna Quarries 4447; Auto Tire & Parts 3050; Beanland & Son Drilling, LLC 73033; J.T. Blankinship, Inc. 58502; Brown Electric, Inc. 4716; Buchanan Pump Service & Supply 9958; R.B. Bush Contracting & Excavating 2556; Cambridge Technologies 5318; City of Carbondale 7861; William T. Center 3720; Clarida & Ziegler Engineering 17900; Complete Equity Markets 3756; Republic Services #732 101115; Dinges Fire Company 7324; EKANS, Inc. 22673; Electric Controls Company, Inc. 3565; Frontier 5519; Cobden Municipal Gas System 10561; Hawkins, Inc. 4679; Health Alliance Medical Plans 80423; Illini Asphalt 34268; Illinois EPA 5010; IMCO Utility Supply 13557; City of Jonesboro 6300; Kemper CPA Group LLP 11175; Litton Enterprises 2654; Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center 6794; Midwest Petroleum & Excavating 5120; Modern Marketing 2615; Municipal Equipment CO 3454; PACE Analytical Services 2936; Postmaster 4968; Pro-1 Auto Body 16173; Purple Wave, Inc. 19398; RMA 66522; Schulte Supply 10434; Semo Motorsports & Lawn Equipment 7818; Silkworm, Inc. 2580; Southwestern IL College 5539; Union County Treasurer 17174; U.S Bank 4315; Utility Safety & Design 23114; FICA/Medicare 44030; IMRF 44930; personal services less than \$25000: Austin Lewey, Austin Sellers, Ayden Hallett, Brenda Childers, Colyn Girtman, Dennis Maze, Eric Ralls, Gregory Dillow, Jean Britt, Jesse Vicente, Jessica Martinez, Jake Talley, Johnathan Fuhrhop, Larry Hackethal, Max Cohen, Patrick Brumleve, Paul Tomazzoli, Roscoe Bridges, Seirra Brumleve, Tristan Brummer, Todd Dietterle, Timothy Smith, Xachary Roberts; \$25001-39999: Ben Godinez, Maria Braden, Ryan Stadelbacher, Stephanie Murrillo; \$40000-59999: David Craig, Jr., Karen Winzenburger, Thomas Ebenhoh, Tyler Hess, Waylon Logsdon; over \$60000: Jesse Spencer, William C. Eads. **TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$1,615,341**

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION
(Excerpt from Comptroller Report)

	GENERAL	SPECIAL	FIDUCIARY	ENTERPRISE
Beginning Fund Balance	66,784	192,904	199,306	2,197,018
Revenues	593,850	111,161	22,049	891,555
Less Disbursements/				
Expenditures	(633,697)	(77,560)	(25,000)	(879,084)
Operating Transfers	39,000	----	----	(39,000)
Ending Fund Balance	65,937	226,505	196,355	2,170,489

Subscribed and sworn on this 12th day of September, 2022.

Seirra Brumleve
Seirra Brumleve, Village Treasurer

I, Karen M. Winzenburger, Village Clerk of the Village of Cobden, Union County, Illinois, do hereby certify the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2022.

Karen M. Winzenburger
Karen M. Winzenburger, Village Clerk

AVAILABILITY OF AUDIT REPORT
VILLAGE OF COBDEN

The Audit Report for the Village of Cobden for the period of May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022 as prepared by Kemper CPA Group is available for public inspection at the Cobden Village Hall, 112 East Maple Street during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Seven Angelic Services

Hebrews 1:14

The term angel is mentioned about 300 times in the Bible. Angels share characteristics with God as well with us. For instance, angels are spirit beings with supernatural powers and never die (Luke 20:36). They are created (Psalm 148:5) free-will beings, one step above man, not to be worshipped, but obedient to God (all-knowing, powerful, present). However, angels appear very active and interested in human affairs.

One service of angels is to oppose Satan's purposes & designs. Jude Chapter 9 tells of how Michael contended and disputed with Satan. Another service of angels is to execute the punitive judgments of God upon sinful men. Some might try to say, "The Devil made me do it!" In God's eyes this excuse will never be accepted. Genesis 3:24 highlights that the Garden of Eden was protected by a cherubim guard after Adam and Eve were dismissed. A third service of angels is to exert influences over the rulers/governments of nations. In 2 Kings 19:35, the Bible records how an angel of the Lord, destroyed an entire Assyrian army. God's angels still work on his behalf today; we might not understand all the details, but we need not worry if we are faithful to our God. In Matthew 18:10, we find that angels exercise care over children, those unable to function by themselves, and those of weak faith. Additionally, in the book of Acts we see where angels assist the lost to encounter the gospel (Acts 8:26 or Acts 27:21). Consequently, angels also gather righteous souls. Mark 13:27 and Luke 15:10 relates that "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." Finally, perhaps the most comforting service is that angels bear away souls righteous upon death. Luke 16:22 records the touching scene.

Seeing that the angels of God are interested in the salvation of souls, how diligent all men ought to be in looking after the one thing needful, namely, the soul's redemption—Burton Coffman.



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

OCTOBER 2-8, 2022



Local competitors
Young people from Union County who competed at the 4-H SpaceBot Mission Command Challenge Robotics Competition in Bloomington included, in the first row, Ava Ralls, Katryna Borders, Michael Skelton and Kim Adams. In the second row are Sabryna Borders, Landon Ralls, Trystan Borders, Kaylie Adams and Callysta Borders. Photo provided.

Union County robotics team members receive honors at state competition

Young people from 13 teams across Illinois demonstrated their learning, celebrated their accomplishments and interacted with others who share an interest in robotics at the 4-H SpaceBot Mission Command Challenge Robotics Competition held at the Interstate Center on the McLean County Fairgrounds in Bloomington in the spring.

Young people from Union County were among those who participated in the event – and brought some honors, as well. The competition theme this year was drawn from the work of the 4-H in Space Mission Command Youth Team.

The team prepares curriculum and programming options for Illinois youth working with the International Space Station National Laboratories, ISS, and the Lab for Advanced

Space Systems at Illinois, Department of Aerospace Engineering, LASSI.

Illinois young people ages 8-18 competed in teams of three to 10 members at two levels of competition.

Teams competing at the Rookie level had never participated in a 4-H, FLL/FTC/FRC competition.

Those competing in the Advanced level had previously competed in those types of competitions.

Competition judges were on hand to score events and determine the competition category winners.

Two teams from Union County Robotics participated in this year's competition.

"I am proud to have a robotics team in Union County that has brought home so many awards in 2022. We are blessed with great leaders," youth development educator Kristi

Stout said. "We are very proud of their accomplishments."

The Rookie Programming Award and Rookie Creativity Award went to Rebels: The Broken Gears of Union County.

Team members included Trystan Borders, Sabryna Borders, Katryna Borders, Michael Skelton, Landon Ralls and Ava Ralls.

Reserve Advanced Champions honors went to the Duh-code-duh team of Union County.

The team also received the Advanced Programming Award and All Team Spirit Award.

Team members included Callysta Borders, Kaylie Adams, Kim Adams and Leanna Henson.

What We Believe

BELONGING: We believe all youth can grow when they're surrounded by people who are cheering for their success. That's why we bring youth together in clubs, led by caring adults, who welcome them as part of a larger 4-H family.

INDEPENDENCE: We believe all youth should be active participants in their future and have opportunities for self-determination. That's why we allow youth to choose their 4-H journey based on their own interests with opportunities for discovery, skill building, and leadership.

GENEROSITY: We believe all youth should see themselves playing a part in their community's success, so they understand their value to the greater good in a global society. That's why we provide both individual and collective opportunities to serve and help others.

MASTERY: We believe all youth should have many paths to learning, so they can master skills needed for happiness in family, career, and community. That's why we provide mentors and opportunities for guided learning.

Why has 4-H survived and thrived for more than 100 years? It's our foundational beliefs that guide every action, every policy, every opportunity, and every interaction.

(From the University of Illinois Extension website.)

4-H Motto, Pledge, Creed

4-H Motto

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My HEALTH to better living,

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4-H Members Creed

I believe in 4-H Club work for the opportunity it will give me to become a useful citizen.

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I believe in the training of my HEART for the nobleness it will give me to be kind, sympathetic and true.

I believe in the training of my HANDS for the ability it will give me to be helpful, skillful and useful.

I believe in the training of my HEALTH for the strength it will give me to enjoy life, resist disease and to work efficiently.

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Young people need positive relationships with caring adults

4-H volunteers play a critical role in the lives of Illinois youth. More than 23,000 volunteers across Illinois make a difference with more than 268,000 4-H participants each year.

As 4-H begins another program year, consider becoming a 4-H volunteer today.

According to the America's Promise Alliance, all children need support and guidance from caring adults in their families, at schools, and in their communities.

These include ongoing, secure relationships with parents as well as formal and informal relationships with teachers, mentors,

coaches, youth volunteers, and neighbors.

Caring adults are the cornerstone of a child's development. Parents come first but children also need to experience the support from caring adults in all areas of their lives.

The Search Institute suggests that each young person needs three caring adults in their lives other than their parents.

Their research suggests that only 45 percent of middle and high school age youth surveyed have those three caring adults in their lives.

Seventy-one percent of parents surveyed said it would really help them as

parents to have other adults who they trust to spend time with their kids.

Why volunteer for 4-H? Adults with no previous connection to 4-H may volunteer to share their talents, strengths, and experiences.

They may share their expertise in a specific project area related to their own career path, hobby, or interest area.

Other adults like to get to know young people in their community and to share in the decision-making opportunities related to community issues.

Still others decide to interact with 4-H members to meet new people, gain new skills, and get connected in their community.

