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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

Happy Halloween. Trick-or-treat day is Wednesday, Oct. 31.

Look for Halloween trick-or-treat hours, and other activities, in Section B of this week's paper.

A reminder to motorists: when you are out and about on Halloween night, be sure to be alert and watch for the little ones.

Good luck to the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team, which is scheduled to host a playoff game against West Frankfort on Saturday afternoon.

Union County high school volleyball teams are competing in regional action this week.

Young Kohen Moore of Alto Pass is scheduled to come home Nov. 1. The community joins in welcoming him home as he continues to heal.

Cobden is looking to acquire two used vehicles from the Anna Police Department.

Trees have begun to show their autumn colors.

The U.S. Forest Service/Shawnee National Forest reports that the prescribed fire burn season has started. The season is scheduled to continue through April 2019.

A number of folks from the Union County area attended last weekend's Fort Massac Encampment in Metropolis, either as participants or as visitors.

An Autumn Senior Expo is planned Nov. 8 at Fellowship Baptist Church in Vienna.

The Shawnee Hills Wine Trail is planning to host its annual fall wine and food pairing event on Nov. 3-4.

Honoring veterans

Ceremony planned in Alto Pass; annual parade scheduled in Anna

Veterans will be honored at two upcoming events which are scheduled in Union County.

Alto Pass

The Alto Pass Area Veterans Memorial Organization plans to have a ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 3.

The ceremony is set for 11 a.m. at the veterans memorial which is located in downtown Alto Pass.

The ceremony will be held to honor the memory of area veterans, including those whose names have been engraved recently on the memorial.

The dedication will include Johnnie A. DeHart, Donald Elbert Lyerla, Forrest Ray Meadows, Norman "Jay" Elkins, Clifford E. "Bud" Braden, Everett "Bud" Hawk, Glenn Earl Hartsock and Bobby Neighbors.

Light refreshments will be served in the community center in downtown Alto Pass.

The Alto Pass Area Veterans Memorial organization is responsible for creating and maintaining the memorial in the Union County village.

The memorial honors U.S. veterans who have died and are from the Alto Pass area.

Veterans from the Alto Pass area are invited to join the organization.

Anna

Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Anna plans to host its annual Veterans Day parade on Sunday, Nov. 11. The parade is set for 2 p.m. in Anna.

The theme for this year's parade will be "Honoring Our Blue Star and Gold Star Families."

Blue Star families are those whose son or daughter is actively serving in the military when the country is engaged in hostilities or war, even if they are stateside.

Blue Star parents who would like to ride on a float are asked to contact the VFW post at 833-5182: leave your name and a telephone number so that someone can contact you about the event.

Information about the event is available by contacting parade chairman Mark Haddick at 559-4109.



Archaeology event at Jonesboro Elementary School

Students at Jonesboro Elementary School had an opportunity to learn about archaeology during a program which was presented Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 16-17. The program was presented in conjunction with Jonesboro's bicentennial celebration. A partnership involving Jonesboro Elementary School, the Jonesboro Bicentennial Committee and the U.S. Forest Service/Shawnee National Forest made the program possible. Jonesboro Elementary School students Isabella Hawk and Blake Cast used a table screen to sift dirt in a search for special artifacts which might have been uncovered during the archaeological work.

Illinois State Police highlight August, September activities

Illinois State Police District 22 has released a review of activities for August and September.

The district includes Union, Johnson, Pope, Massac, Hardin, Pulaski and Alexander counties.

August

The following statistics were included in the report for the month of August:

District 22 officers responded to 101 calls for service.

Officers issued 570 citations and 961 written warnings.

One motorist was arrested for driving under the influence, DUI.

Officers handled 26 crashes, including one fatal accident.

A total of 234 motor carrier safety inspections were conducted; 19 of the inspections led to either the

driver or the vehicle being placed out of service for safety violations.

A total of 120 motorists were assisted on the side of the road.

Officers made 13 criminal arrests.

The following citations were issued for what are termed as "Fatal Four" violations:

DUI, one. Speeding, 319. Occupant restraint, 88. Distracted driving, 13.

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Halloween safety note

Halloween will be celebrated on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

Trick-or-treat, as well as other Halloween activities are planned throughout the Union County area.

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds and Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel remind the public to review the Illinois Sex Offender Registry when planning Halloween trick-or-treat routes.

Under Illinois law, most sex offenders are prohibited from participating in any

Halloween activity involving children.

This would include leaving a porch light on, answering the door or distributing candy during trick or treat hours.

There are currently 42 registered sex offenders living in Union County and parents may review the Illinois Sex Offender Register at <http://www.isp.state.il.us/sor/>.

The Union County Sheriff's Office will conduct a sex offender compliance check during Halloween trick-or-treat hours.

Schools plan blood drives

Two Anna schools are planning to host American Red Cross blood drives.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School is planning to host its first blood drive of the academic year on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

The blood drive is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the lower gymnasium at the school.

If the school is able to collect 250 units in the three blood drives which it plans to host, then it will be able to award a \$2,500 scholarship.

Those who want to schedule an appointment to be a donor can email

Hannah Maze at hmaze@aj81.net.

Appointments also can be made by visiting the website at www.redcross-blood.org and using the sponsor code: ajchs.

Anna Junior High School

Anna Junior High School is planning to host a biannual blood drive on Wednesday, Nov. 7. The blood drive is scheduled from noon to 5 p.m.

The donation center will be set up in the new gymnasium at the junior high school, which is located at 301 S. Green St. in Anna.

Appointments to be a donor can be made by calling the junior high school at 833-8022.

A-J to host playoff game on Saturday

Sixteen games are on tap as the 2018 Illinois High School Association, IHSA, Class 3A football postseason gets underway this Friday and Saturday.

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Wildcats are scheduled to host one of the opening round games.

A-J, 7-2, is slated to host West Frankfort, also 7-2, in a game which kicks off at 2 p.m. Saturday at The Pit.

Gates are scheduled to open at 11 a.m. Admission, as set by IHSA, is \$5 for everyone. No passes will be accepted.

The Huddle Club will have food for sale, beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Shuttles are scheduled to run from the parking lots along South Main Street at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church and Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church. Shuttle service also will be available from the First Baptist Church in Anna.

The game will be broadcast on WIBH radio in Anna.



Critter Night held at Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds

Critter Night was presented Friday evening, Oct. 19, at the U.S. Forest Service's Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro. Even though the weather was rainy and cold, people came to the free family event, where they had opportunities to learn about a number of critters, including nocturnal animals in Illinois. Rachel Kell and daughters Mia Kell, Maeve Kell and Lucy Kell, all of Cobden, learned about raccoons, with some help from Kelsey Woodcock of Jonesboro. Woodcock is a Land of Lincoln AmeriCorps member working with the U.S. Forest Service/Shawnee National Forest. Critter Night was a program which involved the U.S. Forest Service/Shawnee National Forest, the Friends of the Shawnee National Forest and Unimin Corporation.



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State police activities

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The district’s safety officer made 10 presentations, which were attended by 327 people, including area students, school staff members, parents and residents.

September

The following statistics were included in the report for the month of September: District 22 officers responded to 94 calls for service.

Officers issued 547 citations and 872 written warnings.

Three motorists were arrested for DUI.

Women’s Choral Festival planned

Students in high school choir ensembles from across Southeast Missouri are scheduled to perform in the inaugural Women’s Choral Festival Oct. 26 at Southeast Missouri State University’s River Campus in Cape Girardeau.

The singers will spend the day working on music as a large group.

The festival will conclude with a concert at 5:30 p.m. in the Donald C. Bedell Performance Hall at the River Campus.

Admission to the concert is free and open to the public.

Officers handled 37 crashes, including four fatal accidents.

A total of 208 motor carrier safety inspections were conducted; 13 of the inspections led to either the driver or the vehicle being placed out of service for safety violations.

A total of 83 motorists were assisted on the side of the road.

Officers made 12 criminal arrests.

The following citations were issued for what are termed as “Fatal Four” violations:

DUI, three. Speeding, 300. Occupant restraint, 97. Distracted driving, 12.

The district’s safety officer made 73 presentations, which were attended by 3,169 people, including area students, school staff members, parents and residents.

Scott’s Law

District 22 continues to remind motorists who travel on area highways about Scott’s Law, “The Move Over Law.”

The law requires motorists to reduce the speed of their vehicle, to yield the right of way by changing lanes away from an authorized emergency vehicle and to proceed with due regard to safety and traffic conditions.

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National Drug Prescription Take Back Day scheduled

A National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is planned Oct. 27.

Organizers of the event note that National Prescription Drug Take Back Day addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration’s, DEA, National Drug Prescription Take Back Day events provide an opportunity for Americans to prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths.

The Cobden Police Department will be participating in the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Unused or expired prescription medication can be safely disposed of at 112 E. Maple St. in Cobden.

Teresa Goddard, a preventionist from The Fellowship House, is getting the Youth Advisory Committee, YAC, at Anna Junior High School in Anna onboard to pass out flyers to help educate and promote Drug Take Back events.

The Anna Junior High School YAC members will help to spread the word about permanent Drug Take Back locations by posting flyers in the area to educate the community where they can safely dispose of unused or unwanted medications at any time throughout the year.

The flyers highlight locations in the area where expired or unwanted medications can be dropped off, including the Anna Police Department at 201 E. Vienna St. in Anna.

Touch of Nature receives trail development funding

Funding was released on Oct. 15 for a number of recreational trail development projects throughout the State of Illinois.

Included in the allocated funding was \$200,000 for the Southern Illinois University Touch of Nature Center to begin construction on a 5-mile multi-use mountain bike trail.

State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, said that the grant funding “will allow the Touch of Nature Center to move forward on development of a multi-use mountain biking trail that will attract visitors and bring in revenue.”


Fowler said in a news release that the project will allow the center “to be able to more fully utilize the undeveloped acreage owned by SIU, creating yet another Southern Illinois travel and recreation destination that encourages tourism.

“Bringing this bike trail to the area has been an ongoing project for the Nature Center for years, and it’s exciting to see progress being made toward expanding what this facility offers to the public.”

The Touch of Nature Center applied for the Recreational Trails Program grant in March of 2017.

Funding will be used to hire a professional trail building team to construct a trail open for biking, hiking and running.

Future goals for the center include expanding the trail – creating a 30-mile-long multi-use pathway open to the public.



"The Preaching Pen"

Is God an Indian Giver?


Since obedience to God is man’s responsibility (Acts 2:40; Phil. 2:12), it logically follows that if he fails to continue to submit to God’s will, then by his own will he has rejected God and forfeited the hope he once had (Titus 1:2). This is true because salvation is only extended to those who obey God (Heb. 5:8,9), hence those who fail to obey God are lost. Despite this truth, there is a strong denominational teaching known as Perseverance of the Saints, otherwise called Once Saved Always Saved. This Calvinistic teaching says that the saved can never be lost because God is immutable (unchanging). One writer has even said that the church of Christ teaches God to be an “Indian Giver.” The definition of that, of course, is someone who gives you something, then asks for or takes it back.

Dear Reader, God is not an “Indian Giver” (as that term has been used in the past to mean given, then taken back). Man is the one who forfeits his agreement with God. Consider: if you finance a car through the bank, then you’re in a contract with the bank to pay the bank a certain amount each month in order to possess, and to continue to possess, the car. Now, the ownership of the car is, in reality, the bank’s, not the person buying it. Thus, the person’s ownership is only his “in hope,” until the final payment is made. Now, should he break his contract by defaulting on his payments, the car will be taken by the bank (the rightful owner). Is the bank an “Indian Giver?” Of course not, the person purchasing the car has forfeited his right to the car when he abrogated his agreement. So it is with salvation.

The Bible teaches that man is saved “by grace through faith” (Eph. 2:8), when he complies with God’s terms of salvation (Heb. 5:9). This includes believing Jesus to be the Son of God (John 8:24), repenting of past sins (Acts 17:30), confessing faith in Christ (Rom. 10:10) and being baptized in water (Acts 2:38). Once these things are done, the person who has complied has entered into a covenant relationship with God, a covenant that has conditions (I Cor. 15:58). Thus, the Bible says that man has the “hope of eternal life” (Titus 1:2). Romans 8:24 explains that “hope that is seen is not hope; for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?” In other words: If I actually have something in my hand, then I do not need to hope I have it, for I see it -- I have it. Salvation is in hope -- not reality. The reality will be the day in which the kingdom is handed to the Father (I Cor. 15:24). Have you done what’s needed to lay hold of salvation? Learn more at the Anna church of Christ at 104 Nile St. and have a great day.

R.W. McAlister, Minister

Anna church of Christ



Trump, Bost rally slated

U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill., on Sunday announced that President Donald Trump plans to visit Southern Illinois for a campaign rally on Saturday, Oct. 27.

Bost, of Murphysboro, is seeking reelection as the representative from the 12th Congressional District in Southern Illinois. Union County is in the district.

Bost is being challenged by Democrat Brendan Kelly.

The rally is set for 4:30 p.m. Saturday in Hangar 6 at the Southern Illinois Airport. Doors are scheduled to open at 1:30 p.m.

The airport is located at 605 Flightline Rd., between Murphysboro and Carbon-

Flood warning continues

A flood warning continued early this week for the Mississippi River in Southern Illinois and Southeast Missouri.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported Tuesday morning that water levels were continuing to slowly fall along portions of the Mississippi River.

Minor flood conditions were forecast to end Thursday morning, today, at Thebes, and next Monday morning at Cape Girardeau.

The weather service reported that at 8 p.m. Monday, the river stage at Cape Girardeau was 34.9 feet. Flood stage is 32.0 feet.

The river will fall to below flood stage at Cape Girardeau on Monday, Oct. 29.

At 8 p.m. Monday, the river stage at Thebes was estimated at 34.7 feet. Flood stage is 33.0 feet.

The river will fall below flood stage at Thebes Thursday morning, today.

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Anna School Board approves new educational foundation, discusses school security issues

The Anna School District No. 37 Board of Education held its monthly meeting on Monday, Oct. 15.

The action items of the agenda started with a vote to approve the creation of the Anna Community Consolidated School District No. 37 Educational Foundation 501 (c) (3). The motion passed with all present board members voting yes.

