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News

Notes

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



Happy Halloween to everybody...

Look for information about upcoming Halloween events which are planned in the area elsewhere in this week's paper...

The National Weather Service office in Paducah was reporting wind gusts of 39 miles per hour last Sunday afternoon in the Southern Illinois area.

The weather service also reported that Cape Girardeau experienced its coldest October temperature on record on Oct. 20. A low of "a frigid 22 degrees" was recorded. The previous coldest temperature was 23 degrees, recorded in 1981 and 1976.

Anna city administrator Dori Bigler has been accepted into a Delta Regional Authority leadership training program.

A tree planting ceremony is being planned on Veterans Day at Anna's business park.

The first round of leaf pick up in the City of Anna tentatively is scheduled from Nov. 1 through Nov. 4. A second round is planned Dec. 5-9.

The City of Anna is conducting a survey of residents in conjunction with plans to apply for a Community Development Block Grant for sewer infrastructure improvements.

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Area receives much-needed, welcomed rain

Some much-needed and welcomed rain was spreading into the region early Tuesday morning.

Rain had been falling off and on Tuesday morning in Anna as the paper was preparing to go to press for this week. Heavy rain fell at about noon.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported that isolated thunderstorms also were possible on Tuesday.

The weather service shared that widespread rainfall was expected on Tuesday, with the most amounts possible over southwestern Illinois and Southeast Missouri.

The forecast was calling for anywhere from a half an inch of rain to up to 2 inches in parts of the region.

The rain came in the

midst of ongoing severe drought conditions which are impacting parts of Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

A U.S. Drought Monitor map showed that as of Thursday, Oct. 20, all of Union County was experiencing a severe drought.

Severe drought conditions also were reported in Johnson, Alexander, Pulaski and Massac counties, as well as in parts of Jackson and Williamson counties.

The ongoing drought conditions continued to result in very dry vegetation across the region.

Outdoor burning was not recommended. Burn bans were issued earlier this month for the Union County area.



Tower Rock in Mississippi River

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reports that driven by months of drought and periods of extreme heat during the summer and fall months, very low to record low river stages developed along the Lower Ohio and Mississippi rivers in the region. In October, river stages on the Mississippi River from the Ohio-Mississippi River confluence at Cairo to Baton Rouge, La., were so low that commercial activities such as barge traffic and riverboats were experiencing difficulty navigating portions of the river. Low water levels on the Mississippi River have made Tower Rock accessible by foot from Missouri. The accompanying photograph of Tower Rock by Reese Streufert was posted on the website for the weather service office in Paducah.

Special events planned in county to honor veterans

Anna Arts Center plans to salute veterans, active duty military personnel, families

The Anna Arts Center invites the community to join in recognition of all veterans and active duty military personnel and their families at an upcoming event.

The arts center is planning a salute to veterans with a dinner and show on Monday, Nov. 7. The evening begins at 6 p.m.

The show is scheduled to feature magician Morgan Cerny and performers from the Anderson Music Studio: Ava Boreup, Emma Thurston and Jaida Smith.

The Kitchen on Lafayette in Anna is catering the

dinner, which will feature chicken breasts in a brown parsley sauce with mashed potatoes, green beans and rolls. Desserts and drinks are included.

For more information, or to make reservations, call Lee Hackney at 904-625-1109 or email vabchlee@gmail.com.

An RSVP is requested by no later than Nov. 3. The arts center notes that everyone needs to make reservations.

Veterans and active duty personnel are free. All oth-

ers are asked for a \$15 donation.

As part of the celebration, the arts center would like to display pictures and stories of veterans and active duty members.

Pictures and information about veterans and active duty personnel can be brought to the arts center on Thursday, Nov. 3, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Lee Hackney also can be contacted by phone to arrange a time prior to Nov. 3. Items can be taken home after the dinner and show on Nov. 7.

Alto Pass Area Veterans ceremony set at memorial

The Alto Pass Area Veterans Memorial organization is planning to conduct a ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 5.