4-H parents volunteer to spend time with their own children and with youth of similar ages and interests. 4-H alumni have the opportunity to give

back to the program that helped them develop the life skills which have made them successful in their personal, professional, and community life today.

4-H offers a variety of long and short term volunteer opportunities.

These may include organizational leaders of 4-H clubs or groups that meet year round, project leaders for more than 100 different subject matter areas who meet for a specific time period, or activity leaders who help plan and execute a educational and/or social event, contest, workshop, or clinic for 4-H members in the county throughout the year.

4-H focuses on four key concepts of positive youth development in their programming efforts: belonging, independence, generosity and mastery.

4-H volunteers play a

critical role in helping to instill these concepts in the lives of young people.

As caring adults, volunteers help youth set goals, provide service to others and develop a sense of the future.

For the health and safety of 4-H youth participants and volunteers, adults are required to complete the 4-H volunteer application process and attend an orientation session prior to becoming a 4-H volunteer.

To learn more about the 4-H volunteer opportunities in your community or your county, contact the local U of I Extension office at 833-6363.

Whether you have two hours a week or 12 hours a month to give to enrich

the lives of youth through 4-H, Extension has a place for you.

Visit the website at <https://extension.illinois.edu/ajmpu/4-h-youth-development> to learn more about programs and volunteer opportunities.

4-H is the largest out-of-school education youth program in the United States. 4-H seeks to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, forming attitudes and developing life skills that enable them to become caring, competent and contributing members of society.

For more information about 4-H in Illinois visit <https://extension.illinois.edu/ajmpu/4-h-youth-development>.

Local 4-Hers honored for their achievements

CHAMPAIGN—4-Hers from throughout Illinois were honored for their career achievements in the program at a Celebration of Excellence, which was held during the spring.

The state 4-H Experience Award offers recognition for members who took part in activities and events in the categories of participation, community service, leadership and project mastery.

4-Hers from Union and Pulaski counties were among those honored.

In order to qualify for the top levels of the award, 4-H members must have expanded their experience beyond just the county level.

The Emerald Level award recognizes young people who completed

eight or more experiences in one of the three dimensions, with at least four of those experiences beyond the county level and at least two at the state, national or international level.

The Emerald Level awards are sponsored by Patricia Clickener, Dr. Lloyd Shaw, Jim and Cheryl Wormley and Pete Haselhorst.

Emerald Level award winners in leadership included Trystan Borders from Union County.

Emerald Level award winners in project learning included Callysta Borders from Union County and Abagayle Britton and Kevin Britton, both from Pulaski County.

State 4-H award winners were also celebrated at the event.

Illinois 4-H memories welcomed

Illinois 4-H is proud of the rich history of 4-H and our 4-H alums near and far.

If you were a member of the Illinois 4-H program, you are one of 25 million Americans who share a unique bond.

Illinois 4-H launched a new initiative for an Illinois 4-H History project and is seeking to reconnect with Illinois 4-H Alumni to hear their 4-H stories and share their 4-H memories.

Illinois 4-H has a strong history dating back to 1899 with the start of W.B. Otwell forming the first boy's corn club in Macoupin County, Illinois, followed by A.B. Graham, found-

ing the first 4-H club of boys and girls with officers and projects, and record requirements in Clark County, Ohio in 1902.

Illinois then established the first 4-H club, Union Pig Club, organized by C.C. Coots, in Macoupin County in 1915.

We are interested in gathering your memories, photos, or photos of memorabilia of those special moments in which 4-H impacted you.

Share your 4-H story online at <https://go.illinois.edu/4-Hstory>.

(From the University of Illinois AJMPU Facebook page.)

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WHEREAS, 4-H is America's largest youth development organization, having supported almost six million youth across the country thus far; and

WHEREAS, 4-H has helped youth in Union County, and surrounding counties to become confident, independent, resilient and compassionate leaders; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is delivered by Cooperative Extension, a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation that provides experiences where young people learn by doing in hands-on projects in areas including health, science, agriculture and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Illinois 4-H is delivered by University of Illinois Extension; and

WHEREAS, National 4-H Week showcases the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people, and highlights the remarkable 4-H youth in Union County, and surrounding counties, who work each day to make a positive impact on those around them; and

WHEREAS, 4-H's network of 600,000 volunteers and 3,500 professionals provides caring and supportive mentoring to all 4-H'ers, helping them to grow into true leaders, entrepreneurs and visionaries;

NOW, THEREFORE, the sponsors on these pages join in proclaiming Oct. 2-8, 2022, as National 4-H Week, in our community, and encourage all of our citizens to recognize 4-H for the significant impact it has made and continues to make by empowering youth with the skills they need to lead for a lifetime.

4-H Foundation awards scholarships

The career achievements of Illinois 4-H members were celebrated earlier this year with \$45,000 in scholarships awarded by the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

The scholarships are awarded to five Illinois 4-H members in nine focus categories and are based on merit and a demonstrated standard of 4-H excellence.

Scholarship winners include a 4-Her from Union County, as well as other Southern Illinois counties.

"These youth exhibit excellence and mastery in these interest areas," Lisa Diaz, University of Illinois Extension assistant dean and 4-H director, said in a news release.

"These awards celebrate the hard work, dedication, growth and leadership these youth have exhibited."

The Illinois 4-H Foundation raises private and corporate funds to support the Illinois 4-H program.

"Our donors deeply value education," foundation executive director Angie Barnard said.

"Their support of not only our program, but also the future education of 4-H members is so valuable."

A celebration and ceremony were held during the spring in Champaign. The 2022 Experience Award winners also were celebrated at this event.

Forty-five young adults were chosen as scholarship winners in one of nine divisions of the State 4-H Award. Each winner receives a \$1,000 scholarship.

The nine divisions include animal sciences, civil

engagement and global living, creative and performing arts and communications, food systems, healthy living and nutritious, leadership, natural resources and environmental science, personal growth and STEM and robotics.

Callysta Borders from Union County and Lexi Cobin from Perry County were among the winners in the food systems division.

The food systems award focuses on youth who have focused on food production, processing, distribution and access.

The award is sponsored by Bernie and Susan Heisner, Donna Mueller, Evelyn Brandt Thomas, Dr. Larry Hageman and Ray and Patricia Brownfield.

Michelle Wang from Jackson County was among the winners in the leadership division.

The leadership award recognizes youth that have focused on the development of leadership skills, including offices held, committees served on, programs led and public presentations given on behalf of 4-H.

The award is sponsored by Patricia Clickener, Donna Mueller, Dr. Janice Seitz and Chicago Farmers.

Union County 4-Her scholarship recipient

CHAMPAIGN — The career achievements of the state's 4-H members were honored at the Illinois 4-H Celebration of Excellence held during the spring.

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Borders was one of five 4-Hers from throughout Illinois who received the award.

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News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Sept. 25, Pastor Perry Williams’ text was based on scripture from the Book of Hebrews in the New Testament.

The message addressed a question that many people ask: how do you know for sure that you are saved?

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

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

The church’s Facebook page, Jonesboro FBC, has videos and the latest in-

formation about possible closings.

Music director Dee Rose led worship. Debbie York was the pianist.

Meghan Smith presented the song “Lead Me to the Cross.” Before she sang, Meghan shared the good news that her sister, Marlee, had her first hole-in-one on Saturday.

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

The children’s program, Dig-In Ministry, has resumed. Children 4 years of age through 6th grade are invited to attend. The program is scheduled to meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays. Bus transportation is available; more information is avail-

able by calling the church office at 833-7981.

On Friday, the church plans to host the A-J football team for breakfast.

Also on Friday, the youth will be walking in the homecoming parade, passing out gospel tracts and candy.

Birthdays: Mary Carolyn Rendleman, Sept. 27; Debbie Fears, Sept. 28; Kerry Shipley, Sept. 29; Zack Massey, Sept. 30.

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

Youth are scheduled to meet at 6 p.m. on Sundays and at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays.

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

Early childhood programs awarded grant funding

Birth to Five Illinois has issued \$2.5 million in implementation grants that will reach 20 local early childhood collaborations and 35 counties across the state.

Grant recipients included the Southern Illinois Coalition for Children and Families, which received \$111,150.

The purpose of the funding is to help collaborations apply systemic strategies to the challenge of regaining and increasing enrollment into early childhood programs and services.

Grantees will employ various methods to reach this goal, including hiring dedicated staff, equipping community members with hotspots and laptops to serve as paid family liaisons, and improving coordinated intake processes to ensure families are connected to the programs and services for which they are eligible.

In April, Birth to Five Illinois published the eligibility requirements for the implementation grants to local early childhood collaborations.

The application opened in June and closed Aug. 5, after a two-week extension.

The lead-time for the application process was intended to allow time for some collaborations to solidify the SAM.gov registration, secure a Unique Entity Identifier, UEI, and become Grant Accountability and Transparency Act, GATA, certified, to meet an Illinois Department of Human Services requirement.

Angela Hubbard, grants and relationship Manager for Birth to Five Illinois, said in a news release:

“As we develop this new statewide system with a focus on racial equity, our team worked hard to limit the barriers that often prevent early childhood collaborations from accessing available funding.”

As part of this process, the application and all supporting resources were provided in Spanish and English. Birth to Five Illinois responded to over 200 email inquiries about the implementation grant.

“We continue to improve this process and are grateful for all our partners who have provided guidance,” Hubbard said.

Birth to Five Illinois will follow this round of funding with a planning grant opportunity this fall aimed at helping newly forming collaborations become fully established.

Information about the implementation grants and other funding opportunities from Birth to Five Illinois can be found at www.birthtofiveil.com/grants.