The board discussed the short term substitute training agreement with the regional office of education, which would act as an option the district could use for future substitute teachers.

The board also voted to approve the updated bid proposal by Marion Fence to install a fence around the new playground area.

Also up for a vote was a motion that would grant the Union County Sheriff's Office and other area state law enforcement agencies permission to conduct unannounced K-9 drug searches on the school district's property. The motion was passed unanimously.

In his monthly report, district superintendent Chuck Goforth gave an update about the school's pre-kindergarten program, which had six openings.

He also discussed the education foundation, which is already beginning to receive donations.

The school's booster club is currently in search of new leadership, and options on the future of the organization were discussed.

Principal Mark Laster reported about meetings held by the math department to discuss the new math curriculum, the biggest hurdle being the difficulty in fitting the daily lessons into the junior high's 40-minute class schedule.

Laster is looking into options to restructure the schedule to allow for more instructional time.

Laster also discussed recent meetings with area first responders, including the Anna fire and police departments, the Union County Sheriff's Department and 911 and ambulance services to review the district's crisis management plan. No major changes were deemed necessary and a few minor issues are being considered.

There was also discussion about conducting emergency drills in the spring, including lockdown and active shooter drills.

Anna teachers Joshua Shearer and Shelly Clark were recognized for grants they received from the Illinois Retired Teachers Association.

Assistant principal Charlotte Massey reported about an upcoming trip to Beggs Farm, as well as about the kindergarten's Reading Night, which is planned Thursday, Oct. 25.

Southern Seven Health Department executive director set to retire



Nancy Holt

Following more than two decades of dedicated public health service and commitment to the citizens of the lower southern seven counties of Illinois, Nancy Holt, executive director/public health administrator of Southern Seven Health Department, has announced her retirement as of Friday, Oct. 26.

Southern Seven Health Department serves Union, Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope and Pulaski counties.

The health department reported in a news release that Holt began her employment with the health department in 1995 as fiscal officer.

In July 2000, Holt took on the role of executive director/public health administrator.

The news release shared that over the years, Holt has provided strategic leadership through many changes, obstacles and successes experienced at the department while providing valuable counsel to the Southern Seven Board of Health, the Head Start

Policy Council, and more than 180 employees located throughout the seven counties.

In addition to Holt's role at the health department, she also served as a member of the Illinois Public Health Association, the Illinois Public Health Administrators Association, the Southern Illinois Public Health Administrators Consortium, University of Illinois Extension Unit No. 27 (board member), Southern Seven STARS (board member) and as a member of the Healthy Southern 7 Region Coalition.

A retirement reception for Holt was held Friday afternoon, Oct. 19, at the department's Pulaski County clinic.

Anna principals recognized

Lifetouch and the Illinois Principals Association, IPA, are encouraging



Mark Laster

Mark Laster has dedicated 25 years to the field of education at the Anna school district. For the past 12 years, he has served as the principal of the school.



Charlotte Massey

Of her 31 years in education, Charlotte Massey has spent 13 years of her career serving the students of Anna, including the past 12 years as assistant principal.



Rob Lannom

For four years, Rob Lannom has served as assistant principal and athletic director for the Anna School District No. 37. He has been working as an educator for nine years.

school districts throughout Illinois to celebrate Principal Appreciation Week.

The state-endorsed recognition was first approved by the governor of Illinois in 1990 and is now an annually celebrated event.

This year is no different, with an official proclamation issued by Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner which declares Oct. 21-27, as Principal Appreciation Week as well designating Friday, Oct. 26, as Principal Appreciation Day.

The proclamation notes that school principals "play an important role in the education and growth of children in elementary, middle, and secondary schools across the State of Illinois."

"School principals are responsible for promoting education and working with parents and teachers to ensure that each child receives services that meet their needs to excel in the classroom."

"The Illinois Principals Association, which represents more than 5,000 educational leaders statewide, believes that learning is a lifelong process and that the education of our children is the highest priority."

"The Illinois Principals Association is dedicated to developing, supporting and advocating for innovative school leaders."

"Educational leaders face many challenges in educating our young people and it is through their perseverance and passion that Illinois is able to continue to produce quality, career ready students."

"We must continue to encourage, support, and recognize those who have a positive impact on Illinois students and the educational system in the Land of Lincoln."

The proclamation closed by noting that Principal Appreciation Day offers an opportunity "to recognize principals and the

Illinois Principals Association for all they do to help our children learn and succeed."

"During the month of October, I ask everyone to take a moment and extend gratitude to a school leader in your community for the time spent leading and promoting education," said Jeff Knapp, principal at Rockland Elementary School in Libertyville and IPA president, in a news release.

"A little note or heartfelt words can be so rewarding for the dedication and perseverance our leaders put forth each day."

Principal Appreciation Day provides learning communities an opportunity to publicly recognize the work, commitment and importance of principals, assistant principals, and deans throughout the state.

In keeping with the spirit of the week, Anna School District No. 37 superintendent Chuck Goforth joins in recognizing the hard work and dedication of the principals in his district.

"These principals are greatly appreciated for their work on behalf of, and dedication to, the children, families and staff of Anna District No. 37. Thank you," Goforth shared in an email message.

Weather

Frosty mornings

Union County experienced a couple of frosty mornings during the period of Oct. 16-22.

Frost was recorded on the mornings of Oct. 19 and Oct. 21.

Temperatures during the period ranged from a high of 66 degrees to a low of 27.

Precipitation included .01 of an inch of rain on Oct. 17 and .59 of an inch on Oct. 19.

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

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Tuesday, Oct. 16	51	38
Wednesday, Oct. 17	65	34
Thursday, Oct. 18	61	35
Friday, Oct. 19	58	35
Saturday, Oct. 20	66	41
Sunday, Oct. 21	56	27
Monday, Oct. 22	65	30

GO WILDCATS!

Photo by Tiffany Dillow.

Good luck to the A-J Wildcats as they take on the West Frankfort Redbirds in the 1st round of the IHSA football playoffs this Saturday at the A-J High school. Game time is 2 p.m.

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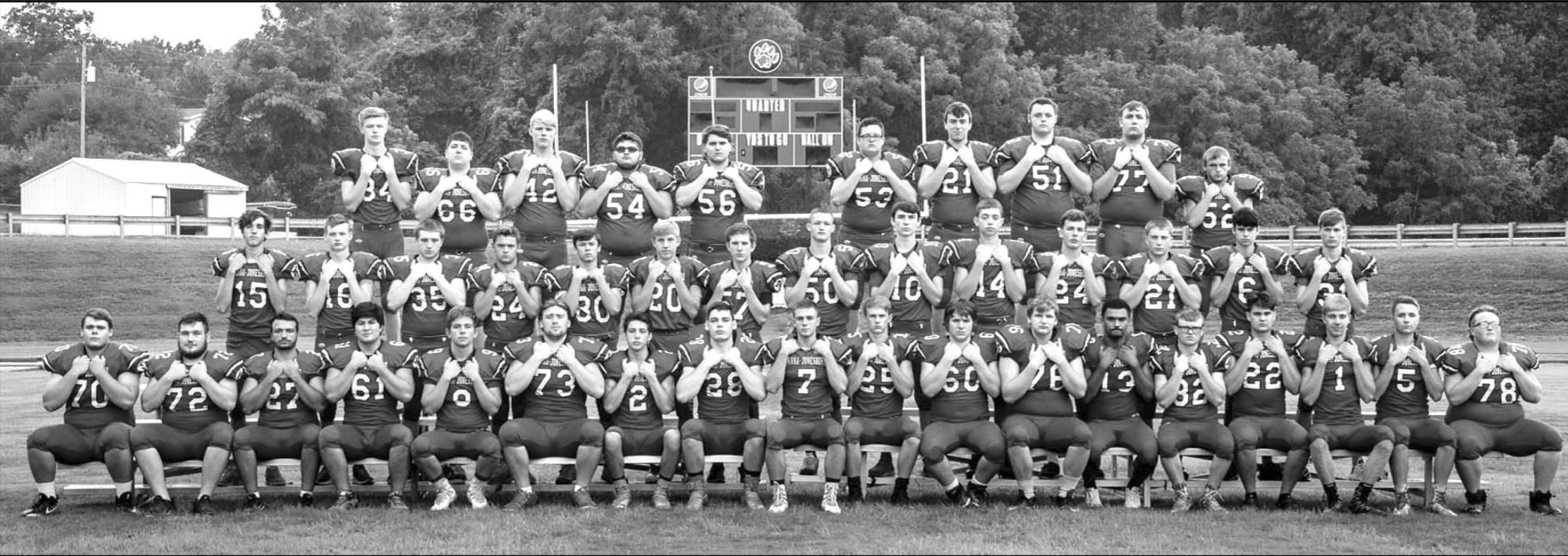
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Good luck to the A-J Wildcats in the 2018 IHSA Playoffs



Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Wildcat varsity football team.
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A-J, West Frankfort to play in first round of state 3A playoffs

The West Frankfort High School football team lost two key players recently and fell 47-21 to Nashville to close out regular season play last Friday night.

The 7-2 Redbirds travel to play Anna-Jonesboro, 7-2, in first-round action of the Illinois High School Association Class 3A playoffs Saturday, Oct. 27.

Game time is set for 2 p.m. The game will be aired on WIBH radio in Anna.

West Frankfort coach Brian Berry said the two injured players are questionable for Saturday's game. The two are quarterback Connor Eaton and fullback Madison Allen.

"If they're unable to play, we'll have to make adjustments," A-J coach Brett Detering said. "It doesn't change much, it looks like they run the same thing."

Detering has watched the team on game film after the two were injured.

If the two are unable to play, senior Sam Cooksey, 5-11, 200 pounds, will handle the quarterback duties. Junior Dennon Gilliam, 5-9, 170 pounds, and sophomore Sean Williams, 5-10, 185 pounds, will share fullback duties.

The West Frankfort offensive line is led by seniors Jackson Salliez, 6-4, 270 pounds, Max Pernitsky, 6-5, 260 pounds, and Johnny Simmons, 5-10, 270 pounds.

"Our offensive line is getting better every week," Beery said. "A lot of younger guys are stepping up."

The West Frankfort defense has been led by a trio of seniors in Bryce Gunther, 5-10, 240 pounds, Brycen Forgath, 6-2, 185 pounds, and Kyle Hammers, 5-11, 165 pounds.

"This is our third winning season in a row," Beery said. "We're making steps in the right direction."

"There's a reason teams are in the playoffs," Detering said. "In the playoffs, they're all good at this point. I just hope we don't turn the ball over. But I think we'll be ready."

The two met in the first game of the 2018 season, when host A-J lost 24-21 to West Frankfort.

"We're just glad to be in the playoffs," Beery said. "I know A-J's a tough team and it will be the second time we meet them. It should be a great game."



Class 3A Boys Football Playoff Schedule

First Round

Game 1 – #16 Rock Island (Alleman) (5-4) at #1 Byron (9-0), Saturday, Oct. 27, 2 p.m.
Game 2 – #9 Princeton (6-3) vs. #8 Elmwood (E.-Brimfield Co-op) (6-3) at Elmwood , Saturday, Oct. 27, 3 p.m.
Game 3 – #13 Dwight (Co-op) (6-3) at #4 Lisle (Sr.) (8-1), Friday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
Game 4 – #12 Oneida (ROWVA) (Mid-County Co-op)(6-3) at #5 Poplar Grove (North Boone) (7-2), Saturday, Oct. 27, 1 p.m.

Game 5 – #15 Herscher (5-4) vs. #2 Chicago (Dunbar) (8-1) at Chicago (Eckersall Stadium) Saturday, Oct. 27, 2 p.m.
Game 6 – #10 Spring Valley (Hall) (6-3) vs. #7 Chicago (Clark) (6-3) at Chicago (Rockne Stadium), Saturday, Oct. 27, 6 p.m.
Game 7 – #14 Chicago (Urban Prep/Englewood) (5-4) at #3 Eureka (8-1), Saturday, Oct. 27, 2 p.m.
Game 8 – #11 Wilmington (6-3) at #6 Monmouth (M.-Roseville) (7-2), Saturday, Oct. 27, 5 p.m.

Game 9 – #16 St. Joseph (S.J.-Ogden) (5-4) at #1 Monticello (9-0), Saturday, Oct. 27, 2 p.m.
Game 10 – #9 West Frankfort (Frankfort) (7-2) at #8 Anna (Anna-Jonesboro) (7-2), Saturday, Oct. 27, 2 p.m.
Game 11 – #13 Greenville (6-3) at #4 Farmington (9-0), Saturday, Oct. 27, 2 p.m.
Game 12 – #12 Pleasant Plains (6-3) at #5 Beardstown (8-1), Saturday, Oct. 27, 7 p.m.

Game 13 – #15 Wood River (East Alton-W.R.) (6-3) at #2 Carlinville (9-0), Friday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
Game 14 – #10 Paxton (P.-Buckley-Loda) (6-3) at #7 Vandalia (7-2), Saturday, Oct. 27, 2 p.m.
Game 15 – #14 Newton (6-3) at #3 Fairfield (9-0), Saturday, Oct. 27, 1 p.m.
Game 16 – #11 Du Quoin (H.S.) (6-3) at #6 Williamsville (8-1), Saturday, Oct. 27, 2:30 p.m.