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

The ceremony will honor the memory of area veterans, including those whose names have been recently engraved on the monument's wall.

The Nov. 5 dedication will include John L. Lemons, William I. Dean, Vernell Baggett, Ralph N. Weiss, Billy G. Leonard,

and Richard C. Waltner, Michael Dale Burris, Louie Casey Jr., Wendall R. Miller, William Hollie Craig, Ricky Ray Freyenger, Jesse Bernell Hickam, John Calvin Lingle, Roger Alvin Wiseman Sr., Darrell Thomas Widdows, Warren G. Grammer and Norman G. Hickam.

The Alto Pass Area Veterans Memorial group is a non-profit organization which is responsible for creating and maintaining the Alto Pass Veterans Memorial.

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Cops, Bobbers/Hooks, Ladders held at Anna Park

By Benjamin Marxer

Representatives from the City of Anna Police and Fire and Rescue Departments hosted a pair of free events for the young people of the community and their families at Anna City Park on Saturday, Oct. 22.

Cops and Bobbers/Hooks and Ladders was a free fishing event at the pond at Anna City Park for kids 14 and under. Poles and bait were provided. Feel the Thump Bait Shop, Walmart and the Little Grassy Fish

Hatchery contributed supplies for the event.

The Big Truck Event featured large vehicles and machinery of various types. Kids attending were given the opportunity to explore the equipment up close (and frequently test out the horns).

Fire trucks from the Anna Fire Department were on hand for the debut event, along with military vehicles from the National Guard in Murphysboro and an Air Evac helicopter.



Nice catch

Anna Police Department Officer Jason Leek posed for a picture with Drake Penrod and his latest catch. Officer Leek proposed the idea for last Saturday's event to help promote rapport between Anna's police and fire departments and the communities they serve. He hopes the event will become an annual tradition and is working to help organize other community outreach events.



Farm equipment

Kids attending the Big Truck event had an opportunity to climb up on top of a sprayer for a closer look at the giant farm equipment.



Ladder truck

Fire trucks from the Anna Fire Department were on hand for the event, giving kids a chance to sit in the drivers seat and try out the sirens.



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Ag in Classroom teaches about specialty crops, pollinators

Union County Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program visited classrooms in September and October and taught about specialty crops and pollinators. A recent grant program report showed that the Union County Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program had reached a record number of students in the beginning of the fall 2022 semester when compared to earlier years of the program. Ag literacy coordinator Abbie Stegle visits Union County schools two to three days a week for programming.

The accompanying photographs were taken when Dongola Elementary School hosted a Union County Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom presentation about apples on Sept. 28. Stegle taught five classes which focused on apples and the growing season, from pollination to picking. Each lesson included a story, discussion, ag mag and an activity to match. Apple lessons are especially important locally as the students learn about an important crop for the local economy, since the most apples in the state are grown in Union County.

The Ag in the Classroom program calendar for classroom visits is filling up quickly. To schedule a visit or to learn more about resources which are available to local schools, contact ag literacy coordinator Abbie Stegle at aglitcoordinator@gmail.com or call 573-837-2122.

Southern 7 explains COVID bivalent booster

With the emergence of the new COVID-19 Omicron subvariants BA.4 and BA.5 this past summer, the FDA recently approved the new COVID-19 bivalent booster.

As many become eligible for the new booster, Southern 7 Health Department is sharing information on guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health, the CDC and partner agencies about the new vaccine.

Compared with the original COVID-19 strain, both BA.4 and BA.5 are more contagious, yet not as deadly.

Combined, BA.4 and BA.5 currently cause more than 88 percent of new cases, making it now the predominant strain in the United States.

"To protect yourself from these new variants, here is what you need to know about the new bivalent booster," the health department said in a news release.

The new booster is called bivalent because it protects you from both the original

virus that causes COVID-19 and the Omicron variant, including subvariants BA.4 and BA.5.

The new COVID-19 bivalent booster replaces the two previous COVID boosters, meaning you only need one booster following your two primary series shots.