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Daily Bible Reading

Ecclesiastes	James	James	James	James	James	Exodus
9:13-18	1:1-27	2:1-26	3:1-18	4:1-17	5:1-20	18:1-27

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Obituaries

Sharon K. Malone

Sharon K. Malone, 81, of Jonesboro, died Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022, at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on June 20, 1941, in Anna, the daughter of Archie and Pearl Shepard Barker.

She married Larry Malone on Dec. 14, 2000 in Anna.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Malone; four sisters, Pam Pind, Jan (Melvin) Brown, Shelby Brown and Brenda (Charles) Durham; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Shirley Hanney and Karen Smith; and two brothers, Sonny and Gary Barker.

She was a member of Landmark Pentecostal Church in Anna. She loved taking care of people and her home. She enjoyed spending time outdoors and going on shopping trips. Most of all, she loved her family and spending time with them.

Funeral services for Sharon Malone were at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 26, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro. Interment followed in Jonesboro Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society.

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

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

Carolyn Joann Holderfield

Joann Holderfield, 82, of Cobden, died Monday, Sept. 26, 2022, at the Jonesboro Rehab and Nursing Center.

She was born on May 14, 1940, in Alto Pass, the daughter of Herman Ellis and Katie M. Irvin Miner.

She married Ted Holderfield on Sept. 25, 1993, in Anna. He preceded her in death on April 20, 2013.

Mrs. Holderfield is survived by her children, Jeff (Donna) Holderfield of Herrin, Paula Holderfield of Cobden, Carolyn Nunn of Dongola and Cindy Acala of California; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ted Holderfield; a brother, Edwin Miner; and by two sisters, Imogene Shirkey and Helen Miner.

She was a member of Immanuel Praise and Worship Center in Cobden for many years. She enjoyed listening to Elvis music and worshiping her Lord Jesus Christ.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date at Immanuel Praise and Worship Center in Cobden.

Memorials can be made to PAWS or to Union County Animal Control.

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



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

Don Tellor

Don Tellor, 82, of Vienna, died at 5:26 a.m. Monday, Sept. 19, 2022, at Integrity Healthcare in Anna.

Mr. Tellor was born on Oct. 14, 1939, in Union County, the son of Melvin and Alma Fox Tellor.

Mr. Tellor is survived by a daughter, Lori Tellor of Miner, Mo.; a grandson, Kerry Michael Tannehill; a sister, Esther Barker of Anna; many nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin and Alma Tellor; a son, Terry Tellor; a daughter, Cindy Tellor; a dear nephew, Herman Tanner; and siblings, including Ella Smith, Ruby Simms, Alfred Tellor, Walter Tellor, Agnes Frise, Vera Tanner and Henry Tellor.

He served in the U.S. Army. He was employed for many years as an assembler at the Florsheim Shoe factory in Anna. He was later employed in the housekeeping and custodial department of Harrah’s Casino in Metropolis.

He was very community minded and had served as a driver for the Johnson County Ambulance Service and as a Johnson County ESDA (Emergency Services Disaster Agency) volunteer.

Mr. Tellor was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed gardening and fishing.

A graveside service honoring the life of Don Tellor was conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, at the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery. Pastor Jack Shelton officiated.

Military graveside rites were accorded by the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post No. 5222 and the Illinois National Guard burial honors detail.

Memorials can be made to the Tellor family flower fund and can be left in the care of Bailey Funeral Home, P.O. Box 695, Vienna, Ill. 62995.

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

Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna was in charge of arrangements.



James Leland ‘Jim’ Shafer II

James Leland “Jim” Shafer II, 68, of Cape Girardeau, and formerly of Thebes, died at 7:40 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022, at Jackson Manor.

He was born on Oct. 5, 1953, in Cape Girardeau, the son of James “Chief” and Genevia L. Guess Shafer.

Mr. Shafer had a variety of jobs, including coroner and police officer in Alexander County.

The job he had for most of his life was that of a nurse, (RN). He worked at St. Francis and Southeast Hospital, as well as Barnes-Jewish Hospital.

He worked as an ICU and ER nurse. He was also a travel nurse with assignments all over the country, as well as overseas.

He loved to travel. He was a member of the Cape Seventh Day Adventist Church, was dedicated to Jesus and was excited to go to Heaven. He was a man with a big heart.

Survivors include his partner of 15 years, Carol Emanuel; son Kraig (Natasha) Shafer; daughter Amy (Jeromey) Sitton; stepsons Kyle and Kevin Pridemore; brother Larry (Crystal) Shafer; grandchildren Jordan and Chloe Shafer and Maisie and Eli Sitton; nephew Alex (Katelyn) Shafer; and several cousins, other relatives and friends.

A private inurnment will take place at Rose Hill Cemetery in Thebes.

Crain Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau is in charge of arrangements.



County Line News

(Mill Creek and Upper Elco)

Cooler Weather

Finally. Cooler weather. I am happy enough to sing the “Happy” song. Thank goodness you won’t be subjected to that.

Now, if we could just get some rain. I don’t want hurricane or tornado force rain, but a nice steady soaker would be great. The trees are mostly dying instead of changing color. It’s sad.

Mill Creek Village Board

The Mill Creek Village Board had a monthly business meeting Tuesday, Sept. 20.

An investigation, which now involves other government agencies, proceeds on the break-in at the village hall during the Labor Day weekend.

The board is working towards replacing items taken and updating security.

Mill Creek Baptist Church

Mill Creek Baptist Church has a new directory. The photo of the old church was used, as well as a photograph of the new church.

Mill Creek Baptist was started in 1896...126 years ago. It started with just 3 charter members and 11 baptized.

They met in the old cooper shop (a cooper built barrels, buckets, and other wooden items) until the church was built at the north end of Mill Creek.

In 1959, the new church was built at the south end of town. The addition was added in 2008. The church continues to grow.

In October, the church is making plans for a fish fry, youth events, Pastor Recognition and Trunk or Treat festivities. We hope you’ll join us.

Sunday Services

Sunday services were well attended and Brother Bob was able to give us a praise report on his health. He still has procedures to deal with in the future, but we are relieved that God worked His miracle and the initial report of cancer is gone. Prayer works.

Brother Bob’s message came from Philippians 4:13. “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

We must trust His strength and quit putting limits on God. God will meet our needs. We need to quit putting limits on our children by being better examples.

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Brad Easton’s sermon Sunday was titled “Will God Allow Us More Than We Can Handle?” His main scripture was from Isaiah.

The sermon shared that “throughout both the Old and New Testaments, we are assured that God promises to never leave us nor forsake us.

“When we suffer or are going through a rough time, He will carry us through; we are weak, He is strong.

“In suffering, we learn to become reliant on Him. We can lay our burdens at His feet. Even in death, we can have victory in Jesus.

“Pain and suffering are not about punishment, but rather about growth in Him.

The sermon closed with scripture from Isaiah: “Fear not, for He has redeemed us; He has called us by name, and we are His.”

Riley Barnhart and Peyton Miller rang the bell commencing worship.

Raelynn Bonner and Kayton Crane took up the

offering.

Rodney Miller is Camp Ground’s lead elder during October.

Blake Herren celebrated his birthday Sept. 24.

Michael and Ashley Roach’s wedding anniversary was Sept. 25.

Dr. Mark Wagner, Dr. Amanda Batts, Heather Carey and Sandra Boaz, all members of the Illinois Chapter of the Trail of Tears Association, spent five days last week in Cherokee, N.C., attending the annual conference and symposium of the National Trail of Tears Association.

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

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

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

Raymond Eugene Gibbs

Raymond Eugene Gibbs, 70, of Anna, died Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022, at his home.

He was born on Sept. 25, 1951, in Anna, the son of Elmer and Lena Brunner Gibbs.

He married Cheryl Ashline on Sept. 15, 1981, in Jonesboro.

Mr. Gibbs is survived by his wife, Cheryl Gibbs of Anna; daughter Cassie Heern (Chris Campbell) of Jonesboro; son Jesse Gibbs of Anna; three grandchildren, Mark, Chase and Macey Heern; siblings Mary (Jerry) Richardson of Anna and Delores (Doug) Barton of Chicago; other relatives and many friends.



He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Renee Solomon; a grandson, Tanner Solomon; siblings Paul Gibbs, Charlie Gibbs, Lorene Benedette and Mildred Dillow.

Mr. Gibbs worked for many years as a rehabilitation counselor. He loved watching his grandson play baseball. He enjoyed cooking, watching football and spending time with his family.

Private family services will be held. Interment will be at a later date.

Memorials can be made to Cheryl Gibbs. Envelopes will be available at the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home.

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

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By Suzan Harvel

When we put faith in God and leave it there, He will answer and take care of us always.

During the sermon, the song by Ocean “Put Your Hand in the Hand” immediately popped into my head.

My children will tell you I often think in terms of lyrics and have been known to gush out song lyrics that pertain to something I’ve seen or heard, or situations that I’m in. It’s one of my many quirks.

However, it’s true...we need to put our hands into the Lord’s hands and let him calm our stormy seas.

Prayer List

Our prayer list expanded to include continued prayer for Brother Bob, Barb and Bob Layman, Jr. and Lula Belle Tripp, Shirley Harvel and Elaine Helton, who are still in need.

Emerson Bridge work scheduled

The Missouri Department of Transportation, MoDOT, recently announced that westbound Route 74 in Cape Girardeau will be reduced to one lane with a 16-foot width restriction as crews repair the Bill Emerson Memorial Bridge.