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Game 21 – Winner Game 9 vs. Winner Game 10, TBA
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Game 27 – Winner Game 21 vs. Winner Game 22, TBA
Game 28 – Winner Game 23 vs. Winner Game 24, TBA

Semifinals

Game 29 – Winner Game 25 vs. Winner Game 26, TBA
Game 30 – Winner Game 27 vs. Winner Game 28, TBA

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4	ADEN HOPKINS	10	5'10	160	WR/DB
5	CAMERON TWEEDY	12	6'2	170	WR/DB
6	NATE BAGGOTT	10	5'11	125	RB/DB
7	CONNER JEROLDS	12	5'10	165	QB/DB
8	JOHN MICHAEL LIGON	10	5'9	125	QB/DB
9	WYATT JOHNSTON	12	6'0	180	WR/DB
10	BRANDON WRIGHT	10	6'0	150	RB/LB
11	CARSON PENGRESS	10	5'7	165	QB/DB
12	NICK McGRATH	10	5'11	155	RB/DB
13	DEVON TOLIVER	12	6'1	185	RB/DB
14	KADEN MAYBERRY	10	5'11	160	WR/DB
15	NOAH HOBSON	11	5'9	130	RB/DB
16	CHASE STOFFEL	11	5'11	140	WR/DB
17	ETHAN RALLS	12	5'10	170	RB/LB
20	NATHAN PLOTT	10	5'6	130	RB/DB
21	JAMES PETERSON	11	6'2	185	TE/DL
22	ZACH GRIFFIN	12	6'1	200	WR/DB
24	DRAKE ROACH	11	5'6	130	RB/DB
25	KYLE McMAHAN	12	6'1	175	RB/DB
27	DAMIEN CHRISP	12	5'11	220	RB/LB
28	REID MORRISON	12	6'3	215	RB/LB
31	KALEB MEIER	11	5'11	150	WR/DB
32	COLYN GIRTMAN	12	5'9	165	RB/LB
34	DEREK NELSON	11	6'2	165	WR/DB
35	JUSTICE KOSTAL	11	5'8	170	RB/LB
42/65	NATE BELCHER	10	6'2	205	TE/DL
45	LUCAS CARMACK-MORSE	10	5'8	130	RB/DB
50	ALFONSO SAMPEDRO GARCIA	11	5'10	170	OL/DL
51	BRYCE BOWERS	10	6'2	285	OL/DL
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Sports

A-J ends regular season with 43-6 win at Benton



A-J football action
Anna-Jonesboro, in white jerseys, closed out the regular high school football season last Friday with a big win on the road at Benton. Photo by William McPherson.

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team had an impressive defensive showing in a 43-6 win over host Benton Friday night, Oct. 19.

“Our defense did a tremendous job,” A-J coach Brett Detering said. “We were very committed to stopping the run. They had one long run on us, but it didn’t reflect on our defense.”

The Redbirds were held to 98 yards rushing, with the big yardage gain for them coming on a 63-yard touchdown run on a kickoff return when the game was out of reach in the final half.

Benton ended the game with 32 yards passing.

The Wildcats improved to 7-2 overall and finished regular season play on a seven-game winning streak headed into Saturday’s IHSA Class 3A playoffs. The Rangers finished the season at 1-8.

After the Rangers punted on their first drive to open the game, the A-J offense went to work.

Following a Ranger punt, Damien Chrisp scored for A-J on a 16-yard run after a 9-play drive.

Chrisp scored on the conversion point run and A-J led 8-0 with 1:55 remaining in the first quarter.

Following a booming 63-yard punt by the Rangers’ Chance Devore, the Wildcats drove to midfield and were forced to punt.

Both teams then traded punts again before A-J got

rolling.

Quarterback Conner Jerolds made a 1-yard TD run at the end of a lengthy 10-play drive.

Reid Morrison was stopped on the conversion point run and A-J was ahead 14-0 with 20.5 seconds remaining in the first half.

Benton quarterback Keegan Glover was tackled by Garrett Fabec and Ethan Ralls for a big loss to end the first half.

“We got off to a slow start,” Detering said. “It took us a little time to get our game going. But, we made some adjustments at the half.”

The Wildcats came out the final half and added four more TDs.

After the Rangers opened the second half with a punt, A-J was on the move again.

Chrisp scored on a 2-yard TD run that was built around a 12-yard run by Morrison at the end of a 7-play drive.

Morrison ran in the conversion points and the Wildcats pulled ahead 22-0 with 7:32 remaining in the third quarter.

Running back Tyler Butler fumbled on the Rangers’ next possession and Zack Griffin recovered for A-J.

Jerolds then connected with Fabec for a 33-yard TD pass on the first play, but it was called back on a personal foul on the Wildcats.

Five plays later after the penalty, Jerolds fumbled and recovered the ball in

the endzone for a 2-yard TD run.

Jerolds connected with Fabec for the conversion point pass and A-J was ahead 30-0 with 4:52 remaining in the third quarter.

Benton then moved into A-J territory before being halted on a fourth and 7 situation.

Three plays later, Jerolds connected with Morrison for a 66-yard TD pass.

Carson Pengress’ extra point kick missed and A-J was ahead 36-0 with 11:02 left in the final quarter.

Butler then scampered for a 63-yard TD on a kick-off return. He was then stopped on the conversion point run and Benton pulled to 36-6 with 10:56 remaining in the game.

A-J came right back and Ralls scored on a 4-yard TD run after a 7-play drive.

Pengress’ extra point kick closed out the scoring with 6:53 remaining in the game.

Both teams traded punts to end the game.

Chrisp led A-J’s 274-yard rushing attack with 136 yards on 27 carries.

Morrison added 64 yards on 11 carries. Jerolds had 60 yards on 14 carries. Ralls added 12 yards on 2 carries.

Jerolds was 1 of 3 passing for 66 yards. Morrison scored on that one pass completion.

“We came out with a good win,” Detering said. “It was a good night for us. I was pleased overall. A lot of guys contributed.”



A-J football breakfast
The First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna hosted a breakfast for the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team’s players, coaches and cheerleaders last Friday morning. Those who helped to prepare and serve the breakfast included Robert DuBois, Bo Utley, John Hughey, Gary Meyer, Brad Stamp and Larry Goldsmith.

Boys’ high school soccer regional

A-J/Cobden advances to title game



Regional soccer tournament action
The Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden co-op boys’ high school soccer, in dark uniforms, team played last week in a Class 2A regional in Carbondale. A-J/Cobden scored a win over Centralia and then fell to Carbondale in the championship game. Photo provided.

The Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden co-op boys’ soccer team lost 2-1 to host Carbondale in a Class 2A regional championship Friday, Oct. 19.

Nicholas Bussey scored the lone goal for A-J/Cobden. Blake Pena had an assist.

A-J bowling, basketball, wrestling seasons slated

Goal keeper Jacob Schaefer played 80 minutes in goal and had 22 saves and stopped 2 penalty kicks.

“It was a good game,” A-J/Cobden boys’ soccer coach Mark Boomer said.

A-J/Cobden finished the season 10-9-1 overall and graduates only three seniors in Avery Webb, Jackson Lasiter and Noah Godinez.

“We’re a young team and

we’re making steps in the right direction,” Boomer said.

A-J/Cobden 5, Centralia 1: Pena scored three goals to lead A-J/Cobden to the first-round win in the regional at Carbondale Tuesday, Oct. 16.

Romeo Godinez scored twice on penalty kicks.

Goal keeper Schaefer played 80 minutes in goal and had 12 saves.

Former coach is proud

By Mike Estel

Cobden and Anna-Jonesboro high school graduates Karen Sweitzer and Sandy Schuster made this former softball coach very proud of them recently.

They were both named to the Eureka College 2018 Hall of Fame Honors Program as softball and basketball coaches, respectively.

Sweitzer was the head coach of the EC softball program from 1991 until 2008 and was the winner of 310 games, the winningest female head softball coach in the history of the school.

She remains the only female head coach to take a Eureka College team to the national post season.

Under her guidance, Eureka went to the NAIA District 20 playoffs twice in 1992 and 1994 and she was named NAIA District 20 coach of the year in 1994.

Sweitzer’s team went 21-15 in 2002 and received an at-large bid to the Bloomington regional.

Sixteen student-athletes who played softball for Sweitzer have been inducted in the Eureka College Hall of Fame.

She recently had the college’s softball field named in her honor.

Schuster was the school’s basketball coach and achieved the most wins for women’s basketball in the college’s history. She coached from 1991 through 2007.

She took the Red Devils to their first two 20-game winning seasons in program history, including what remains a school record 22 wins in 1993-1994 and a 21-7 mark in 2004-2005 that made her the Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference coach of the year. She also was the first woman athletic director at the school during the 2004-2008 seasons.

Both are retired from coaching.

Sweitzer is still on the Eureka College faculty and teaches physical education, health and kinesiology.

Schuster is now on the faculty at Illinois State University in Normal and teaches in the kinesiology and recreation departments.

Sweitzer played short-stop and Schuster held down center field for the former A-J Stars softball team.

The young ladies both knew quite a bit about softball and coaching them was a very enjoyable worthwhile experience.

I just wish we would have kept a record when they played softball. We finished above .500 every year we played and those two had a lot to do with that winning record.

Saluki Sports Update

By Fred Huff

It had a little of everything...some good, actually some real good, some not-so-good and, as one might guess, some in-between.

We’re referring to last week on SIU’s campus, where homecoming, hall of fame activities and a football game were highlighted activities.

Renewing old friendships with former athletes, a coach or two and dozens of fans wound up being at the top of our “let’s do it again” list.

The featured event, the Salukis’ game with Indiana State, wasn’t among the enjoyables. Only thing we were less impressed with than the game itself was the so-called crowd attending. Where are the fans? Where are the students?

First reply to the question may be: Same place as the wins.

And, that would be a fair answer. An understandable reply. The game didn’t produce a win, but neither did Coach Nick Hill’s players fail to show up. The Salukis battled all the way. They just are not a consistent football team and, in all probability, are going to continue to struggle the rest of the way before the 2018 season comes to a merciful end in four more weeks.

And, perhaps that’s why it was so easy for guys like Bruce Weber, Bryan Mullins and Rey Dempsey to gain gold stars from us for their presence.

They had plenty of competition, especially from returning lettermen who take the time, and expense, to return to campus for the festivities.

Weber hasn’t lost his



Jonesboro students attend leadership conference

Eighth grade Beta Club members from Jonesboro Elementary School recently attended a leadership conference at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau. The students heard from two motivational speakers who told them about the importance of leadership and responsibility in their schools and their own lives.

During the two-day conference, a few national qualifying challenges were held. One of the challenges was Service Snapshot. In Service Snapshot, a club prepares a display and presentation which outlines their service project for the year. Judges are looking for thought process, communication skills, impact of project and many other factors. Jonesboro Beta Club was one of the participating clubs meeting the criteria and was selected to advance to the national competition to be held in June in Oklahoma City. The club hopes to raise at least \$4,000 for Hadley’s Haven: an all-inclusive playground for children and people of all abilities. Photo provided.

Autumn good time to divide perennials

If your garden has a vigorous perennial that has been in the garden for more than a few years, or it has started to choke out other plants and no longer looks healthy then it may be time to divide the plant.

Dividing is also a great way for gardeners to get more of their favorite plants into their beds, University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator Kelly Allsup suggested.

Some perennials, like the chrysanthemum, like to be divided yearly, but most can go three to five years without division.

Some can go much longer, and some even do not require division at all, like butterfly weed or baby’s breath.

While spring is the ideal time to divide most perennials, fall is the next best choice, and some plants even prefer a fall division, Allsup said.

Dividing in September and October gives the roots enough time to establish before winter.

As a rule of thumb in fall, gardeners will want to focus on dividing spring- and summer-blooming perennials, and leave the fall bloomers for spring division.

Allsup offered steps which can be taken to ensure successful transplants.

Make sure the ground is moist to make digging easier and reduce stress on the plant.

Dig out the entire clump. Use a spade to dig down at least 7 inches to get most of the root ball.

Discard weak or dead sections.

Separate the clump into three-to-five pieces with a sharp knife or spade edge. It is best to leave three-to-five growing points in every clump. If separating peonies, they need at least three eyes to ensure flowering the next season.

Immediately plant one clump back into existing spot, if desired. Clumps planted elsewhere should go into holes twice as wide as the clump. Add organic matter as needed.

Trim back any foliage to 6 inches from the ground to reduce transpiration and transplant shock.

Mulch with two-to-four inches of organic wood mulch.

Examples of perennials that can be divided in the fall include Asiatic

lily, spiderwort, veronica, amsonia, Jacob’s ladder, oriental poppy, peony (leaving three-to-five eyes per division), astilbe, iris (should be divided in early September and have at least one fan of leaves when planted), yarrow, lady’s mantle, European ginger, wild ginger, aster, astilbe, bee balm, day-lily, hosta, coreopsis, false rock cress, basket of gold, bellflower, perennial bachelor’s button, veronica, red valerian, campanula, cardinal flower, sundrops, yellow corydalis, turtlehead and foxglove.

Ornamental grasses should only be divided in the spring.

Clutts family reunion held

Descendants of Willard and Gertrude Clutts had a reunion Sept. 23.

Twenty-seven family members were present at the event.

Those present included Joeann Clutts, Michael Clutts, Barbara Pitts, all of Anna.

Mikayla Brasel, Aiden Brasel, Rusty Brasel, Butch Brasel, Joy Brasel, Jim and Peggy Brasel of Murphysboro.

Brett Murray, Ron Murray, Marvin and Loretta Lamer of Carbondale. Keith Murray of Brentwood, Mo.

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Drug take-back, confidential document shredding event planned in Jackson County

The Jackson County Health Department and the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office invite area residents to participate in a drug take-back and confidential document shredding event which is scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 27.

The event is scheduled at Jackson County Health Department at 415 Health Department Rd. in Murphysboro.

The Jackson County Sheriff’s Office will be on-site to provide for safe and secure disposal of medications (such as pills, creams, and patches) for disposal.

Participants will be able to drop-off prescription and over-the-counter medications (such as pills, creams, and patches) for disposal.

Items which will not be accepted include liquids, needles and inhalers.

Organizers noted that the initiative is designed to address a vital public safety and public health issue.

Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse.

DataLock Document Management Services of Mt. Vernon is scheduled to be on-site with a mobile shredder to provide document shredding.

Examples of paper items that residents can bring for shredding include bank statements, medical and insurance forms, personal files, old tax forms, and receipts.

Paper clips and staples are acceptable, but binders and binder clips should be removed.

Proper management of such documents helps prevent identity theft, the organizers noted.

Flu shots and colorectal cancer screening kits also will be available. No appointment is necessary and curbside service is available. Most insurances are accepted. For more information

about flu shots, call 618-684-3143, extension 150.

The event will be held rain or shine. Items from businesses, schools, governments and other large generators will not be accepted.

Assistance will be available to those needing help removing items from their vehicle.

The event is sponsored by Jackson County Health Department, the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office, the Jackson County Board, and DataLock. For more information, call 618-684-3143, extension 128, or visit www.recyclejacksoncounty.org.

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licenses, if any, set forth in the title insurance commitment, easements, covenants and restrictions of record, and parties in possession.