The new bivalent booster is available for anyone age 5 and older who has received their primary series (two doses of Moderna or Pfizer or one dose of J&J).

Anyone who is eligible that is over age 5, and has not received any primary series or booster dose in the past two months, can get the new bivalent booster. If you have received one booster, your next one would be the bivalent booster.

If you tested positive for COVID-19, it is recommended that you wait at least three months since your infection to receive the bivalent booster.

You can "mix and match" any of the available bivalent COVID-19 vaccines for your booster dose. Meaning if you received Pfizer as your primary series you can receive Moderna as your bivalent booster and vice versa.

You can get the bivalent booster and flu shot at the same time.

For those with underlying health conditions or unvaccinated, these viruses can be very serious, the health department advised. More information can be found online at www.cdc.gov.

To find a vaccine provider near you, go to www.vaccines.gov and search for bivalent booster availability, or contact Southern 7 Health Department at 618-634-2297 for vaccination information.

You can also download the Southern 7 app, visit www.southern7.org and follow Southern 7 on Facebook for more details.

News Notes

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A new mural is on display in downtown Anna and another one was being created in Jonesboro. More on the murals to come...

The City of Jonesboro is planning to flush fire hydrants on Nov. 10.

Rural Health Inc. in Anna was planning to host a Halloween season "Night of the Living Health Fair" event Wednesday evening, Oct. 26.

State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, hosted more than 90 students from 19 area high schools Monday, Oct. 24, on the campus of Southern Illinois University Carbondale as part of an annual student advisory council program.

Friday, Oct. 28, is a teacher institute at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. There is no school on Friday.

The National Honor Society at A-JCHS plans to welcome donations from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, to support the WIBH Radio New Coat, New Hope campaign. Donations will be accepted in the Union Hall lobby at the school during trick-or-treat activities which are scheduled in downtown Anna and on the Jonesboro Square.

A-JCHS students who have earned recognition as Illinois State Scholars include Jolie Barger, Avery Osman, Will Keller, Jessica Sartin and Isabel Tehandon.

Cobden High School's Illinois State Scholars include Rhylee Sauerbrunn, Karleigh Ellis, Tyler Franklin and Nick Sutliff.

Students from A-JCHS have been out selling ads for the school's yearbook.

The Shawnee School District No. 84 Board of Education is discussing possible summer 2023 improvement projects, including roof work over the band room, an HVAC upgrade and gym area renovation.

A Shawnee High School senior class trip to Branson, Mo., in late April 2023 has been approved.

Cobden cross country runner Brady Bundren has advanced to sectional competition following a seventh place finish at the regional event.

Cobden's Justin Campbell has earned second team all-conference honors in junior high baseball.

The Union County ColorFest biathlon may be making a return.

The Christmas Shop located at 117 S. Appleknocker in downtown Cobden is scheduled to open for its 20th season at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5. The shop supports the Union County Museum in Cobden and is sponsored by the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society.

Rehearsals continue for the upcoming production of "Hansel and Gretel Revisited" at the Anna Arts Center. Performances are

set for Nov. 11-13.

The Anna Arts Center is welcoming registration for its Reindeer Run/Walk, which is scheduled Saturday morning, Nov. 26.

A Lawyer in the Courthouse event is planned from 10 a.m. to noon on Nov. 4 at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. The free event is sponsored by the Union County circuit clerk's office in coordination with the Illinois Supreme Commission on Access to Justice.

A "Surviving the Holidays" Grief Share program is planned from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at Harvest Church of Southern Illinois in Anna.

PAWS is planning to have its annual auction Saturday evening, Nov. 5, at The Barn Event Center near Anna. The evening begins at 5 p.m.

The St. John's Cemetery Board is accepting bids for mowing and weed eating of cemetery property in 2023.

A Shawnee Hills Opry Christmas concert is planned Saturday night, Dec. 10, at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Anna.

Open mic singing is planned Sunday evening, Oct. 30, at Faith Assembly Church in Wolf Lake. Singing begins at 6 p.m.