Weather permitting, the work is scheduled to take place from Monday, Oct. 3, through Thursday, Oct. 6. Work is planned from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

The Emerson Bridge

We also added prayers for the Tom Porter family in their loss, Kassie Dillow for upcoming surgery, a coworker of mine for dental surgery, another coworker’s mother who is fighting an infection after bunion surgery, Willie Bracken for health needs, travel mercies for Julia and Nate Bullard and family and for the young athlete “Drew” who was injured at the Junior Wildcats game.

“Touch a Truck”

I took my grandchildren to the “Touch a Truck” event in Cape Girardeau this past weekend. They had a blast, but I was worn out. They touched everything.

We enjoyed lunch out with ice cream for them afterwards and then I still had my shopping to do. I was seriously dragging when I got home. I may need to reconsider a multivitamin. I remember teasing my dad about taking Geritol...now I know why he did.

Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Those enjoying a family get-together on Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Anna City Park were Penny and Kerry Hill and Shirley Miller, all of McClure, Julie, Eric, Tessa and Micah Burtin of St. Charles, Mo., Kacie, Derek and Milo Golliher of Fenton, Mo., Naomi, Mike and Blake Clark of Michigan, Deanie and Jerry Hinkle of Jonesboro, Jadyn Samuels, Tammy and Bill Davis of Anna and Reagan and Alexa Hinkle of Anna and David and Christy Miller of St. Charles, Mo.

Joe Schneider of Cape Girardeau visited with Shirley Miller of McClure on Monday night.

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

David and Christy Miller

and Shirley Miller visited Saturday afternoon with Sue and Steve Eudy of Anna.

Happy birthday to my granddaughter Jessica Eudy of Plano, Texas, on Tuesday, Sept. 27, and to her brother Ryan Driskell of Cape Girardeau on Wednesday, Sept. 28.

Happy anniversary to my grandson and his wife, Ryan and Amber Wachter of Jonesboro Tuesday, Sept. 27.

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

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42-43gc

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FOR SALE:

GE electric washer, white, 25 1/2x27x35, \$110.00; GE electric stove, white, 30x25x25, \$110.00; Whirlpool over-the-stove microwave, black, 30x16x16, \$110.00. Anna pick-up. Call for details, 618-303-1553.

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FOR SALE

REAL ESTATE

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

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff(s),

vs.

BRANDON BASS, BOBBI JO BASS, MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).

Case No. 22 FC 5

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois, will on November 9, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the UNION COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, 309 W. MARKET STREET, JONESBORO, IL 62952, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Union, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit: Common Address: 402 E. HEACOCK STREET, JONESBORO, IL 62952 P.I.N. 14-00-07-533 Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606,

configure meeting rooms and AV equipment and other light lifting. A bachelor's degree and knowledge of the agriculture industry are required.

Responsibilities: membership acquisition and maintenance, office management, personnel administration, bookkeeping, fiscal responsibilities, meeting facilitator, and program planner. Collaboration with volunteer leaders to facilitate objectives and programs as determined by the Board of Directors. Qualified candidates submit a cover letter and resume to bseboldt@ilfb.org, Illinois Farm Bureau Region 4 Manager, by October 6, 2022, at 4 p.m. Questions call Brenda Seboldt 618-604-6666.

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MOUNDS POLICE DEPARTMENT NOW HIRING:

Part-time/full-time Patrol Officers. Applications taken at the Mounds City Hall, 501 First Street, Mounds, IL. Contact Chief Edward A. Brown, Edward.A.Brown.MoundsPolice@gmail.com

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WANTED

ARROWHEADS! Amateur Archeologist is obsessed with the hobby. I am building a museum of artifacts from Missouri & Illinois, and would like to buy individual finds or whole collections. ALSO, looking for sites to buy or lease that have a lot of "flint". Happy to answer any questions! Call Sean, 314-608-2692.

52p-1g tfn

YARD SALE

YARDSALE: 210 E. Chestnut Street, Anna. 618-697-5362. Saturday, October 1, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. A little bit of everything!

41p-42gc

HUGE YARD SALE: 2125 State Route 147, Vienna, Friday, September 30, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, October 1, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Another Great Sale across the Road*

Lots of linens & bedding, household items, glassware, lots of furniture, 40" TV, Play-Station 3, Rubbermaid totes, lots electronics, yard decor, black kettle, steel wheels, propane heater, propane tabletop grill, Dewalt hand tools, lots electrical contractor boxes & receptacles, Christmas, Yard Pro reartine tiller, Mantis cultivator, Honda self-propelled lawn mower, yard sprayers, extension cords, Stihl 18" chain saw, Stihl weed-eater, lots antique hand tools.

Antiques - Uniques - Junques

So much misc. at both houses! Rain or Shine! Please No Early Sales! Joyce's

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YARD SALE:

Saturday, October 1, daylight to dark. 118 W. Monroe Street, Anna.

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YARD SALE:

Saturday, October 1, 8 a.m. to ??? New Cobden Park. Camping stuff, backpack sprayer, antique fan, some tools, clothing, dishes, housewares, too much to mention.

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GARAGE SALE:

417 Springfield Avenue, Anna. Friday & Saturday, September 30 & October 1, 7 a.m. to ??? Ladies, men's & girls clothing (various sizes), jewelry, shoes, purses, home decor, toys, books, purses, lots of misc. items.

42gc

YARD SALE:

Friday, September 30, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, October 1, 8 a.m. to noon. 114 Young Avenue, Anna. Home decor, clothing, and much more.

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HUGE YARD SALE:

Saturday, October 1, 7 a.m. to ??? 503 S. Main, Jonesboro.

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CONTINUING MOM'S "STUFF" SALE:

101 Division Street, Anna. Includes winter coats, jackets & sweaters, macrame cord & magazines. 4 Saturdays in October, 8 a.m. to noon.

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BUSINESS

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FREE CLOTHING!!! OCTOBER 8, 2022 9 a.m. to noon 409 Morgan Street, Anna *Please use High Street entrance under the stairs*

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF DISPOSITION:

Notice is hereby given of the disposition of the following described personal property which is stored at the self-storage facility known as Wyatt Storage II, 100 Dogwalk Road, Anna, IL 62906.

1. Name of Occupant: Jonathan Maurer

2. Time & place of disposition: Thursday, October 6, 2022, at 8 a.m., Wyatt Storage II, 100 Dogwalk Road, Anna, IL 62906. Phone: 618-833-5653.

41-42g

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

ESTATE OF LARRY R. LINGLE, DECEASED. NO. 2022-PR-22 IN PROBATE

NOTICE OF DEATH, INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Larry R. Lingle of 2105 Mt. Olive Road, Dongola, Illinois 62926. Letters of Office were issued on September 20, 2022, to Terry J. Lingle, 205 Williford Road, Jonesboro, IL 62952, and Landon L. Lingle, 1315 Mt. Olive Road, Dongola, Illinois 62926, as Independent Co-Administrators, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Administrator, or both, on or before March 29, 2023, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Independent Co-Administrators is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on

or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Administrator and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed. Dated: September 20, 2022.

TERRY J. LINGLE
INDEPENDENT
CO-ADMINISTRATOR

LANDON L. LINGLE
INDEPENDENT
CO-ADMINISTRATOR

CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC
ELVIS C. CAMERON
ATTORNEY NO. 6244394
ATTORNEY FOR INDEPENDENT CO-ADMINISTRATORS
205B N. MAIN ST.
ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906
PHONE: 618-833-2220

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

ESTATE OF EMILIE MARLENE ATWOOD, DECEASED. NO. 2022-PR-21 IN PROBATE

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Emilie Marlene Atwood, of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 20, 2022, to Thomas Dean Atwood, W. 11044 N. Lake Point Dr., Lodi, WI 53555, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

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

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN to Dallas Lape, whose address is not stated in the Petition, that an Order was entered on September 20, 2022, admitting to probate the Last Will and Testament of Emilie Marlene Atwood dated April 13, 2010.

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before March 29, 2023, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed. Dated: September 20, 2022.

THOMAS DEAN ATWOOD

CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC
ELVIS C. CAMERON
ATTORNEY FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR
205B N. MAIN ST.
ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906
PHONE: 618-833-2220 ARDC# 6244394

Budget and Appropriations Ordinance Ordinance 23 - 01

Annual Budget And Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year (FY23) Beginning the 1st Day Of July, 2022 and Ending the 30th Day of June 2023

Whereas, The Board of Trustees of the Dongola Public Library District, Union County, Illinois, has prepared or caused to be prepared a tentative form of the Annual Budget and Appropriation for said Library District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 and the same has been conveniently available for public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereon; and

Whereas, a public hearing was held as to such Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on September 13, 2022, notice of which was given at least thirty (30) days prior thereto; and

Whereas, all other legal requirements have been duly complied with by the Board of Trustees of the Dongola Public Library District;

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordained by the President and Board of Trustees of the Dongola Public Library District, in the County of Union and State of Illinois, as Follows:

Section 1: That the following sums, or so much thereof as by law may be authorized, be and the same are hereby budgeted, set aside, and appropriated for the specified Library Purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023; and the objects and purposes for which said appropriations are made and the amounts thereby appropriated are as follows; to wit:

For Corporate Purposes [75 ILCS 16/35-5]:

- For staffing expense a. Staff salaries \$30,591 b. Social security contributions \$2,338 c. Worker's compensation \$654 d. Unemployment Compensation Insurance \$212
- For library materials a. books \$4,603 b. periodicals \$167 c. audiovisual \$1,191 d. software \$424
- For operating expense a. insurance 2,422 b. library supplies \$2,863 c. accounting and auditing \$ 2,069 d. postage \$208 e. telephone and telecommunications \$5,726 f. utilities \$5,726 g. repairs and maintenance \$6,608
- For staff and board development (Travel expenses) ... \$440
- For advertising \$1,651
- For contingencies \$1,778
- For dues/fees (SHARE) \$3,854

TOTAL \$73,525

For Special Reserve Fund [75 ILCS 16/40-50]

- Building Fund \$0
 - Contingency \$31,029
- TOTAL \$31,029
- Section 2:** Appropriated for the foregoing expenses from the following estimate of revenues, by source, anticipated to be received by the Library District in the fiscal year:
- Projected cash on hand July 1, 2022 \$0
- Tax for General Corporate Library purposes \$67,669

From Special Reserve Fund
\$31,029
Special purpose grants
1. Per Capita Grant
\$2,627
2. E-rate funds
\$3,229
Expected cash on hand
June 30, 2023
\$0

Section 3: Any unexpended balances in the General Library Fund appropriations will be deposited into the Special Reserve Fund pursuant to a plan in accordance with Article 40 of Chapter 75, Illinois Compiled Statutes.