BANK OF HERRIN, Plaintiff

BY: Kenneth R. Hughes, one of Plaintiff's attorneys

BARRETT, TWOMEY, BROOM, HUGHES & HOKE, LLP

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NOTICE: All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination."

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

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Energy efficient 2 bedroom apartments. Very clean! \$575.00 per month plus deposit. Apply in person at Classic Properties Farm & Home Realty.

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Union County Hospital

517 N. Main St.

Anna, IL 62906

HELP WANTED:

CIL, Inc. is accepting applications for the following positions: Part-time Midnights (every Sunday & Monday) plus PRN. Full-time on the evening shift. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be a trained DSP or CNA to apply. Competitive salary and \$1.00 shift differential for the midnight shift. Apply in person at 201 East Chestnut (behind Hardee's). EOE.

MOBILE WORK CREW SUPERVISOR:

Full-time position supervising and coordinating activities of janitorial workers responsible for maintaining grounds of the Trail of Tears Rest Area in Anna. Benefits included: Health Insurance, Vision & Dental Insurance, Personal Leave, Paid Holidays, and Retirement. Must have HS diploma/GED, valid driver's license and reliable transportation. DSP certification preferred. Please submit applications, letters of interests, or resumes to START Administrative Office, Attn: Kaitlyn, 20 N. 13th St PO Box 938, Murphysboro, IL 62966 or to humanresources@startinc.org. Applications can be picked up in office or found on our webpage at www.startinc.org. and will be accepted until position is filled.

START is an Equal Opportunity Employer

HELP WANTED:

Independent Living Services, Inc. is accepting applications for full or part-time DSP's. Prefer certified, but will train. Must have high school diploma or GED. Apply in person at Independent Living Services office, 156 E. Vienna Street, Anna, IL.

HELP WANTED:

LPN for developmentally disabled individuals in a residential/day training setting. Duties include medication administration, quality assurance, on call duties & following nursing care plans. Position is Monday through Friday, \$17.25 hour with paid medical insurance, dental, vision, life insurance and paid holidays. Must have valid driver's license and transportation. Apply in person, mail resume, or fax to: Rave Inc., 214 West Davie Street, Anna, IL 62906; fax to: (618)-833-4222.

HELP WANTED:

Independent Living Services, Inc. is accepting applications for full-time House Manager. Prefer certified, but will train. Must have high school diploma or GED. Apply in person at Independent Living Services office, 156 E. Vienna Street, Anna, IL.

HIDDEN VALLEY CARE CENTER

204 S. Pecan Street, Jonesboro, IL

Now hiring for full-time position and/or part-time position. The position is Saturday and Sunday, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Thursday-Sunday, 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. Weekend differential adjusted pay for this job is available. The position offers well above the minimum wage pay. Please contact Hidden Valley at (618)-833-5740 or (618)-697-2351. We are looking to hire somebody with experience in the health care field.

MAINTENANCE PERSON:

Part-time position (35 hours week) available to do light repair work. Must have general working knowledge of repairing, painting, plumbing, electrical, as well as basic/finish carpentry skills. Must have or be willing to acquire appropriate license to drive box truck. Fill out applications at RAVE, Inc., 214 West Davie, Anna, IL 62906. EOE

WANTED:

Mature Caretaker/DSP/CNA (we will train you): MULBERRY MANOR is accepting applications for the DSP position. We will train you. No prior certification required. Those interested may apply in person or email a resume. 612 E. Davie Street, Anna, IL 62906. (618)-833-6012, mulberrymanor@keltechmanagement.com. EOE.

HELP WANTED:

Direct Support Person to assist in providing training to individuals with developmental disabilities in a vocational, day training & residential program. High school diploma or GED required. Benefits for full-time staff of dental, vision, life insurance, and medical insurance are available. Workshop starting salary \$9.50/hour and residential \$10.00/hour. We have a dollar an hour differential increase for working

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WANTED

ALL MAINTENANCE & REMODELING: (Fall's Here): Roofing, Carpentry, Ceramic Tile, Flooring, Painting, Siding, Pressure Washing, Gutter Cleaning, Tree Service, 55' Bucket Truck. FREE ESTIMATES Cobden, IL. (618)-364-2870 "WE DO IT ALL"

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No job too big or too small. Carpentry, painting, roofing. Over 30 years experience. References. Call (618)-202-9992.

WANTED TO BUY:

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

WANTED TO BUY:

Junked & wrecked automobiles and scraped metal. Clark & Son, 100 Kelly Cemetery, Cobden. Call (618)-893-2195.

YARD SALE

YARD SALE: 207 Plum Street, Anna. Saturday, October 27, 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

YARD SALE: Saturday, October 27, 8 a.m. to ???

700 McKinley, Anna. Lots of plus-size women's, 6-8 junior women's, girls 5-8 & 6-12 months, and boys newborn to 9 months clothing. Flower pots, large potted snake plant, lawn sweeper, some bedding. Way too much to list. Come see what we have!

10TH ANNUAL CRAFT SALE:

Thursday & Friday, November 1 & 2, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, November 3, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 820 Woods Lane, Anna. (618)-833-8087.

CLEAN OUT THE ATTIC AND MOVING SALE:

Friday & Saturday, October 26 & 27, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 418 Cook Avenue, Jonesboro. A lot under \$1.00. If rain, November 2 & 3.

GARAGE SALE:

Saturday, October 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 124 Williford Road, Jonesboro. New stuff, same address. Clothing, furniture, books, toys, Halloween costumes and many other items.

BUSINESS

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ESTATE OF ANNA JANET VERBLE, IN PROBATE DECEASED. NO. 2018-P-51

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Anna Janet Verble of 212 Williford Road, Jonesboro, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 21, 2018, to Joy Roberts, 512 Easy Street, Mt. Carmel, IL 62863, 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.

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 311 West Market, Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before April 11, 2019, 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: October 2, 2018.

JOY ROBERTS

CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC

ELVIS C. CAMERON

ATTORNEY NO. 6244394

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

205B N. MAIN ST.

ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906

PHONE: 618-833-2220

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY - JONESBORO, ILLINOIS

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

PLAINTIFF

Vs.

David Short a/k/a David E. Short; et. al.

DEFENDANTS

2018CH6

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 7/18/2018, the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois will on November 21, 2018 at the hour of 9:00AM at Union County Courthouse 309 West Market Jonesboro, IL 62952, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Union and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

SITUATED IN AND A PART OF THE SOUTH-EAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN

WITH THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THE PUBLIC ROAD KNOWN AS CHICKEN ROAD; THENCE ALONG THE SAID PUBLIC ROAD ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT OF RADIUS 1859.86 FEET A DISTANCE ALONG THE ARC OF 21.48 FEET, THE LONG CHORD OF SAID CURVE BEARING NORTH 73 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST AND BEING 21.48 FEET LONG; THENCE NORTH 4 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 16 SECONDS WEST PARALLEL TO THE SAID EAST LINE OF SECTION 1 AND 20 FEET PERPENDICULAR DISTANCE FROM SAID LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 315.16 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 85 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 247.09 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 4 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 198.65 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF A FOREMENTIONED PUBLIC ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 67 DEGREES 47 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 112.45 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT OF RADIUS 1859.86 FEET A DISTANCE ALONG THE ARC OF 160.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THE LONG CHORD OF SAID CURVE BEARING SOUTH 70 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST AND BEING 160.80 FEET LONG. PER PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY CHARLES L. GARNER, ILLINOIS REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2316, RECORDED ON APRIL 10, 1985, IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 63 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS FOR UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS. SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS. EXCEPT ALL COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS.

PIN 06-01-04-250-A
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If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-18-03790. I3100933 43-45g

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

ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, f/k/a ANNA NATIONAL BANK, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff, v. JOHN D. HAND, ANGELA R. HAND a/k/a ANGI R. HAND, DISCOVER BANK, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, (STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE LIEN UNIT), and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No.: 2015-CH-17

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above captioned matter on March 29, 2017, the Sheriff in Union County, will by public sale on **7th day of November, 2018, at 9 a.m.** in the Union County Courthouse, in Jonesboro, Illinois, sell at public venue to the highest and best bidder, for cash, or cashier's check drawn on a federally or state chartered bank or savings and loan, the following described real estate:

EXHIBIT A Legal Description: Tract 1:

A parcel of Land being a part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, All in Section 10, Township 12 South, Range 2 West of the third principal Meridian. Said parcel is also intended to be the same property described and recorded in Book 96, Page 322 in the Union County Court House in the name of Angela R. Glidewell and Marla S. Rendleman, dated September 30, 1992. Said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, same being the Southwest corner of said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, being marked by an iron rod set; Thence S 0°-02'-00" W 5.90 feet along the west line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter to an Iron Rod Set, this being the Northwest corner of said parcel and the point of beginning; Thence N 64°-22'-46" E 323.82 Feet, Passing into the said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, to an Iron Rod set at the Northeast corner of said parcel; Thence S 0°-02'-00" W 200.00 feet, passing into the said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, to an Iron Rod found at the Southeast corner of said parcel; Thence S 64°-22'-46" W 323.82 Feet, passing an iron rod set at 229.53 feet, passing an iron rod found at 322.25 feet, to an iron rod set in the West line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, this being the Southwest corner of said parcel; Thence N 0°-02'-00"

E 200.00 feet along the West line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter to the point of the beginning. Said parcel to contain 1.340 acres, more or less. Said parcel being subject to all rights-of-way and Easements, recorded or otherwise.

Tract 2:

A perpetual, Non-Exclusive Easement for the benefit of Tract 1 described as follows: An Easement for the right of Ingress and Egress and for all utilities, being a part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 10 and a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 9, All in Township 12 South, Range 2 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Said Easement is also a part of property described and recorded in Book 96, Page 318, In the Union County Court House in the names of Lee Roy Rendleman and Marla S. Rendleman dated September 1992. Said Easement being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter. Being marked by a roof bolt found; Thence N 0°-02'-00" E 659.69 Feet along the West line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, same being the East line of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, to an iron rod set, this being the point of Beginning; Thence along the South line of said Easement the following three calls: Thence S 48°-58'-39" W 83.53 feet; Thence S 37°-08'-47" W 128.14 Feet; Thence S 57°-02'-00" W 75.35 Feet to an iron rod set in the East right-of-way line of F.A.S. Route 923; Thence N 24°-12'-06" W 50.59 Feet along the East right-of-way line to a iron rod set; Thence leaving said East right-of-way line the following three calls: Thence N 57°-02'-00" E 58.87 feet; Thence N 37°-08'-47" E 124.55 feet; Thence N 48°-58'-39" E 132.26 feet to an iron rod set in the West line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; Thence N 0°-02'-00" E 443.90 Feet along the West line of Said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter to an iron rod set at the Southwest corner of property described and recorded in Book 96, Page 322, In the name of Glidewell and Rendleman; Thence N 64°-22'-46" E 94.29 feet along the South Line of Said Glidewell and Rendleman property to an iron rod set; Thence S 0°-02'-00" W 477.00 feet, leaving last said line, passing an iron rod set at 410.69 feet, to an iron rod set, This being the Southeast corner of said Easement; Thence S 48°-58'-39" W 112.72 feet to the point of beginning.

Potential buyers may contact John R. Schneider of the law firm of Johnson, Schneider & Ferrell, L.L.C., 212 North Main Street, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701, Phone Number (573)-335-3300 for information regarding this real estate.

At said sale, the Court will give the purchaser a certificate showing the amount of the bid, a particular description of the property sold, and the time when the purchaser will be entitled to a deed for such property unless same shall have been redeemed according to law.

Tiffany Busby
Circuit Clerk

Document prepared by: JOHN R. SCHNEIDER JOHNSON, SCHNEIDER & FERRELL, L.L.C. 212 North Main Street Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 Telephone: (573)-335-3300 Facsimile: (573)-335-1978 www.johnsonschneider.com 43-45g

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois SS County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a

certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 10th day of October, 2018, under the Assumed Name of Wood River with the place of business located at 2900 State Route 127 S., Jonesboro, Illinois 62952 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

David Agne
P.O. Box 380
Anna, IL 62906

Vonda Benefield
Union County Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BANK OF HERRIN, a state chartered bank, Plaintiff, vs. CHERYL A. MUCKLEY; SHIRLEY J. MUCKLEY; UNKNOWN OWNERS; AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No. 18-CH-8

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the Court in the above-entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Rob Ebbert, Bank of Herrin, 101 South Park Avenue, Herrin, Illinois, 62948, (618) 942-6666.

(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 305 Twin Springs Loop, Anna, IL.

(C) The legal description of the real estate is:

General Description: Situated in and part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 12 South, Range 1 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Union County, Illinois.

Detail Description: Commencing at the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 12 South, Range 1 West of the Third Principal Meridian: thence Northerly along the West line of the said Northwest Quarter a distance of 870.80 feet; thence North 90°00' East a distance of 472.53 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 23°03'04" West a distance of 149.94 feet; thence North 65°37'42" East a distance of 18.56 feet; thence North 12°13'52" West a distance of 138.69 feet; thence North 69°13'44" East a distance of 34.30 feet; thence South 67°57'12" East a distance of 75.94 feet; thence South 6°37'32" West a distance of 9.33 feet; thence South 76°12'48" West a distance of 10.67 feet; thence South 6°37'32" West a distance of 42.60 feet; thence South 27°29'21" East a distance of 17.83 feet; thence South 6°37'32" West a distance of 42.77 feet; thence South 24°21'30" East a distance of 131.67 feet; thence South 65°53'38" West a distance of 79.45 feet to the point of beginning; the tract containing 0.494 acres more or less.

Subject to the reservation by Walter E. and Linda M. Kimbro and their successors for use of a roadway. Reservation appears in Warranty Deed dated July 17, 1926 to Twin Springs Country Club. Dedication of right of highway purposes granted by Twin Springs to the State of Illinois dated April 26, 1957 and filed for record March 12, 1958 in Deed Record Book 91, Page 403.

Subject to all easements, rights of way, covenants and restrictions of record or otherwise and to general real estate taxes.

(D) The description of the improvements on the real estate is: A 3 bedroom, 2

bathroom, 2 story home with approximately 1,640 square feet of gross living area.

(E) The time and place of the sale are: Public sale at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on November 28, 2018, at the front doors of the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois.

(F) The terms of the sale are: Cash or certified check or the equivalent thereof at the time of sale.

(G) Title to the real estate will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, and special assessments, if any; other exceptions, reservations, licenses, if any, set forth in the title insurance commitment, easements, covenants and restrictions of record, and parties in possession.

BANK OF HERRIN
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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FEDERICO HIGUERA, DECEASED. CASE NO.: 2018-P-58

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the death of Federico Higuera, who died on September 4, 2018, and who resided at 402 Freeman Street, Anna, Illinois 62906. Letters of Office were issued on October 16, 2018, to Holly A. Wohlwend, whose attorney is John D. Foley, P.O. Box 685, Anna, Illinois 62906.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of issuance of letters. Any claim not filed within that time period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.
Dated: 10/17/18

Tiffany Busby
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

John D. Foley,
#3127115
Law Offices of Foley & Denny
P.O. Box 685
Anna, IL 62906
Phone: (618)-833-9100
Fax: (618)-833-9102
Email: lawjdf@gmail.com 45-47g

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD A. CROWELL, DECEASED. CASE NO.: 2018-P-54

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the death of Edward A. Crowell, who died on March 16, 2018, and who resided at 120 Warren Street, Anna, Illinois 62906.

Letters of Office were issued on October 2, 2018 to Debra J. Crowell, whose attorney is John D. Foley, P.O. Box 685, Anna, Illinois 62906.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, or with

the representative, or both, within six months from the date of issuance of letters, and any claim not filed within that time period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.
Dated: 10/17/18

Tiffany Busby
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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TAX DEED NO. 2018-TX-30 FILED 10-19-18

MARY R. MORGAN, SHAWNEE VALLEY UTILITIES, FIRST STATE BANK OF DONGOLA, ILLINOIS, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AID, JONESBORO REHABILITATION AND HEALTH CARE, UNION COUNTY CLERK, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

This is Notice of filing Tax Petition on the following property: Legal Description and Property Index Number: 14-00-11-487, Lots 8 & 9, Block 1, Peter Follis' Addition, Ware.

On February 20, 2019, at 1 p.m., the Petitioner intends to make application for Tax Deed. Real estate was sold February 11, 2016 for 2014 taxes. Period of Redemption expires February 11, 2019.

Opal Castleman,
Petitioner
45-47g

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois SS County of Union

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

IN THE INTEREST OF: QUANYA TOWNSEND NO. 2016-JA-32

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO 705 ILCS 405/2-16

Quentin Townsend, and to ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

TAKE NOTICE that on 12/15/2016, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by Tyler R. Edmonds, Union County State's Attorney, by his Assistant State's Attorney, Heather Heaslett, in the Circuit Court of Union County entitled "In the interest of QUANYA TOWNSEND, a minor", and that in Judge Charles Cavaness courtroom at Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois on Thursday, the 8th day of November, 2018, at the hour of 1:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a termination hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the court under that Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO

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Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Tiffany Busby
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Dated: October 19, 2018 45g

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

IN THE INTEREST OF: QUANEZ TOWNSEND NO. 2016-JA-31

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO 705 ILCS 405/2-16

Marvin Tavon Martez Mims, and to ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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Clerk of the Circuit Court

Dated: October 19, 2018 45g

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

IN THE INTEREST OF: BRAYLON HARPER NO. 2017-JA-27

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO 705 ILCS 405/2-16

David Charles, and to ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

TAKE NOTICE that on 12/21/2017, a petition was filed under the Juvenile

Court Act of 1987 by Tyler R. Edmonds, Union County State's Attorney, by his Assistant State's Attorney, Heather Heaslett, in the Circuit Court of Union County entitled "In the interest of BRAYLON HARPER, a minor", and that in Judge Charles Cavaness courtroom at Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois on Thursday, the 24th day of January, 2019, at the hour of 1:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a termination hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the court under that Act.

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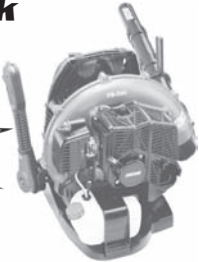


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Obituaries

Walter J. Menees

Walter J. Menees, 92, of Anna, died Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018, at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

He was born on June 5, 1926, in Anna, the son of Ola Edgar and Margaret Lily Shepard Menees.

He married Velma Ruth Parker on Sept. 25, 1947, in Piggott, Ark. She preceded him in death on Jan. 13, 2007.

He is survived by his daughter, Deanna (Carmen “Corkey”) Romeo of Beaver, Pa.; a son, Terry (Jodi) Menees of Tempe, Ariz.; three grandchildren, Shamain (Jae) Romeo-Hallett, Maria (Aaron) Browning and Nathaniel Walter Menees; four great-grandchildren, Liam Hallett, Chiara Hallett, Karinna Browning and Dean Browning; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Velma Ruth Menees; a brother, Lloyd Perry Menees; a sister, June Menees Meyer; a brother, Malcolm Menees; and a sister, Juanita Menees Lynn.

Mr. Menees served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He worked as a manager at Kroger in Anna for 34 years before his retirement. After his retirement, he raised cattle and worked at preserving his family farm for future generations.

Walter and Velma loved to travel and spend time outdoors. Walter was instrumental in helping build the addition at the First Christian Church in Anna at the church’s original location.

Funeral services for Walter J. Menees were at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 22, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Steve Sheperd and Bill Littrell officiating.

Interment was in the Anna City Cemetery. Military rites were conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW of Anna and the Illinois Army National Guard military honor team.

Memorials can be made to the First Christian Church in Anna or to the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

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

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Roberto M. Murillo

Roberto M. Murillo, 31, of Cobden, died Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018.

He was born on May 30, 1987, in Mexico, the son of Rogelio and Thomasa (Morales Pina) Murillo. He married Maria Y Roman in 2014 in Mayfield, Ky.

He is survived by his wife, Maria Murillo of Cobden; a son, Alan Murillo of Cobden, his parents, Rogelio and Thomasa (Morales Pina) Murillo; brothers Juan Murillo of Mayfield, Ky., Jaime Murillo of Houston, Texas, Rogelio Murillo and Jesus Murillo, both of Mexico; sisters Nancy Murillo, Isabel Murillo, Maria Murillo and Lety Murillo, all of Mexico; other relatives and friends.

Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden, with Father Uriel Salamanca officiating. Interment will be in the Alto Pass Cemetery. Friends can call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Alto Pass.

Memorials can be made to Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home to help Maria with expenses.

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 Alto Pass is in charge of arrangements.

Edward David Black Jr.

Edward David Black Jr., 59, of Anna, died Monday, Oct. 22, 2018, at Baptist Health in Paducah.

He was born on Aug. 27, 1959, in Chicago, the son of Edward David Sr. and Martha Black.

He is survived by his family and friends at Mulberry Manor in Anna; brothers and sisters James Black, Rick Leonard, Tammy Hill, Linda O’Dell, Edward D. Black, Davalie Silve and Lauren Squires; other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. on Nov. 1 at the JR Center in Anna.

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

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Marjorie Kimbro

Marjorie Kimbro, 83, of Anna, died Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018, at her daughter’s home in Anna.

She was born on Nov. 29, 1934, in Anna, the daughter of Archie and Sybil Mae Lence Miller.

She married Arvil Kimbro in 1967. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by her children, Ben (Tracie) Smith of Cedar Hill, Tenn., Debbie (Ken) Morrissey of Anna and Fred (Sandy) Proctor of Anna; five grandchildren, Aaron Smith, Sarah Forby, Stacy (Greg) Smith, Brock Proctor and Josh Proctor; seven great-grandchildren, Shae, Emma, Haley, Molly, Shanley, Tealy and Rilynny; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Arvil Kimbro; a son, Michael Scott Kimbro; and one brother, Russell Miller.

She was a member of the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. She was a supervisor for over 30 years at the Florsheim Shoe factory. She never met a stranger and had a heart of gold.

Funeral services for Marjorie Kimbro were at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Doug Bridgeman officiating. Interment was in the Anna Cemetery.

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

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Literary festival set at SIU

The Devil’s Kitchen Literary Festival is back at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, with a full schedule of readings and panels, which began Oct. 24 and continue through Oct. 26.

The event is hosted by the editorial staff of Grassroots, the annual undergraduate literary and arts journal for SIU students.

The three-day festival is free and open to the public. All events are being held at John C. Guyon Auditorium in Morris Library. The schedule includes:

Oct. 25: 11 a.m. Question and answer panel with Bonnie J. Morris, Kayla Rae Whitaker, James Allen Hall, Nicole Cooley and Claudia Cortese (moderated by one of the Grassroots editors).

2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Sara Henning and Monica Berlin (Crab Orchard Series in Poetry Award Winners reading).

3:15 p.m. to 4 p.m. Book signing with all festival authors.

4:30 p.m. James Allen Hall (nonfiction) and Nicole Cooley (poetry).

Oct. 26: 11 a.m. Reading



Richard Arthur Howell

Richard A. Howell, 84, of Glenview, died Saturday, Oct. 21, 2018, at Glenbrook Hospital in Glenview.

He was born on April 14, 1934, in Chicago, the son of Harry A. and Alice Hunter Howell.

He married Mary Sullivan on Aug. 13, 1955, in Carthage.

Mr. Howell is survived by his wife of 63 years, Mary Howell of Glenbrook; one brother, Ronald (Nancy) Howell of Meridian, Idaho; other relatives and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He was a diehard Chicago Cubs fan. He was heard to say “I’m not leaving until they win the pennant...” and so he did. He was a strict disciplinarian due to his military school and educational background, but a gentleman first and foremost.

Richard and Mary traveled to every continent across the world. As a history teacher he wanted to see where history happened.

He and Mary never had children of their own but as an uncle, principal and teacher he touched many lives. The most recent being his young neighbor, Paul, to whom he became a mentor and a surrogate grandfather.

He was an avid follower of current events, reading the Chicago Tribune daily. He enjoyed discussing and investing in the stock market.

Graveside funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, today, at the Anna Cemetery, with John Nimmo officiating. Friends are asked to go directly to the cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the American Heart Association or to the National Kidney Foundation.

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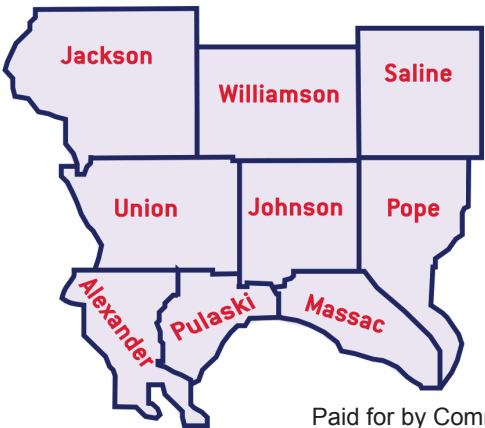
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Section B



CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL OF ILLINOIS

STORIES FROM THE BOOK BY ED & DIANE ANNABLE, PUBLISHED 2017

SIX YEARS IN THE ILLINOIS TERRITORY, 1812—1818
WHEN JOHNSON COUNTY SPANNED RIVER TO RIVER

The Town of America – Was it Considered for the U.S. Capital?

Two towns that once existed in Alexander County have totally disappeared from the view of those who seek to find them. They are real ghost towns that once had a purpose in the pioneer days of the Illinois Territory. Both were planned with the same purpose; that of becoming an important port of landing where merchandise could be bought, sold, and traded. The area was near to the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers and to the near rivers of the Tennessee and the Cumberland.

According to Gen. H.L. Webb, a person that experience the birth and growth of the town of America, the following is written:

“A land company, together with Dr. Alexander, in 1818, laid off the town on a magnificent scale, on Sections 9 and 10, and called it America. People in our country, and, indeed, all over the civilized world, looking at a map of the United States, were at once impressed with the almost certainty that a large commercial city must grow up here, at the junction of the rivers and the three States of Illinois, Kentucky and Missouri. At the time America was laid out, freighting business was yet mostly done in flat and keel boats and barges. Only a few steamboats had been built, and commenced to navigate. When the town of America was laid out, no one, for a moment, thought of the necessity of a good, deep landing-place for steamboats, as a necessity for a town, the proprietors

only being acquainted and accustomed to flat and keel boats and barges.”

“The settlers came in rapidly in 1819, 1820 and 1821. A brick jail and court house were built, and many frame houses and twenty-four double cabins, to accommodate the settlers, were built by the proprietors of the town.”

In recent years, some people have championed the idea that the town of America was planned to replace the nation’s capital. Their theory begins with the fact that during the War of 1812, the British burned the U.S. Capitol Building and the White House, as well as other facilities used by the government.

To keep the records straight, the burning of these buildings occurred on August 24, 1814. Within 24 hours, a heavy storm came on the area, putting out most of the fires and actually spun off a tornado. The tornado set down on Constitution Avenue, lifting two cannons and dropping them several feet away. The tornado killed some of the British troops, as well as some of the civilians living in the area. This is sometimes referred to as the “Storm that Saved Washington.” From the beginning of the attack until the end, the British were there for only about twenty-six hours.

The proprietors of the town of America did not plan their new town until 1817, building it in 1818, four years after the nation’s capital was burned. The White House had been rebuilt with James Monroe moving into it in 1817.

The town that preceded America was Trinity.

Trinity within a few years of its beginning. Even those who dreamed of a great village are all gone; nothing remains. The actual town sat on the Ohio River, on the south side of where Cache River empties into the Ohio.

When Trinity failed because of a sandbar blocking its harbor, the proprietors, not dropping their idea, moved up the river to higher ground and established the town of America. Their original idea of a commercial enterprise remained. They had no other motive.

Reading the journal of Gen. H.L. Webb, one of the active men in the town of America from its beginning, there is no mention of a prospective place for the nation’s capital.

After the burning of Washington, several congressmen urged that the nation’s capital be moved to a new location. Of course, Philadelphia was recommended by some, since the capital had once been there before moving it to Washington. Most of the urging was for moving it to a northern city. A bill was introduced in congress to relocate the capital but was defeated, allowing Washington to retain the title of the nation’s capital city.