Section 4: The Secretary of the Dongola Public Library District is hereby authorized and directed to publish this Ordinance at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the district.

Section 5: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Board of Trustees of the Dongola Public Library District and approved by the President the thirteenth day of September, 2022.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF DONGOLA PUBLIC
LIBRARY DISTRICT
By:
Leslie Treat
President

ATTEST:
Breanna Lingle
Secretary

STATE OF ILLINOIS

SS.
COUNTY OF UNION

CERTIFICATE

I, Breanna Lingle, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed, qualified, and now acting Secretary of the Dongola Public Library District in the County of Union and State of Illinois; that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance No. 23-01 for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

I further certify that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance was duly passed by the Board of Trustees of said Library District at a meeting thereof held on the fourteenth day of September, 2022; that said Ordinance was duly passed by yea and nay vote thereon with at least a majority of all the Board of Trustees having voted yea on the adoption and passage thereof and approved in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois pursuant to the notice and publication thereof as required by law.

I further certify that said Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance contains an estimate of revenues, by sources, anticipated to be received by the Dongola Public Library District in the fiscal year.

In Witness Whereof, I have signed my name in my official capacity as the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Dongola Public Library District, at Dongola, Illinois, this thirteenth day of September, 2022.

Breanna Lingle
Secretary,
Dongola Public Library
District
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IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE FIRST
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF UNION,
STATE OF ILLINOIS

CARRINGTON
MORTGAGE
SERVICES, LLC,
Plaintiff(s),
vs.
BRANDON BASS,
BOBBI JO BASS,
MIDLAND CREDIT
MANAGEMENT INC.,
UNKNOWN OWNERS
AND NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS,
Defendant(s).
Case No. 22 FC 5

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S
SALE
OF REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois, will on November 9, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the UNION COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, 309 W. MARKET STREET, JONESBORO, IL 62952, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situ-

ated in the County of Union, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit:

LOT NUMBER 31 AND 48 IN MCELHANY'S HEIRS THIRD ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF JONESBORO, SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS. EXCEPT ALL COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS.

Common Address:
402 E. HEACOCK STREET,
JONESBORO, IL 62952
P.I.N. 14-00-07-533

Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.

The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale.

If this property is a con-

dominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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UNION COUNTY LOW
INCOME MEETING

Shawnee Development Council, Inc. will hold a meeting of the Low-Income residents of Union County. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a representative and alternate to their governing board of directors.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at the Union County Office located at Shawnee Development Council, Inc, 1000 North Main Street, Anna, IL 62906. All person's voting will be required to sign an affidavit of income eligibility.
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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 22nd day of September, 2022, under the Assumed Name of Shawnee Pond Retreat with the place of business located at 880 Winstead Road, Cobden, Illinois 62920, and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Andrew & Gail Robinson
960 Winstead Road
Cobden, IL 62920

Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
42-44gc

To place your ad in The Gazette-Democrat just call (618)-833-2158 or toll free at (800)-833-2699.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	CFB Countdown	Bang (HD)	"Expendable" (18, Action) <i>Rebellion.</i> (HD)	Hamster & Big City	"Robin Hood" (18, Action) <i>Rebellion.</i> (HD)	"Hangover Part III" (13)	"Buyers Club" (13)
7 PM :30	Celebrity Wheel of	Young Ghosts	Hell's Kitchen (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	College Football <i>Utah State Aggies at BYU Cougars</i> (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	"The Expendables 2" (12) <i>Revenge mission.</i> (HD)	"Halloween" <i>Girl is a witch.</i>	Hostages (HD)		★★★½ "Logan Lucky" (17) <i>Car race robbery.</i>
8 PM :30	★★★ "Hocus Pocus" ('93) <i>Witches in Salem.</i>	So Help Me Todd	Welcome to Call Me	Law & Order: SVU		Bang (HD)		Championship (HD)	Hostages (HD)	(05) "Cold Pursuit" (19) <i>Hunting killer.</i> (HD)	"Talladega Nights: Ballad" (06) Will Ferrell.
9 PM :30		CSI: Vegas (HD)	Local Programs	Organized Crime (HD)		Game Night (HD)		Ultra	Hostages (HD)		
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (Live)	Dad (HD)	(01) "The Mechanic" (11) <i>Avenging murder.</i>	Miraculous	Espookys		
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	Dad (HD)		Miraculous	(45) "2 Guns" (13) <i>Mob set up.</i>		
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Dad (HD)		Jessie		"The Aviator" (04)	American Gigolo (HD)

SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Football <i>Tulane Green Wave at Houston Cougars</i> (Live) (HD)	Young	★★½ "Twister" ('96) <i>Storm chasers pursue killer tornadoes.</i>	Jessie	Yvonne Orj (HD)	"Friends Kids" (12)	(5:00) "Scream" (96)
7 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	To Be Announced	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	College (HD)		Young	★★ "Captain America: Civil War" (16, Action) <i>Avengers divided.</i> (HD)	Jessie	"Hot Tub Time Machine" <i>Hot tub to the past.</i>	"Coming to America" <i>Prince seeks queen.</i>	★★★½ "Scream 2" (97) <i>Horror begins again.</i> (HD)
8 PM :30	(01) 20/20 <i>Investigative news.</i> (HD)	S.W.A.T. "Farewell"	Blue Bloods (HD)	Dateline NBC			★★½ "Twister" ('96) <i>Storm chasers pursue killer tornadoes.</i>	Villains	Real Time Maher (HD)	(58) "Vampire in Brooklyn" (95)	"Scream 3" (00, Horror) <i>Killer returns.</i> (HD)
9 PM :30			Local Programs	Local info.				Villains	Espookys		
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	Scoreboard	College Football <i>Washington vs UCLA</i> (Live) (HD)		Raven Home	Real Time Maher (HD)	(40) "Harlem Nights" (89) (HD)	
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)		(35) Tonight (HD)		"Captain Marvel" (19) <i>Powerful pilot.</i> (HD)	Chicago Fire (HD)	Raven Home	Espookys		American Gigolo (HD)
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local	Late Night				Jessie			

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Scoreboard	Local Programs	MLB Baseball "Regional Coverage-Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Local Programs	College Football (Live) (HD)	Dad (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Hamster & Hamster	(20) "Armageddon" (98) <i>City rig workers must destroy asteroid.</i> (HD)	(13) "Erased" (13)	★★★ "Hereditary" (16)
7 PM :30	(37) College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	The Equalizer (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Dad (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	"Movie"		★★★½ "3:10 to Yuma" (07) <i>Rancher vs. outlaw.</i>	"Scream" (22) <i>Family terrorizes a town.</i>
8 PM :30		NCIS: L. A. (HD)		Dateline NBC		Burgers	Chicago P.D. (HD)		House of the Dragon		
9 PM :30		48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)	Scoreboard	Burgers	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Hamster &	Yvonne Orji	(05) "One Missed Call" (08) (HD)	Bellator MMA "286: Pitbull vs. Borics" (Live) (HD)
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	PBC Countdown	Local	College Football (Live) (HD)	Burgers	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City	House of the Dragon		
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local info.	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.		"The Mummy Returns" <i>A clash of deities.</i>	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Miraculous	(20) Yvonne Orji	"Valkyrie" (08) <i>Pilot against Hitler.</i>	

OCTOBER 1, 2022

SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Videos <i>Magic tricks.</i>	NFL (Live)	Simpsons	Football America (HD)	MLB Baseball <i>New York Mets at Atlanta Braves</i> from <i>Truist Park</i> (Live)	(430) "Mummy" (08)	Law & Order: SVU	(5:15) "Movie"	"Armageddon" (42) House of the Dragon (HD)	"The Break-Up" (06)	"Crawlspace" (22)
7 PM :30	Celebrity Jeopardy!	60 Minutes (HD)	Simpsons	(15) Sun. Night Football <i>Kansas City Chiefs at San Francisco 49ers</i> (Live) (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	"Movie"	House of the Dragon	★★½ "R.I.P.D." (13) <i>Officers argue.</i>	The Circus
8 PM :30	Celebrity Wheel of	The Equalizer (HD)	North (HD)			(48) Bang	Law & Order: SVU		House of the Dragon	(37) "The Hangover Part III" (13)	American Gigolo (HD)
9 PM :30	The Rookie (HD)	East New York "Pilot"	Burgers	Dateline NBC		(36) Bang	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	House of the Dragon		"Nothing Compares" (22) (NR)
10 PM :30	Local Programs	To Be Announced	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)	Scoreboard	Burgers	Chicago P.D. (HD)	(05) TBA	House of the Dragon	(18) "I, Robot" (04) <i>Robot may be killer.</i> (HD)	Bellator MMA "286: Pitbull vs. Borics" (Live) (HD)
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.	College Football (Live) (HD)	"The Mummy Returns" <i>A clash of deities.</i>	Chicago P.D. (HD)	(35) "Movie"	House of the Dragon		American Gigolo
11 PM :30	(35) Local	Local Programs	Local		SportsCenter with Scott (Live)		Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	Oliver		The Circus

OCTOBER 2, 2022

MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Monday Countdown	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	House of the Dragon	"Kiss the Girls" (97)	"Forrest Gump" (94)
7 PM :30	Bachelor in Paradise (HD)	Neighbor.	9-1-1 (HD)	The Voice <i>Hopewells coached.</i> (HD)	Monday Football <i>Los Angeles Rams at San Francisco 49ers</i> (Live)	Bang (HD)	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	Big City	"Nightcrawler" (14) <i>Nocturnal LA crime.</i> (HD)	"Inside Man" (06) <i>Hostage situation.</i> (R) (HD)	American Gigolo (HD)
8 PM :30		Bob Hearts				Bang (HD)		Hamster &			
9 PM :30	The Good Doctor	NCIS "Unearth" (HD)	The Cleaning Lady	Weakest Link (HD)		Bang (HD)		Big City	House of the Dragon	"The Bourne Identity" (02) <i>Amnesiac agent.</i>	"Red Rocket" (21) <i>Washed up porn star.</i> (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	Monday	Dad (HD)	(01) Race <i>Racing day.</i>	Miraculous	Yvonne Orji		(10) American Gigolo
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	Dad (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous	"Magic Mike" (12) (R)	(10) "Sex Drive" (08)	(05) "Killer Joe" (12)
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	NFL Rewind	Burgers		Raven Home			

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TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	E60 (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Real Time Maher (HD)	"Alfie" (04) Jude Law.	"Infinite Storm" (22)
7 PM :30	Bachelor in Paradise (HD)	FBI "Prodigal Son"	The Resident (HD)	America's Got Talent <i>Talent search.</i> (HD)		Bang (HD)	WWE NXT (Live) (HD)	Jessie	Real Sports (HD)	"The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day" (HD)	"Montana Story" (22) <i>Family ranch.</i> (HD)
8 PM :30		FBI: International	(02) Monarch (HD)		ESPN Films (HD)	Bang (HD)		Jessie			
9 PM :30	The Rookie: Feds	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs	Dancing with Myself	ESPN Films (HD)	Bang (HD)	9-1-1 "Kids Today"	Jessie	"Non-Stop" <i>Stalking a hi-jacker.</i>	(59) "Hunter Killer" (18) <i>Russian coup.</i> (HD)	American Gigolo (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local		Last O.G.	9-1-1 "Sink Or Swim"	Big City	House of the Dragon		★★½ "The Gift" (01) <i>Psychic aids police.</i> (HD)
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	Young	9-1-1 "The Searchers"	Unsitab	(50) "Mortal Komb	(21) (HD)	"Supremacy" (04)
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Young		Sydney	Raven Home		

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WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	The Last Dance	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	★★★ "Dodgeball" (04)	"Haunting" (08) (HD)	(5:00) "Silence" (91)
7 PM :30	Conners	Survivor (HD)	The Masked Singer	Chicago Med (HD)	The Last Dance	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Yvonne Orji	★★★ "Blood Father" (16, Action)	"Paid in Full" <i>A cocaine empire.</i>
8 PM :30	Elementary	The Real Love Boat	(02) Lego Masters	Chicago Fire (HD)	The Last Dance	Bang (HD)	Chuck	Jessie	(10) "Moonfall" (22, Action) <i>Saving the Earth.</i>	★★½ "Righteous Kill" (08, Crime)	(45) "The Sum of All Fears" (02) <i>A nuclear explosion.</i>
9 PM :30	Big Sky (HD)	(59) Amazing Race	Local Programs	Chicago P.D. (HD)	The Last Dance	Bang (HD)	Dr. Death "Diplos"	Big City	House of the Dragon		
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local		Frontal	Joe vs Carole (HD)	Unsitab	Espookys	"Red Eye" <i>Onboard kidnapping.</i>	
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	Young	(03) Chuck	Sydney	"Annabelle" (14) <i>Doll terrorizes.</i>		
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Young		Raven Home		"Sleeping"	"Sin City" <i>Gritty town.</i>

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THURSDAY

7:31pm CBS Ghosts "Spies" When an overly critical couple comes to the B&B, Sam gets the Ghosts to help ensure they leave a good review; Isaac tries to help Nigel into the friend group. TVPG (HD)	8:00pm TBS The Big Bang Theory "The Wheaton Recurrence" Sheldon battles Wil Wheaton at the bowling alley; an intense and emotion filled fight between Leonard and Penny threatens their relationship. TVPG (HD)
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FRIDAY

7:15pm HBO Hot Tub Time Machine ★★★½ (2010, Comedy) John Cusack, Rob Corddry. Middle-aged friends get the chance to relive their glory days when a time-traveling hot tub takes them back to their favorite hangout in the 1980s. R (HD)	8:00pm CBS S.W.A.T. "Farewell" The SWAT team attempts to head off a devastating terrorist attack after individuals seize control of a university chemistry lab. TV14 (HD)
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SATURDAY

7:00pm CBS The Equalizer "The People Aren't Ready" McCall must be careful while trying to protect District Attorney Grafton from being murdered as any wrong move could lead McCall to being captured. TV14 (HD)	8:00pm TBS Bob's Burgers "Pro Tiki/Con Tiki" Bob's friend Warren comes to visit and makes an offer to invest in the restaurant; Bob is hesitant when he finds out about Warren's interior design ideas. TVPG (HD)
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SUNDAY

7:00pm MAX R.I.P.D. ★★★½ (2013, Action) Jeff Bridges, Ryan Reynolds. A wise-cracking senior officer and a young detective join together to defend the world against a monstrous brand of criminals disguised as humans. PG-13 (HD)	7:30pm CBS The Equalizer "Boom." McCall's family and vigilante lives are set to collide as her closest acquaintances are forced to come together for the first time in order to save her. TV14 (HD)
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MONDAY

7:00pm HBO Nightcrawler ★★★½ (2014, Crime) Jake Gyllenhaal, Rene Russo. After a desperate young journalist finds crime thriving at night in L.A., he covers the mayhem, but his relentless search for stories puts him at risk. R	7:30pm CBS Bob Hearts Abishola A middle-aged businessman develops a romantic interest in his cardiac nurse while he recovers from a heart attack and becomes determined to earn her affections. TVPG (HD)
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TUESDAY

7:00pm NBC America's Got Talent Individuals from across the country show off their varied and remarkable skills in a search for the most talented person in America. TVPG (HD)	8:00pm DISN Jessie An 18-year-old from rural Texas moves to New York after she finally moves out of her parents' house and is given the chance to be a nanny for a wealthy family. TVPG (HD)
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WEDNESDAY

7:00pm NBC Chicago Med The daily lives of some of Chicago's most talented medical professionals are chronicled, including the relationships and chaos that are all a part of the job. TV14 (HD)	8:00pm CBS The Real Love Boat "Premiere Episode" Host Jerry O'Connell welcomes five single men and five single women to the cruise, starting with the city of Barcelona and a talent show competition. (HD)
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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

Washington Memorial

The bicentennial of George Washington’s birth was a nationwide celebration in 1932.

That 200th anniversary was a special project of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs in that year, with many club programs focused on America’s first president and early American education.

In 1932, the local Anna-Jonesboro Women’s Club installed and dedicated a monument of local stone in a local park marking the event.

The George Washington marker was restored, re-engraved and rededicated in 1992 by the GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Woman’s Club.

It remains in the Anna-Jonesboro Garden Club/Hindman Park in 2022 (90 years) as a memorial to early America’s declaration to freedom.

Martha Ann Webb and Barbara Bauer admired the memorial while they

also attended the Gold Star and Blue Star ceremony Sunday, Sept. 25.

Art Quilt

“Wild Horses” is a new traveling series created by Marie Samuel. She plans a preview of that show on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in her outdoor display at Carterville’s Art Stroll.

Music, food and over 20 artists will be part of the downtown event planned by Suzanne Starchild Shephard.

Marie will have her work in front of the Carterville Community Pantry. The full exhibit will travel to the Giant City visitors center in November for a month long exhibit there.

Special Presentation

Anna First Baptist Church: The ladies of the WMU (Women’s Mission Union) recently presented the teachers at the Lincoln School with apples to commemorate the start of school and acknowledge their very important con-

tribution to our children.

Homecoming Parade This Friday

Good luck A-JCHS at your game. Looking forward to seeing the Marching Wildcat band.

Belleville Trip

Helen Duckworth of Dongola, her son John and Laurie Duckworth of Grand Chain recently made a business trip to Belleville.

While there, they visited with Renee Casper Scott and Mark Urban. The group enjoyed time together at the Hearthside Grill and Fireplace Ltd. in Belleville.

Later in the week, Helen Duckworth and her sister Rose Ramage spent the day visiting in Perks.

Rhodes Reunion

The Rhodes reunion was held on Sept. 24 at the state forest.

The oldest present were Harley Rhodes, 91, Ernest Rhodes, 87 and Dale Rhodes, 91.

Pam Baker attended with Rosemary Pender, Ann Rhodes, Danette Rhodes Cross, Jeff and Wendy Rhodes, Charla Bush Davidson visiting from Idaho, Rodney and Amanda Rhodes and many other family members and friends.

Guest

A guest of Ruby Brimm is her sister Monica from Florida who is visiting for three weeks.