The idea that America, the town on the Ohio River, could become the nation’s capital is more of a modern fantasy. The proprietors and men of the town of America did not entertain the idea. Although it makes for fanciful and exciting reading, the town of America was never considered to replace the nation’s capital.

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Jonesboro School Fall Festival planned

Jonesboro School is planning to host its annual Fall Festival on Friday evening, Nov. 9. The festival is scheduled to be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The theme for this year’s celebration will be “Proud to be an American.” Veterans are invited to be a part of the festival, either as participants or by helping. Information about being a part of the festival is available by contacting the school office at 833-5148.

This year’s festival will feature lots of new games, face painting, basket raffles, a silent auction, a haunted house, a cake walk and treats. Pizza and hot dogs will be available for purchase.

Coronation of a fall festival queen and king is planned at 8 p.m. Queen candidates are, in the first row, from left, Jenna Sadler, Lia Mays, Emilie Mowery and Jaycee Miller. King candidates are Dawson Trammel, Dylan Chilman, Mason Miller and Austin Adams. A dance for junior high students will follow the coronation.



Attend reunion

Members of the Cobden High School class of 1968 who attended a 50th class reunion included, in the first row, from left, Angela Herring Fisher, Earlene Holderfield Highfield, Sherry Goodman Stull, Sally George Wright, Roberta Furlow Michaels and Paula Penland Cochran. In the second row are Mark Williams, Gary Baggott, Jack Hankla, Mike McClelland, Ed Crowell, Charlie Stewart, Larry Glasco, Glen Messer and Mike Shannon. Photo provided.

Cobden class of 1968 reunion held

Members of the Cobden High School class of 1968 had their 50th class reunion on Sept. 14-15.

On Friday evening, they gathered at the home of classmate Ed Crowell and wife Dianna in Cobden. Food was served and everyone had a chance to get reacquainted.

On Saturday evening, classmates and spouses or guests met at the Moose Lodge in Anna for a meal which was cooked by Danny Gibbons and his staff.

A slide show of pictures from the past and current photos of classmates ran throughout the evening. A DJ played songs from the mid-1960s.

Military veterans were recognized during the program.

A tribute was given to deceased class members Judy Flick Kreutzberg, Laura Pearson Qualls, John Stewart and Neomia Cook Means.

Several classmates shared special moments they remembered about their school days.

The 1968 graduates who attended the reunion included:

Angela Herring Fisher, Charlie Stewart, Earlene Holderfield Highfield, Ed Crowell, Gary Baggott, Glen Messer, Jack Hankla, Larry Glasco.

Mark Williams, Mike McClelland, Mike Shannon, Paula Penland Cochran, Roberta Furlow Michaels, Sally George Wright, Sherry Goodman Stull.

Guests included former classmates Dan Eaves, Rosemary Tellor Mowery and Sharon Gibbons Dover.

Graduates who were not able to attend the reunion

included Maribeth Inman Smith, Karen Bauer Johnson, Elaine McCann Gross, Shelia Camden, Douglas Basler, Ellen Kay Hammer and Robbie Winters.

Those who attended the gathering voiced appreciation to committee members who planned the 50th reunion.

Archaeology Field Day planned at Kincaid Mounds

A Kincaid Mounds Archaeology Field Day is planned from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27.

The Kincaid Mounds Support Organization will present a program at the Kincaid Mounds Historic Site.

The Kincaid Mounds Archaeological Site is a series of Mississippian mounds located in Massac County.

Members of the Kincaid Mounds Support Organization volunteer their services for the preservation and management of the site.

Formal presentations about the Mississippian culture and results of excavations by Southern Illinois University summer field schools are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. on Oct. 27.

Artifact displays, information tables and a walking tour to Mound 8 are planned. Organizers noted that hiking shoes are recommended for the walking tour.

Kincaid Mounds is located 10 miles east of Brookport.

Directions were provided by organizers: From the northern edge of Brookport on Route 45, turn east on Unionville Road, go 6.26 miles to New Cut Road, then turn south and travel 3.6 miles to the Kincaid Mounds Road.

For more information, visit www.kincaidmounds.com or kincaidmoundsorg@gmail.com, as well as Facebook-Kincaid Mounds Support Organization.



A festive tree
Those who came to the Pickin' at the Patch Fall Market Day on Saturday, Oct. 13, at Rendleman Orchards near Alto Pass had an opportunity to be a part of a "fall feels" activity. Visitors were invited to "grab a ribbon," "write your gratitude," "tie it to the tree" and "snap a selfie."


Rides offered to see memorial


The Shawnee Mass Transit District is planning to provide transportation to area residents who want to see the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall in Paducah on Friday, Oct. 26.

Transportation will be available to people in Alexander, Pulaski, Johnson, Massac and Union counties.

Transportation will be provided at no cost to any veteran.

For more information, and to set a pick up time, call 866-577-6278.





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The Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity's Office of Trade and Investment, OTI, has received \$700,000 in federal funds to support export growth within Illinois small businesses.

The funds were awarded through the Small Business Administration's competitive State Trade Expansion Program.

"Exports play a vital role in the Illinois economy," OTI director Margo Markopoulos said in a news release.

"International sales stimulate job growth at home, supporting over 800,000 Illinois jobs.

"Through the Illinois State Trade and Export Promotion, ISTEP, program, our office continues to grow our exports and help Illinois small businesses realize the sales opportunities available to them in established and emerging markets across the globe."

The ISTEP program provides financial assistance to Illinois small businesses entering or expanding to new international markets.

Long-term care focus of seminar in Carbondale

SI Elder Law LLC plans to host a free seminar about five ways to pay for long-term care.

The seminar is set for 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, at the Carbondale Holiday Inn conference center.

"In Southern Illinois, the cost of long-term care can range from \$45,000 a year to over \$100,000 a year, depending on the level of care needed," said attorney Tiffanny H. Sievers in a news release. "Fortunately, there are ways to offset this expense with proper planning."

The seminar will discuss the Medicaid five-year lookback along with the newly enacted Veteran's Administration three-year look back on asset transfer.

"For several years, the VA has hinted that rule changes would be coming to the Veteran's Aid and Attendance program that helps war-time veterans with the cost of long-term care, Sievers said. "New rules that went into effect on October 1 have substantially changed the program."

Those who attend the seminar also will learn how to protect their assets from probate.

The seminar is free and open to the public. Those who want to attend are asked to RSVP by calling 618-997-3500.

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News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

On Sunday, Oct. 21, the children’s sermon was delivered by Norm Bauer in the pastor’s absence.

He explained why “special” people wear crowns. He also told them that everyone thought Jesus was going to be king over the entire country, but Jesus explained to them that he was only king to their spirit. Each child was given a crown to wear and/or take home.

The sermon was about discipleship, and how “some of us expect the Lord to give us what we

want, rather than trying to serve Him.”

Prayers for healing were offered for Gary Davis, Donna Bunyard, Ricky Wright, Terry Reynolds, Sarah Sims, Brenda Cole, Keith Johnson, Ann West, Randy Bridges, John Schwegman, Charlotte Fear, Patty Simpson, Mary Helen Ury and Kohen Moore.

Prayers were also given for families grieving for Ron Tomme, Eugene Heil and Jack Bridgeman.

Plans are being made for the 150th anniversary of Mt. Moriah on Feb. 17, 2019. Anyone who has photos and/or memories they would like to share is asked to contact Patty Simpson, Kay Johnson or Liz at the church office: 833-5234 or mmlcanna@gmail.com.

Confirmation classes have started. The next session is planned at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28.

The Hands of Faith will be hosting their annual gingerbread bazaar on Nov. 24 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.



Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out was Oct. 16. The ladies went to Olive Garden in Cape Girardeau. Mat Page joined the ladies. Mat lives at Chateau Girardeau assisted living in Cape Girardeau and enjoys being able to attend as many functions as she can. Photo provided.



Family attends services

The Hase/LeFevre family attended Sunday services. Fifteen family members were in attendance. Photo provided.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

Music for the Sunday morning worship service was led by Abby Barlow, Harley and Madison Schnaare. Lottie and Jaida Smith and Sophie Wells. Noah Wiseman, T.J. Macy, Mark Smith and Terry Wiseman Sr. served as ushers.

Special music was provided by Jacob Wells.

The message was brought by John Stanley from the book of Nehemiah.

The Sunday evening service was held in the fellowship hall, with the youth group serving a spaghetti dinner, with 60 in attendance. The activity helps to fund youth activities throughout the year. Appreciation was voiced to all of those who helped make this a successful event.

Birthday: Oct. 22, Glenda Shepard.

Anniversary: Oct. 26, Jack and Nina Shepard.

A memorial roll certificate presentation is planned at the 10:35 a.m. service on Oct. 28, followed by a potluck dinner in honor of the Keeley family.

Trunk or treat is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Oct. 31.

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. Worship services are Sunday at 10:35 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Youth services are at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Children’s Bible quizzing is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday and 5 p.m. on Sunday.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Oct. 21, Pastor Perry Williams brought the message.

Worship was led by Dee Rose. Special music was provided by Dee Rose.

A potluck lunch is planned at the church at noon on Oct. 28.

Birthdays: Doris Whiteside, Oct. 24; Daylon Butler, Oct. 25; Kacey Shipley, Oct. 27.

The schedule for worship at the church for this coming week includes Bible study at 9 a.m. on Sunday, and worship services at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Youth meet at 5 p.m. on Sunday. Children ages 3 years through 6th grade meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

An adult Bible study and prayer meeting is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

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By Martha Ann Webb
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Congratulations

Congratulations to the A-JCHS football team on your win against Benton last Friday night.

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Birthday Celebration

Doris Leonard celebrates 92 birthday: The outdoor party, complete with a big bonfire, hayride and s'mores, was held at the home of Chuck and Jenny in Dix, Daphne and Henry McGhee. Other guests were Doris's husband, Pastor Guy Leonard, Janice, Joe, Jonathan Plemon, Zika, Jaime and Ana Markovic from Anna. Josh, Becky, Simon and Dyllan Plemon from

Indianapolis, Ind., Jeremy, Erin, Eliza, Reese, and Ellis Plemon from St. Louis. Carl and Debbie Moyer, Ryan, Beth, Callen and Ledger Grothoff from Mt. Vernon and Alan and Carol Hale from Waltonville.

Chicago Trip

DJ Phillips recently went to Chicago and met one of his favorite actors at the ACE Comic Con on Navy Pier.

Tom Hiddleston is the star of The Avengers movies, Kong: Skull Island, I Saw the Light, Crimson Peak, the TV miniseries The Night Manager, High Rise, War Horse, Midnight in Paris and The Deep Blue Sea.

He was a very nice guy to chat with. DJ told him he would be a future Oscar winner because he's a great actor. He responded by

saying "I appreciate your comment, hopefully it'll happen."

Also, he has the thickest British accent DJ has ever heard from anyone. DJ's personal favorite movies of Tom's are Kong: Skull Island, High Rise and the TV miniseries, The Night Manager.

Missouri Trip

Dale and Monica Russell visited their daughter and family in Springfield, Mo. Stefani, Thomas and Tommy Hall.

Casey Trip

Judy and Weldon Brown went on the Mason Point Van to Casey to see their world record holder largest items. Very interesting and good day.

Jamaica Trip

Jim and Lisa Stone enjoyed a trip to Jamaica.

Honor Flight

Rodney Vanderpool from Anna went on the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. Rodney is a Korean war veteran. He's 89 years old. He was so overwhelmed by the trip and all the people that were there at the Marion Veterans airport welcoming all the veterans home from the flight.

He had a woman volunteer escort who retired from working at the Pentagon and now lives in Carbon-dale.

Everything was paid for. He received two new veterans hats, an honor flight t-shirt and jacket.

Debbie Hess is his daughter. She said her dad said he'd like to do something for all those people, approximately 600 people, who thanked him for his service and shook his hand. Debbie told her dad, you already did, you served our country.

A special thanks to Rodney and all those who have served our country and still do. Rodney attends Anna

Heights Baptist Church with Debbie and her family.

Guests

Leslie Betts says she will treasure the two weeks her dad Gary Fisher and nana Catherine from Texas visited with her family. They enjoyed the homecoming parade with Mia, Nana Cat and her dad Gary in the parade with his 1968 class reunion float. Gary's class reunion, and celebrating Gary's 69th birthday. Along with some other great times.

40th Anniversary

Jeff and Lydia Williams drove to Georgia to visit with their daughter and husband, Nicole and John Wicker, Campbell and Jonah.

The weather was fantastic, so they drove four hours to Orlando to Disney World for their 40th wedding anniversary. It was rollercoasters, log rides and Walt Disney's animation all rolled up in a 98 degree temperature.

Mickey and Minnie surprised them with a set of ears chocolate cake after dinner at the grand Floridian five story hotel. Lydia said she was quite sure that was the way she was suppose to live.

Wrapping it up with two days at Orange Beach, Ala. They said that's how memories are made.

They also had two granddaughters and a grandson saved this year. Campbell, Josiah and Esther. They were led to a saving knowledge in Jesus by their dad, Josh Williams.

Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies

Around 20 Red Hat Ladies meet in Tamms at Tom's place last Wednesday. Their next meeting will be the day before Thanksgiving at Wok and Roll in

Anna.

Prayers

I got an email from Cathy Ziegler who said when she was on her way to Sunday School a car pulled in front of her and hit Cathy's car throwing her into another car. Cathy thinks she just has a sprained wrist, but she's afraid her car is totaled.

Her husband Howard didn't get to see his doctor last Wednesday from his fall because while they were on the way to the office visit they got a call that his doctor was sick and had to go home.

It had been 16 days since they discovered the broken bone from his fall. They are now talking about surgery instead of a cast. Please keep them both in your

prayers.

Please keep Tasha Bittle-Faire in your prayers. Many prayers has been prayed for Tasha this week. May God's healing hands touch Tasha and heal her completely.

Tasha was looking forward to being in The Big Show in Cape Saturday to benefit the Safe House for Women. Tasha loved doing this benefit last year. So sorry she was not able to be there.

Please pray for Marchetta DeWitt and Frank LaFoon also.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Marilyn Sullins and Barbara House led the singing. The children took up their special mission offering.

Everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Easton Corbit,



Janna Harner and Jenna Elizabeth Harner Herbst co-emceed and sang at the Mardi Gras pageant at Pinckneyville Community High School. Congratulations Lexie Tourville.



Barbara House and Kathie Watkins are getting crafts ready for the United Methodist Church Anna bazaar ladies fall craft sale. They will also have a recipe book with Mary Ada Parks' cookies in it, a cookie walk and lots of other crafts people in the church have made starting at 9 a.m. Nov. 3. They will be serving dinner at 11 a.m. All of the profits will go to help the church and community.



Paula Stairs with sweet potatoes from Tom and Sheri Sadowski of Anna-Jo Garden Club community garden across from Shawnee Development Council on the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center grounds in Anna. Two hundred pounds of sweet potatoes were dug which will be distributed to the Shawnee Development Council food pantry. Sheri gave a history of the garden and Tom also gave a presentation about the raised beds last Saturday. Several people from the community attended.



Bryce Dillow celebrated his 20th birthday Oct. 15.



Janice Plemon's mother Doris Leonard celebrated her 92nd birthday Oct. 14, surrounded by her family.



Diane Scherer, who works at Anna Subway, was one of the vendors at the 45th annual Fort Massac Grand Encampment in Metropolis.



Jacob Ellis and Michael Hill, after several years of hard work and achievement in 4-H, received the state Diamond Award in leadership. Both of these gentlemen have worked very hard to accomplish this award. Special thanks to Dena Woods, Kristen Stout and their 4-H leaders for their guidance. Congratulations to all involved.



MCML 4-H Club has begun its new year. The club was quite busy with 4H week, electing new officers and they participated in the bicentennial ceremonies during this years ColorFest activities. If you would like to still join 4-H you can. There is an activity for all.



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James and Cheyenne Cohee Trambley were at the 45th annual Fort Massac Grand Encampment at the state park along the Ohio River in Metropolis. It was their third year of attending.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Arts center hosts haunted house

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center is planning to present a Haunted House of Horrors on Oct. 26, 27 and 31 (Halloween). Hours will be from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. each day.

The arts center is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna.

Admission will be \$5 per person, or \$20 for groups of five.

All proceeds will be split between the arts center and the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Theater Boosters.

Church to hand out candy

Apostolic Faith Tabernacle Church in Jonesboro plans to hand out candy to children on Halloween night. Halloween is Wednesday, Oct. 31.

Candy will be given out from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the church.

The church is located at 955 State Highway 127 South.

Stinson plans Halloween activities

Halloween will be celebrated at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna with several special events.

Halloween is Wednesday, Oct. 31.

A pumpkin story time is planned from 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Hal-

Trick-or-treat set in Cobden

The Cobden Volunteer Fire Department and the Cobden High School Beta Club are planning to sponsor trick-or-treat on Halloween night. Halloween is Wednesday, Oct. 31.

Treats will be handed out from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Halloween at the Cobden Fire Department.

Donations of candy, or money to purchase candy, are welcome. Donations can be left at Cobden Village Hall.

Residents are welcomed to "trunk or treat" in the downtown park or downtown area.

Anna Nazarene sets trunk or treat

The Anna Church of the Nazarene plans to have trunk or treat on Halloween Day, which is Wednesday, Oct. 31.

Trunk or treat is planned from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The church is located at 100 Kirk St. in Anna.



Boo at Slough event planned at wetlands center

A Boo at the Slough event is planned Sunday, Oct. 28, at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress.

The event is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The wetlands center is located at 8885 State Route 37 South.

Children in elementary and middle school, and their families, are invited.

The program will feature a guided trick-or-treating adventure

through the wetlands center and the Egret Slough Trail.

Organizers said in a news release that a 0.5 of a mile hike will offer "a chance for families to interact with misunderstood creatures of the swamp and enjoy the magic of Halloween."

Children are welcome to wear Halloween costumes.

For more information, or to register for the event, call the wetlands center at 618-657-2064.



Roasted pumpkin seeds recipe

Don't waste the seeds after cooking your pie or making jack-o-lanterns. Instead, roast and salt the seeds for a delicious and nutritious snack.

Let the children slosh through the fibers in pursuit of the slippery seeds, it is so much fun.

Recipe, Ingredients
1 quart water
2 Tablespoons salt
2 cups pumpkin seeds
1 Tablespoon vegetable oil or melted, unsalted butter

Preheat oven to 250 degrees F.

Pick through seeds and remove any cut seeds. Remove as much of the stringy fibers as possible.

Bring the water and

salt to a boil. Add the seeds and boil for 10 minutes. Drain, spread on kitchen towel or paper towel and pat dry.

Place the seeds in a bowl and toss with oil or melted butter.

Spread evenly on a large cookie sheet or roasting pan.

Place pan in a preheated oven and roast the seeds for 30 to 40 minutes. Stir about every 10 minutes, until crisp and golden brown.

Cool the seeds, then shell and eat or pack in air-tight containers or zip closure bags and refrigerate until ready to eat.

Yield 2 cups
From University of Illinois Extension.

Pumpkin (or Squash) Pancakes Recipe

These pancakes can be prepared with Butternut Squash, Hubbard Squash or other variety of winter squash. Use canned pumpkin puree, freshly prepared puree, or frozen puree which has been thawed. Cold leftover pancakes are an appetizing snack.

1 cup all purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
1 egg, slightly beaten
2 cups pumpkin puree
1/2 cup molasses or maple syrup
3-4 tablespoons buttermilk or milk
2 tablespoons unsalt-

ed butter or margarine, melted

1/2 cup chopped pecans or hazelnuts, optional

Powdered sugar for dusting

1. In a large bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, salt, and pumpkin pie spice. Set aside.

2. In another bowl, beat egg slightly. Add pumpkin or squash puree, molasses or syrup, milk or buttermilk and melted butter or margarine. Mix until smooth.

3. Blend in the dry ingredients all at once. Mix until batter is smooth. Allow batter to rest for 30 minutes or more.

Source: University of Illinois Extension.

Anna Heights planning to host Pumpkin Patch

Anna Heights Baptist Church in Anna plans to host its annual Pumpkin Patch on Halloween. Halloween is Oct. 31.

The Pumpkin Patch is planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the church, which is located at 100 Turner Ave. in Anna.

Candy, hot dogs and popcorn will be served.

loween day.

Glitter pumpkins will be created from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Children, and grown-ups, too, are invited to stop by and decorate pumpkins with glitter and plastic gemstones.

Games will be played. Children ages birth to 6th grade are invited.



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HALLOWEEN Safety Tips

Kids love the magic of Halloween: Trick-or-treating, classroom parties and trips to a neighborhood haunted house.

But for moms and dads, often there is a fine line between Halloween fun and safety concerns, especially when it comes to road and pedestrian safety.

The National Safety Council shares the following Halloween safety tips:

Costume Safety
To help ensure adults and children have a safe holiday, the American Academy of Pediatrics has compiled a list of Halloween safety tips.

Before Halloween arrives, be sure to choose a costume that won't cause safety hazards.

All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant.

Avoid masks, which can obstruct vision.

If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks.

When buying Halloween makeup, make sure it is nontoxic and always test it in a small area first.

Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation.

When They're on

the Prowl

A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds.

If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you.

Agree on a specific time children should return home.

Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car.

Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends.

Tell children not to eat any treats until they return home.

Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.

Safety Tips for Motorists

The National Safety Council offers these additional safety tips for parents, and anyone who plans to be on the road during trick-or-treat hours:

Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.

Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.

At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.

Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween.

Trick-or-treat hours planned in local towns

Halloween trick-or-treat hours are planned in Union County communities.

Halloween will be celebrated on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

Halloween Day trick-or-treat hours which have been posted for area communities include:

- Alto Pass: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Anna: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Cobden: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Dongola: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Jonesboro: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.



Traditional Pumpkin Pie Recipe

This recipe is close to the famous classic pumpkin pie, but with less butter and skim milk instead of cream. The flavor is just as good as Grandma's pie. Make your own crust or buy a frozen crust and allow it to thaw for a few minutes at room temperature.

- One 9-inch unbaked pie shell
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 2 cups pumpkin puree or 1 can (16 oz) solid pack pumpkin
- 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

- 2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
- 1 cup skim milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F.

In a large bowl, add filling ingredients in order given. Mix well with electric mixer or by hand.

Pour into pie shell. Bake 15 minutes. Then reduce oven temperature to 350°F and continue baking for an additional 45 minutes or until knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool slightly and serve warm or chilled. Makes one 9-inch pie.

In the U.S. among many cultures, a tradi-

Halloween: ancient tradition which conjures up images of witches, ghosts, vampires

Dating back 2,000 years to the Celtic festival of Samhain, Halloween is an ancient tradition associated with images of witches, ghosts and vampires.

Today, Halloween has evolved into a celebration characterized by child-friendly activities like trick-or-treating, carving pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns, and dressing in costumes.

The following facts are made possible by responses to U.S. Census Bureau's surveys.

Trick or Treat
41.1 million: The estimated number of potential trick-or-treaters in 2017: children ages 5 to 14.

120.0 million: The number of potential stops for trick-or-treaters to occupied housing units.

Hauntingly Delicious Economic Statistics

40,411: The number

of people employed by U.S. manufacturing establishments that produced chocolate and cocoa products in 2016.

3,430: The number of U.S. confectionary and nut stores that sold candy and other confectionary products in 2016.

Scary Places
Tombstone, Ariz. (estimated population 1,296).

Sleepy Hollow, N.Y. (estimated population 10,218).

Kill Devil Hills, N.C. (estimated population 7,117).

Yellville, Ark. (estimated population 1,159).

Transylvania County, N.C. (estimated population 33,956).

Slaughter Beach, Del. (estimated population 234).

Casper, Wyo. (estimated population 57,814).

Scarville, Iowa (estimated population 70).

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Pumpkin Nut Bars Recipe

1 cup cooked pumpkin puree, fresh or canned

1/2 cup butter or margarine (melted)

2 egg whites, slightly beaten

2 cups oats

1 cup brown sugar, packed

1/2 cup shredded coconut, toasted

1/2 cup wheat germ

1 cup chopped salted peanuts, pecans, or almonds

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In a large bowl, beat egg whites slightly; add pumpkin and melted

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butter or margarine beat until smooth.

In another bowl combine oats, brown sugar, coconut, wheat germ, and nuts.

Fold oat mixture into pumpkin mixture to form stiff dough.

Press dough into a lightly greased 15 1/2 x 10 1/2 inch jelly roll pan.

Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until golden brown. While still warm, cut into 2x3 inch bars. Yield about 30 bars. Serve warm or cool completely.

Source: University of Illinois Extension.

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Southern Illinois students take part in Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill on Oct. 18

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency, IEMA, teamed up with the St. Louis Cardinals on Oct. 18, to educate Southern Illinois students about the importance of earthquake preparedness.

With two seismic zones in the southern part of the state, and Illinois residents who travel throughout the world, it's important that everyone know how to stay safe during an earthquake, IEMA noted.

Gov. Bruce Rauner declared Oct. 18 Great U.S. ShakeOut Earthquake Drill Day in Illinois to encourage people to participate in the annual earthquake drill.

This year, more than 364,000 people in Illinois registered for the event, including more than 309,000 students from educational facilities across the state.

The St. Louis Cardinals mascot, Fredbird, joined IEMA deputy director Jennifer Ricker and IEMA staff to show 2nd grade students at Jefferson Elementary School in Marion what to do during an earthquake.

Ricker led a lively discussion about the risk of earthquakes in Illinois and the importance of being prepared with the students.

At 10:18 a.m. on Oct. 18, an announcement was broadcast into each classroom that the ShakeOut earthquake drill was beginning.

At that time, students practiced the "Drop, Cover and Hold On" actions that should be taken when the earth starts to shake.

"Whether you are at school, at work, at home or on vacation, an earthquake can happen at any time, anywhere," Ricker said.

"This is why the ShakeOut earthquake drill is so important. This preparedness drill helps us teach millions of people the life-

saving Drop-Cover-Hold On procedure."

The largest earthquake recorded in North America occurred in 1811 in New Madrid, Mo., near Southern Illinois.

If a similar quake struck the same spot today, according to a 2008 University of Illinois study, the impact would be catastrophic:

3,500 fatalities, 2.6 million without power, \$300 billion in direct economic loss.

Most of Southern Illinois sits atop one of two major fault zones: the New Madrid Seismic Zone and the Wabash Valley Seismic Zone. The faults are active, with sizeable earthquakes reported as recently as 2008.



Staying on track
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Letters to the editor

Addressing roles of county administrator, human resource professional

Union County Voters,

In recent months letters were mailed to voters of Union County questioning the necessity of two management positions reporting to the County Board. In 2013, under the recommendation of our State’s Attorney and Treasurer, the Commissioners hired a County Administrator to oversee the day to day operations of the County.

Commissioners are paid to work part time and while each of us has a unique background to draw from, a successful County needs an executive in the office capable of handling daily issues. The County Administrator acts as the essential point person coordinating with vendors, contracts, documents and other matters requiring more than part-time attention.

Without an executive assisting to run a county, the result is a County run by overcharging vendors and unnecessary contracts. The County Administrator position has already accomplished ample savings and efficiencies for our local government:

- In 2014, identified the County could move to the claims-made model with IDES saving the County approximately \$100,000 per year in unemployment insurance.
- In 2017, began assisting the Commissioners with preparing the budget thereby saving the County approximately \$20,000 per year. An external auditor was paid in prior years.
- Identified and communicated the STOP grant information to the County Sheriff which resulted in over \$357,000 to improve school security in Union County schools.
- With the assistance of the Treasurer, recommended and secured \$60,000 in the FY2018 budget for the expressed goal of replacing the worst bridges in Union County.
- Implemented an improved accounts payable process, helping to pay County bills on time and preventing duplicate bills from being paid.
- Removed former employees from the County’s dental plan who remained on the rolls for years without paying.
- Saved the County thousands by not paying late fees and requesting 60-day terms with vendors.
- Implemented prefunded purchasing cards with set limits thereby eliminating late fees and interest on County credit cards.
- Reconciled health insurance invoices to remove employees from County insurance who no longer were employed by the County.