A-JCHS Class Reunion

The class of 1967 is cel-



A special thanks to Phil Ray and Homer Hawk of the Anna American Legion and to the VFW honor guard for their service to our country and for posting the colors at the Gold Star and Blue Star memorial service at the Anna-Jo Garden Club/Hindman Park Sunday, Sept. 25.



Dori Bigler, Anna city administrator, accepted the Gold Star monument for our city at the dedication service Sunday at Anna-Jo Garden Club/Hindman Park.



Thanks to Phil Ray, Vietnam War veteran and member of the American Legion, who led the ceremony Sunday, Sept. 25, for the dedication of the Gold Star Memorial Marker and rededication of the Blue Star Memorial Marker at the Anna-Jonesboro Garden Club/Hindman Park in Anna.



The bicentennial of George Washington’s birth was a nationwide celebration in 1932. In 1932, the local Anna-Jonesboro Women’s Club installed and dedicated a monument of local stone in a local park marking the event. Martha Ann Webb and Barbara Bauer were admiring the memorial while they attended the Gold Star and Blue Star ceremony Sunday, Sept. 25.



Melinda Clary, Gold Star mother, and Martha Ann Webb, Anna city commissioner, attended the Gold Star and Blue Star ceremony at the Anna-Jo Garden Club/Hindman Park Sunday, Sept. 25.



Congratulations to Andrea Wheaton on her new sign arriving from Texas. Andrea’s cousin made it for her and paid to have it sent to Anna. The Closet Ministries Thrift Outlet is located next to the Dollar Store on Springfield Avenue. On the sign it reads Do not pass by a man in need, for you may be the hand of God to him. Proverbs 3:27. Donations of anything are taken. When shopping there you just make a small or what God leads you to give.



Welcome new store to Anna, Kenz Boutique, owned by Diana Howell. A large crowd attended her ribbon cutting and open house Sept. 22.



Hope and Faith Holderfield enjoyed shopping at Kenz Boutique, a new store in Anna, for their ribbon cutting and open house.



Anna Police Chief Bryan Watkins married Magen Livesay in Gulf Shores, Ala., during a beach-side ceremony on Aug. 22. The couple spent time in Gulf Shores, Ala., New Orleans, La., and Natchez, Miss., during their honeymoon.



Happy 64th wedding anniversary Norm and Barbara Bauer.



Shown here with one hand pieced and hand quilted art quilt from her new “Wild Horses” traveling series is Marie Samuel. She plans a preview of that show on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. 2 p.m. in her outdoor display at the Carterville Art Stroll.



Anne Parmley, Bees, Birds and Butterflies State chairman and president of Metropolis Garden Club, attended the dedication of the Gold Star Memorial Marker and rededication of the Blue Star Memorial Marker Sunday in Anna.



Marilyn Krueger from Naperville, Garden Clubs of Illinois president, was an honored guest in Anna at the dedication of the Gold Star Memorial Marker and rededication of the Blue Star Memorial Marker. She is wearing a necklace representing the presidents.



Liz Wilkins and Shelly Pender from Country Roads Florist was giving away beautiful flower arrangements at Kenz Boutique owner Diana Howell’s open house and ribbon cutting. Sept. 22. Crystal Housman from C’s Bees inside Annabelle Market stopped by to welcome Diana.



Willie and Terrie Rhymer entered their two cars in a car show in Karnak on Sunday, Sept. 25. They won two trophies for the top 50 cars. Joining them were their grandchildren Jordan and Alexis Rhymer, Junior, Hadley, Jaxson and Emmy and Violet Yates. Later Terrie and Violet headed to Marion for Violet to play a soccer game.

ebrating their 55th class reunion.

There will be a luncheon at noon on Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Giant City Lodge. The cost will be \$25 per person, which includes meal, drinks, tax and gratuity.

Send checks payable to “AJ class of 67” in care of Brenda Kapper, 3457 New Town Lake Drive, St. Charles, Mo. 63301. They would appreciate checks by Oct. 8 for a head count for Giant City Lodge.

Red Hat Ladies

Fourteen Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies met at Honey’s Quick Stop restaurant in Ullin for their September dinner and meeting.

One birthday was honored, Mary Elkins, who will be 90 on Sept. 28.

Cathy Jackson Milam was the hostess. Cathy brought several fall decoration door prizes for the ladies to enjoy. There was a gift exchange.

The ladies enjoyed a great meal and really appreciated the kindness they are shown when they eat at Honey's Quick Stop from the waitresses. They

are told they enjoy having the ladies come to their restaurant and are invited to come back.

A guest of Martha Ann Webb was Sandy Bush, a longtime member who has not been able to get to the meetings for several years. Hoping to see others come in the future who used to always attend.

Get-well wishes to our queen mom, Joan Graves Edwards, who was not able to attend. Joan also celebrated her 93rd birthday Sept. 3.

Marie Samuel celebrated her birthday Sept. 1 and was not able to attend.

Get-well wishes to Lillian Williams who was sick and not able to be there.

Little Egypt Art Association

Meeting in Marion on Oct. 4 at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., fiber workshop.

Judy Stewart will teach a free class on dog chew toys. Supplies needed are t-shirts, scissors or rotary blades and mat. Participants are always welcome to bring unfinished projects to the first Tuesday class and on open-studio days at LEAA on the

square.

Anna Heights Baptist Church

Birthdays: Sept. 29, Kendra Seip; Sept. 30, Tori Ralls.

Youth Encounter on Sunday, Oct. 9, at Cornerstone Church in Marion. The bus will be leaving the church at 1:45 p.m.

Sept. 18 Attendance: 8 a.m. service, 105. 10:30 a.m. worship, 113. Small group Bible study, 214.

Equipment training night on Tuesday, Oct. 4, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center Chapel.

Baby dedication scheduled in both services on Sunday morning, Oct. 9.

Momma Lou’s Crafters will meet Thursday, Sept. 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center chapel. Project Serve is Oct. 1 and 2. Meet Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast. Sack lunches will be provided.

Church potluck at 6 p.m. on Oct. 2.

Pastor Darryl Williams continued his sermon series on Haggai, “How to Live Strong in the Lord.”

Happy Birthday

Sharon Dillow celebrated her birthday on Sunday, Sept. 25. Sending prayers to Sharon who has been

under the weather for a week.

Sharon was not able to attend the dedication of the Gold Star Memorial and rededication of the Blue Star Memorial Marker at the Anna-Jonesboro Garden Club/Hindman Park.

Sharon said she did something in memory for her father and brother when she donated the first \$100 to this project. Her father was in the Army in World War II. Her brother was in the Air Force for 20 years and carried top se-

cret overseas several times during the Vietnam War.

Friends of Stinson

The ColorFest Book Sale will be Friday, Oct. 7, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 9, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.



The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School class of 1955 had their 67th class reunion at The Kitchen on Lafayette in Anna Saturday for lunch. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal. The members of the group travel from Michigan, Missouri and Illinois. The group enjoyed talking about old times and recent activities.



Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies met at Honey’s Quick Stop in Ullin for their September dinner and meeting. They were all treated like queens and love going there. In the first row are, from left, Catherine Ziegler, Sandy Bush, Martha Ann Webb, Shirley Page, Kay Johnson and Cathy Jackson Milam. In the second row are birthday girl Mary Elkins, Laura Spiller, Judy Smith, Martha Schwegman, Connie Harvel, Brenda Lovelace, Dee Dillon and Lillian Milam.



Congratulations to Marlee Smith who had her first hole in one at the golf scramble Saturday, Sept. 24, on hole 6. It was witnessed by David Wilkins and Zachary Rhodes.



Mary Elkins was honored for her September birthday at the Little Egypt Red Hat dinner meeting at Honey’s Quick Stop restaurant in Ullin Sept. 21.



At Anna First Baptist Church a ladies ensemble sang Sunday: Pat Mowell, Carlena Thompson, Marilyn Mull, Carol Kroeger, Cissi Cuthbertson, Sue Wilkins.



Pam Baker and Rosemary Pender attended the Rhodes family reunion Sept. 24.



Rhodes family reunion Sept. 24: the oldest present were Harley Rhodes 91, Ernest Rhodes 87 and Dale Rhodes 91.



Rev. Lupe Lopez of Anna First Baptist Church gave a sermon Sunday titled “Woe to Foolish Prophets,” with scripture from Ezekiel & Proverbs. He welcomes everyone to come worship with them Sunday at 10 a.m.



Ann Rhodes and Danette Rhodes Cross at their Rhodes family reunion Sept. 24.



An event was held recently at the Clear Creek Baptist Association where Sue Wilkins, Joanne Dale and Lillah Williams, members of Anna First Baptist Church, gave presentations of their experiences in the mission fields of India, Russia, Jordan and Haiti, to name a few. Joanne had a photo of herself riding an elephant in India.



Lillah said she fell in love with the people, especially the children, in Haiti where she and Joanne worked on the building of a library for the village.

A light supper was served. They certainly look forward to a future evening of sharing from other missionaries, says Cissi Cuthbertson.



Sue reported on her trip to Russia where she and others trained Christians there to share Christ with visitors to their country when the Olympics were there.

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News from
Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna



Sunday, Sept. 25, was designated as New Member Welcome Day. In the morning service, Pastor Mark welcomed new members David Stanley, Kristen Stegle, Tom and Nancy Caldwell and Jim Carson. Other new members who could not be present for the photo are Liz Carson, Zetta Davidson, Randy Edmonds, Mary Ann and James Neicz and Patty and Tim Simpson. Members who have returned to active membership include Doug Knop and Sherry Lence. The congregation welcomed the new members with a cake and punch reception.



Several Mt. Moriah members were in attendance at Sunday’s dedication of the veterans’ Gold Star Memorial at the Anna-Jonesboro Garden Club Park. One of the program features was the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School concert choir that sang The National Anthem and “America the Beautiful.” At left in the choir is Mt. Moriah’s Serena Hasty and at the far right is member Kylie Stanley. Mt. Moriah is pleased to have young members participate in these community events. Photos provided.

Opinion and Commentary

Better politics, smarter government

Renewed focus on civics education critical for American democracy

By John T. Shaw

I'm preparing to teach a class at Southern Illinois University next spring on restoring American statesmanship and am struck by the critical connection between engaged citizenship and successful statesmanship.

Put simply, active citizens expect, and even demand, more from their leaders than less engaged ones. Informed and concerned citizens care about good government and often reward public officials who provide it. Citizenship, in turn, is undergirded by an understanding of, and respect for, American history and government.

Numerous reports reveal declining knowledge about U.S. history in both our students and adults. A recent conversation with a terrific student who is now in medical school made this tangible to me. He is a serious and diligent young man with wide-ranging interests. In fact, the first time I met him he was reading Homer's "The Odyssey" – for fun, or at least personal enrichment.

During our conversation, I made a reference to the Marshall Plan, the historic American program to rebuild Europe after World War II and arguably one of our nation's greatest accomplishments. The student looked puzzled and said he had never heard of the Marshall Plan.

This surprised and saddened me. How is it possible that a highly motivated and deeply curious college student is not aware of the Marshall Plan?

I don't blame the young man. I blame our education system. To me, this suggests that our schools are not doing an adequate job in civics education. This results in adults who do not understand our nation's history or the structure of our government and are less likely to be engaged citizens.

Annual surveys by the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania show the American public is not well informed on the basics of our history and government. This year's report revealed that less than half of Americans surveyed could name all three branches of the federal government and less than a quarter knew that freedom of religion, freedom of the press, the right to assembly, and the right to petition are rights listed under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

"When it comes to civics, knowledge is power," said Kathleen Hall Jamieson, the director of the Center, when announcing this year's findings. "We are unlikely to cherish, protect, and exercise rights if we don't know that we have them."

The good news is that there are people and organizations confronting this challenge.

Former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor established iCivics about a decade ago to teach the fundamental principles of civics to middle and high school students with free online interactive games and courses that make learning fun, relevant, and effective. This program continues to generate creative approaches to teaching civics.

There is bipartisan legislation pending in the U.S. House (HR 1814) and Senate (S 4348) called "The Civics Secures Democracy Act" which is worthy of careful study.

The bill authorizes \$1 billion annually over five years for civics education, primarily to states and school districts. It also provides competitive grants to qualifying institutions of higher education, nonprofits, and researchers for projects to improve civics and history education in elementary and secondary schools.

I hope this bill soon becomes law and that Illinois schools and researchers take advantage of its resources.

The United States faces a crucial point as it pertains to investment in civics education. The federal government now allocates 5 cents for every K-12 student in civics education compared to \$50 per K-12 student for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs. This imbalance is not healthy for our democracy.

It is imperative that we find compelling and factual ways to explain how our government works and tell the American story to our young people, neither jazzing it up or dumbing it down. The truth is powerful and compelling. Despite many mistakes of omission and commission by America and Americans, the overall story of the United States, and Illinois, is impressive and inspiring.

I hope to persuade my students this spring that few nations have had leaders of the caliber of an Abraham Lincoln or a George Marshall – and that their wisdom and bravery was supported by wise and brave citizens.

We will need this level of statesmanship and citizenship in the years ahead.

John T. Shaw is the director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at SIU Carbondale. Shaw's monthly column explores how Illinois can work toward better politics and smarter government.

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, September 28, 1972

The Union County area received 2.15 inches of rainfall during the period beginning Sept. 20 and ending Sept. 26. The rainfall is hindering apple harvest in the area, due to the wet grounds and almost constant showers, growers report.

Remodeling work on the Union County Jail is scheduled to begin Monday, Oct. 2, according to architects Simon, Rettberg, Garrison and Flom Inc. of Carbondale.

Union County school children will attend school 20 days during the month of October. Schools will be dismissed Oct. 6 for the annual Union County Teachers Institute to be held at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

A lovely parade of fall fashions was viewed Sunday afternoon at the Cobden Grade School as the Cobden Junior Women's Club presented their first fall style show.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

A visit to My Old Kentucky Home...



My Old Kentucky Home...the place...not the song... in Bardstown, Kentucky.

This week, we're about music, memories and maybe even a little bit of history...

Monday evening, after what seemed like a bit of an overwhelming day at The Paragraph Factory, yours truly finally headed home. I turned on the radio in the car and did a bit of channel surfing. I happened to catch the final lines of "Walking in Memphis," sung by Marc Cohn.

The song is one of my favorites. Or, maybe I should say one of my many favorites. When I hear "Walking in Memphis," it just seems to make the day a little brighter. That's what happened Monday evening. And it didn't hurt that the sun was shining bright in a clear blue sky and the temperature was a whole lot better than the 100 degrees we experienced last week.

"Don't Stop Believing" by Journey is another one of those special songs in my little world, which I may have mentioned in the past once or twice. Every time I hear that song, I can close my eyes and I'll be driving through Lexington, Kentucky, on a bright, sunny and hot August day in 2006 with my sweetheart after we'd just shared one of those new chapters on The Journey Through Life which parents get to experience.

As you may recall from reading this column over the years, Kentucky holds a special place in our lives. That brings us back to another song...maybe you've heard of it... "My Old Kentucky Home..."

We'll get back to the song in just a bit...

In July, our family experienced one of those bittersweet chapters in The Journey Through Life. Simply put, the story was one of those things that happens in life. We know it will happen, but that doesn't make what happens any easier.

Our family gathered, once again, in Lexington, Kentucky, as we had done for so many times over the years. We shared special memories of special times. We celebrated a life.

And then it was time to head back home. To Michigan. To Pennsylvania. To Illinois.

Yours truly made a solo trip back home, which was kind of strange. I was driving a rental car, which also was kind of strange.

(Give me a moment...it's time for a break...Bob wants to go out. Part of this was being written Monday night. We spent a little while on our porch swing, enjoying the cool evening. I took Bob back inside and went back out to see if I could spot the planet Jupiter in the night sky. Jupiter was putting on a show Monday night. With the help of the telephoto lens on my camera, I think I did see the biggest planet in the solar system...and maybe even

some of Jupiter's moons...)

Anyway, while on the journey back home, I decided to make a stop at My Old Kentucky Home State Park in Bardstown, Kentucky, to stretch my legs. The park was not a very busy place on the second Monday morning in July. I went into the visitors center and asked a very nice person if there might be some sort of information available about the park.

She gave me a copy of "My Old Kentucky Home," a colorful 12-page booklet about the park. The booklet explained that "My Old Kentucky Home is one of the most famous songs to have ever been written, and it is also a hallowed farm with many rich layers of history, legends, and traditions spanning over two centuries.

"Originally named 'Federal Hill,' prominent judge and US Congressman John Rowan's Federal-style mansion was later renamed for his cousin Stephen Foster's ballad, *My Old Kentucky Home, Good Night!* published in 1853."

I spent about half an hour walking through the park. The quiet of a summer morning was interrupted only by the sounds of what I think were bells playing some Stephen Foster songs, including (you guessed it) "My Old Kentucky Home."

The song came to mind once again last Saturday morning while I was listening to a program called "American Routes," which airs on WSIU radio. The theme for the first half of Saturday morning's show was Kentucky, so I had to listen.

During the program, a little bit of John Prine's version of "My Old Kentucky Home" was played. Mr. Prine sang another song called "Paradise," which also is about Kentucky. The lyrics in the song mention Western Kentucky... Muhlenberg County...the Green River...places we've seen many times.

Hearing Mr. Prine singing about Paradise and the Green River gave me reason to pause and recall some special memories on a Saturday morning. Kentucky may not be home, but it has a special place in our hearts...



A statue of Stephen Foster can be seen at My Old Kentucky Home State Park. I do not know why he is holding what appeared to be a flute...

Gold Star Memorial Marker

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A printed program for Sunday's ceremony featured:

Posting of Colors, Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 and Auxiliary honor guard.

Opening Prayer, Phil Ray, American Legion.

Pledge of Allegiance, local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

National Anthem, Anna-Jonesboro Community High School concert choir.

Introduction of Honored Guests, Marilyn Ellis, District VII director.

The honored guests included:

Marilyn Krueger, Garden Clubs of Illinois president.

Dr. Dana Keating, District VII Blue/Gold Star chairperson.

Dr. Nancy Kucera, Anna-Jo Garden Club president. She thanked all of those who helped to support the project.

Gold Star families.

Greetings, Dr. Nancy Kucera.

History of Gold and Blue Star Markers, Dr. Keating.

Presentation of Gold and Blue Star Markers to the City of Anna.

Acceptance of Gold and

Blue Star Markers, Dori Bigler, city administrator, City of Anna.

Tribute of Flowers, Jean Few, Anna-Jo Garden Club

member and Vietnam veteran.

"America the Beautiful," A-JCHS concert choir.

"Taps," Rachel Norton,

A-JCHS concert choir director.

Closing Prayer, Phil Ray.

Retrieving the Colors,

VFW honor guard.



The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School concert choir, under the direction of Rachel Norton, sang the National Anthem and "America the Beautiful" at Sunday afternoon's ceremony.



An honor guard from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna and its Auxiliary posted and retrieved the colors at the ceremony.