In 2016, officeholders and department heads expressed the need for a Human Resource professional during our first Union County Government “round table” meeting. Everyone expressed their apprehensive approaches regarding this area of such massive compliance needs and potential liabilities. It was a proud moment as a leader of this County to see every officeholder and department head in agreement this was a position needed and would be an asset to every office. In April 2017 we hired Union County’s first Human Resource Director. The Human Resource Director has identified and corrected many areas of Union County Government’s payroll and personnel procedures needing immediate attention.

- Recruitment, pre-employment and on-boarding for employees.
- Administers and tracks FMLA.
- Implemented a waiting week between the end of a pay period and pay date. No longer is time submitted in advance of time worked.
- Created and maintains personnel files for all new employees. I-9s are filed per compliance.
- Correctly initiated recording data in the payroll system (rate of pay, hire date, address, SSN).
- Introduced recording and tracking hours worked, overtime hours, shift differential and holiday pay in the payroll system.
- Initiated recording stipends in the payroll system to accurately be recorded on W-2s thereby eliminating the prior practice of hiring auditors to amend tax filings.
- Requested offices submit vacation, sick and personal hours which is now tracked in the payroll system. Some past employees were paid the maximum amount of paid time off allowable when leaving employment as there was no documentation to prove otherwise.
- Took over as IMRF Agent for no additional pay; saving the County a \$5,000 salary paid to the previous IMRF Agent and immediately began reconciling IMRF deductions:
- Corrected voluntary contributions set up incorrectly years ago as pre-tax. This is an open action item requiring adjustments and will require issuing IRS form W-2c.
- Corrected IMRF wages to exclude LIUNA pension contributions, which were set up incorrectly years ago. This is an open action item and will require adjustments.
- Corrected employees selected to the wrong IMRF tier in the payroll system.
- Corrected voluntary contributions being withheld from employee’s paychecks but not submitted and entered into the IMRF website.
- All of the mistakes were not known by the Commissioners or employees until the HR Director started reconciling the IMRF account after becoming the IMRF Agent.

In no way can I list all the accomplishments these positions have assisted with to better Union County Government for our employees and our taxpayers. It’s easy for those not present when decisions are made to question them; and I respect that. Every taxpayer and voter has every right to be skeptical of his or her government. But until you’ve been the one standing in the arena daring to accomplish great things, it’s hard to fully grasp the need for a decision that was made.

I am proud of what we’ve been able to accomplish in this County over the last six years and it’s been the result of professionalizing our County with a strong core of managers who know how to meet the growing and diverse needs of an organization, whether it’s in business or in our local government.

Signed, Max Miller, Anna

Poll: America’s rural residents generally positive about lives

PRINCETON, N.J. – A great deal of recent national attention has been paid to the challenges facing residents in rural communities.

Running counter to prevailing national narratives, a new poll by NPR, the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, RWJF, shows rural residents are largely optimistic about the future.

For the most part, rural residents like where they live, in large part because of strong connections to their families and neighbors, and generally feel their lives are turning out as they expected, if not better.

This optimism is, however, tempered by concerns about drug abuse and addiction in their communities and the health of their local economies.

The survey of 1,300 adults age 18 or older living in rural America explores topics across a range of areas of life including several that are directly linked to health such as jobs, education, and economic opportunity.

Among the findings, 70 percent of rural residents say their health is good, very good or excellent; 85 percent respond similarly about their mental health.

And while 86 percent of rural residents have health insurance, compared with 91 percent nationally, half identify health care costs as a serious problem for their family finances.

Research shows that education and jobs are linked to better opportunities for health.

Rural residents believe the number of good jobs in their local community will either stay the same or increase in the next five years.

When asked what would be most helpful to their local economies, rural residents identify the creation of better long-term jobs (64 percent), greater support for local public schools (61 percent), improvements in access to health care (55 percent), and job training and skills development (51 percent) as critical areas for investment.

Beyond hopes and concerns for their local economies and schools, a majority of rural residents agree opioid addiction is a serious problem in their community (57 percent), with about half of them personally knowing someone who has struggled with opioid addiction (49 percent).

Almost one-quarter of rural adults (23 percent) say that drug addiction or abuse is the most urgent health problem currently facing their community, followed by cancer (12 percent) and access to care (11 percent).

“What has been widely recognized is the serious economic problems facing rural communities today. What has not is that drug/opioid abuse in rural communities is now viewed with the same high level of concern as economic threats,” said Robert J. Blendon, co-director of the survey and the Richard L. Menschel Professor of Health Policy and Political Analysis at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Strong Connections to

Family and Neighbors are Key

Residents value living in a rural community for a number of reasons. Most identify “closeness” and social connection, life in a small town, and “being around good people” as their community’s greatest strength.

The majority of rural residents report feeling attached to their local community (81 percent); research has demonstrated that adults who are socially active live longer and are healthier than their more isolated peers.

More than two-thirds (67 percent) of rural residents say their neighbors have helped them in times of need.

When asked why they choose to live in their community, about one-third of rural adults say it is because of family (31 percent).

Yet 43 percent of rural parents report their adult children have moved away, primarily in pursuit of long-term job opportunities.

More than half (52 percent) of rural residents say they are active in solving problems in their local community, although younger adults report higher levels of participation.

Rural America: A Diversity of Views and Experiences

The findings make clear that there is no singular rural America or one rural mind set.

Nearly one in five rural residents has a college or graduate degrees (19 percent), while half have a high school education or less.

A great majority of those polled report that religion or spirituality are important to them (81 percent).

And with respect to racial/ethnic diversity, one in six rural residents are black or Hispanic (16 percent), 2 percent are American Indian/Alaska Native, and some 5 percent identify as LGBTQ.

Rural residents are divided on whether local problems will be solved in the next five years and many see a need for outside help to solve them.

Among those who say outside help is needed, nearly one in three believe state government will play the greatest role (30 percent) and fewer than one in five look to the federal government (18 percent).

Compared to rural adults without college degrees, those with college degrees are less optimistic about solving major community problems and see a greater need for outside help.

People living in rural America are also divided politically, with affiliations split evenly across Republican, Democrat and independent parties.

And personal experiences of financial well-being are split by age, education level, race and ethnic background, and region of the country.

For example, younger residents (ages 18-49) are more likely to say the number of good jobs in their community has increased and that their personal financial situation has improved in the past five years, compared to older residents (ages 50-plus).

Voters of Union County

What do the following current and former public servants all have in common?

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Natalie Phelps Finnie: State Representative.

Steve Webb: State Senator.

Marsha Griffin: State Representative.

Tyler Edmonds: Judge.

Your vote and support for these candidates will assure that Southern Illinois will be represented.

Thank you for your vote and support of these well deserved candidates.

Respectfully, Steve Hartline, Anna

Candidate endorsed

Dear Editor,

I would like to personally endorse John L Hughey for Union County Treasurer. I have known John and his family for many years. I also have attended the same church that he and his family attends. He is honest, upstanding, experienced and hard working. John is highly qualified to be your next Union County Treasurer. Please consider voting for John L. Hughey for Union County Treasurer on November 6, 2018.

Signed, Lorraine Moreland, Retired Union County Circuit Clerk

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Opinion and Commentary

Issues in the news and their impact here at home

By John Reppert

Recent statistics have come out on the topic of student loan debts of students in the United States who graduated in 2018. I find the amounts owed shocking and want to share important information for those sending children off to colleges in the upcoming year. Let me review a few of the statistics, as of this month.

American families currently owe \$1.48 trillion in student loan debt. A total of 44 million students who have, or are, attending schools of higher education still have debt. For 2017 the graduates owe an average debt of \$39,400 at time of graduation. Some 66 percent of graduates of public colleges had loans (average loans were \$25,500); 88 percent of graduates from for-profit colleges had an average debt of \$39,950. The worse news is that these average debts are increasing annually.

I understand that large numbers of parents want to send their children to school because of better job opportunities and higher salaries on graduation.

However, this requires greater planning and preparation than just 10 years ago. Prices are going up faster than general inflation. It is not only tuition, but choices made on student housing and even majors. Obviously, enrollment in medical school is much more expensive than becoming a teacher. If you can commute to school from home, it is much cheaper than living on campus.

Perhaps the dialog between the students and parents should begin upon entering their freshman year in high school. For instance improved grades in high school will influence scholarships and other factors that may reduce the cost of college.

The bottom line, however, is the choice of a school now, more than ever before, must include the cost of enrollment and attendance, as well as the academic credentials of the school.

College graduation almost always increases job prospects, but starting life after graduation with a sizable student debt can be a psychological, as well as a financial, burden. Please prepare early and thoroughly.

(John Reppert is an Anna native and former editor of The Gazette-Democrat. He served in the U.S. Army, rising from the rank of private to brigadier general. He earned a PhD in international relations and taught at the University of Maryland. He also served as the executive director of research at Harvard University’s Belfer Center. He can be contacted by email at reppertjc@aol.com.)

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, October 24, 1968

In the General Election to be held Tuesday, Nov. 5, there will be a special ballot proposing a tax to restore and recondition neglected cemeteries in Union County.

The Union County Farm Bureau will hold its annual meeting tonight, Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of the Union County Farm Bureau building in Jonesboro.

The nation will revert to Standard Time this Sunday, Oct. 27, and residents of the Union County area are reminded to set their clocks back one hour.

The Shawnee National Forest Service of Golconda is the host of a three day meeting of Civilian Conservation Center Directors and National Forest Supervisors which is being held in the Jonesboro Shawnee National Forest area. The meeting started Tuesday, Oct. 22, and will end today, Thursday, Oct. 24.

The annual Halloween party will be held Thursday, Oct. 31, either at the Anna City Park or the American Legion Community Center, according to the weather. The party is sponsored each year by the Anna City Police Department with the cooperation of area businessmen and organizations.

It was standing room only as a large crowd attended the Gospel singing at historic old Kornthal Church Sunday, Oct. 20.

A definite chill was in the air Wednesday morning, Oct. 23, as the low recording was 40 degrees.

A mock election is being held each Friday at the Anna Junior High School with sixth grade students participating. This class, along with many others in the Union County area, is presently studying election procedures in connection with their social studies classes.

The A-J Wildcats suffered their sixth straight defeat last Friday night at the hands of the Metropolis Trojans.

From the Wolf Lake news: The Shawnee Carnival will be held Friday night, Oct. 25, at Shawnee. The coronation of the Queen and Princess will be at 9 p.m. in the Auditorium. The chili supper will start at 5 p.m. Plan on attending.

Someone, somewhere wants just what you don't need anymore.

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Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



Reenactors portrayed a British fife, drum and bagpipes unit which performed last Saturday at the Fort Massac Encampment in Metropolis.

Saturday: a perfect day for time travel

Last Saturday was one of those days which you wish could have stretched on...for at least a few more minutes.

After a rainy and almost-cold Friday in Southern Illinois land, Saturday dawned clear and crisp, with a bright blue sky and equally bright sunshine. The day was perfect for a little bit of time travel.

As you may recall from reading this column over the years, The Other Half and I like to make our way to Metropolis each year for the annual Fort Massac Encampment.

The encampment is held at Fort Massac State Park, which is situated on grounds which overlook the Ohio River. The river, as you may know, was an important route of travel for those who journeyed to what we now call the Midwest during the 1700s and 1800s.

Our journey didn’t involve any travel on water. We motored to Metropolis in a modern, but rather noisy, mode of transportation. The vehicle seemed to have multiple buzzing and otherwise irritating noises of unknown origin. Oh, well.

This year, we were joined on our journey by a special visitor from the north, who now calls the flatlands of Central Illinois home.

Our goal on Saturday was to get started as early as possible. Somehow, we managed to pull that off. The reason for the early start was to get to Fort Massac ahead of the big crowds. The goal was achieved.

As we strolled from a parking area to the fort, the sound of the past could be heard in the form of the bass beating of drums. And the aromas...goodness...the aromas...food being cooked in the great outdoors...wood fires...all hard to beat.

We arrived in time to hear a presentation involving reenactors who brought the Lewis and Clark expedition to life. While we were watching that little chapter of the past come back to life, notes of “old-time” music began to sound from nearby.

Reenactors were portraying a British fife, drum and bagpipe unit. We joined the many people who were listening to, and watching, the performance. I always look forward to hearing that kind of “old-time” music at the encampment.

Then it was back to the Lewis and Clark presentation: a tent was home to exhibits and activities which focused on the Corps of Discovery. We made a rubbing of an etching which reproduced William Clark’s signature that was carved into the stone at a landmark called Pompey’s Pillar, which is located not far from Billings, Montana.

Clark, along with Meriwether Lewis, were the commanders of the Corps of Discovery. Clark carved his signature into the stone on July 25, 1806. Clark wrote in his journal that at about 4 o’clock in the afternoon, he ascended to the top of what he described as a “remarkable rock,” and “from it’s top had a most extensive view in every direction.”

During our visit to the encampment, I acquired a copy of an etching which was created by Paul Revere. The etching was an early form of political propaganda which was about the Boston Massacre.

Early last week, I also acquired a copy of the final draft of the Gettysburg Address, which was shared with me by

President Abraham Lincoln. In person. More about that to come. In the for whatever it’s worth category, the Clark rubbing, the Revere etching and Mr. Lincoln’s draft of one of the most famous documents in the nation’s history are now among the special treasures which I have managed to accumulate on The Journey Through Life.

Our visit to the past also included a stop for a couple of cookies, cinnamon and lavender, which were baked in a stone oven. We also met a couple of folks from our neck of the woods who had some very special hand-crafted items on display.

The visit to the past ended with buffalo stew, served in a bread bowl, for lunch. Picnic style. Good stuff. We originally thought we would try a ham pie. Ham pies apparently were quite popular. And very sold out. Such is life.

Our journey back to the present included a stop at the Section 8 Woods natural landmark near Cypress, where visitors can stroll along a boardwalk into the wetlands. Well worth the stop, if you haven’t been there.

As I mentioned way back in the beginning of the column, it would have been nice if Saturday could have stretched on...for maybe just a few more minutes. That being said, the time that the three of us were able to spend together was special...moments that will be forever etched in my memory...not unlike the signature that William Clark carved in the stone at Pompey’s Pillar on a July afternoon back in 1806.

One final personal note: thank you for the kind words which were shared by a passerby we met, ever so briefly, at the encampment.



Those who attended the encampment could sample cookies which had been freshly baked in a stone oven.