Students from the Southern 7 Head Start Early Learning Center in Cobden visited Rendleman Orchards in Alto Pass on Oct. 18.

Southern 7 Health Department's latest podcast is "Getting to Know Head Start." Cindy Rice and Sharity Gaddis helped to make the podcast possible.

Between some major road work and the hanging of cable, getting in and out of Cobden Monday was a bit of a challenge.

Weather

High 80, low 24

Temperatures ranged from a high of 80 degrees to a low of 24 during the period of Oct. 18-24 in Union County.

Dry conditions continued. No rain was recorded during the period.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, Oct. 18	52	30
Wednesday, Oct. 19	58	26
Thursday, Oct. 20	68	24
Friday, Oct. 21	77	37
Saturday, Oct. 22	77	50
Sunday, Oct. 23	80	24
Monday, Oct. 24	79	63

Alto Pass

veterans event

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

Veterans from the Alto Pass area are invited to become members of the group.

Donations for maintenance of the memorial are welcomed and can be sent to Alto Pass Veterans, 194 Sapphire Rd., Alto Pass, Ill. 62905.

11,955 new COVID cases in Illinois

Union County remains at low community level

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, on Friday, Oct. 21, reported that more than 1.1 million Illinoisans had received a dose of the new, bivalent COVID-19 vaccines since they were approved for use in early September, including 207,000 doses in the previous week.

IDPH noted that since the approval of the updated booster shots, daily vaccination numbers have been trending at the highest level since early February, during the major surge in illnesses caused by the Omicron variant.

The new bivalent vaccines are designed to offer added protection from the now-dominant strains of the Omicron variant.

The announcement came as the CDC released data showing that 26 counties in Illinois were at an elevated level for COVID-19, up from 16 a week ago.

This included three counties at high community level for COVID-19.

IDPH was reporting 11,955 new confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Illinois, including 43 deaths since Oct. 14.

Union County remained at a low community level for COVID-19. Johnson,

Massac, Alexander and Pulaski counties also were at a low community level.

Jackson, Williamson, Hardin and Pope counties were at a medium community level.

"I am encouraged to see the large and growing numbers of Illinoisans who are taking action to protect themselves and their families with the new bivalent booster," IDPH director Dr. Sameer Vohra said in a news release.

"For those who have not gotten the new bivalent booster or the flu shot, now is the best time to get fully immunized and protected, while COVID-19 community levels are still relatively low.

"As we are currently experiencing a sharp increase in severe pediatric respiratory diseases that is resulting in a shortage of pediatric beds - and at the same time facing the prospect of a fall and winter surge of COVID-19 and other illnesses affecting all of us - I am strongly recommending the latest COVID-19 and flu shots for all those who are eligible.

"These immunizations are especially important for anyone over 50, immunocompromised, or those with chronic medical conditions."

The CDC authorized two new bivalent booster vaccines on Sept. 1.

As of Friday, IDPH was reporting a total of 3,796,038 cases, including 35,168 deaths, in 102 counties in Illinois since the beginning of the pandemic.

As of Thursday night, Oct. 20, 1,060 individuals in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with COVID-19. Of those, 124 patients were in the ICU and 51 patients with COVID-19 were on ventilators. A total of 24,478,907 vaccines had been administered in Illinois.

Of Illinois' total population, more than 78 percent had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, more than 70 percent had completed their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines and more than 55 percent of the vaccinated population has had an initial booster, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. All data are provisional and are subject to change.

Union County COVID Cases Update

- Oct. 24: 6,399 total cases. 67 deaths.
- Oct. 7: 6,376 total cases. 67 deaths.
- Oct. 3: 6,371 total cases. 67 deaths.
- Sept. 26: 6,352 total cases. 67 deaths.
- Sept. 2: 6,213 total cases. 66 deaths.
- Aug. 31: 6,195 total cases. 66 deaths.
- Aug. 1: 6,015 total cases. 66 deaths.
- July 31: 6,001 total cases. 66 deaths.
- July 7: 5,748 total cases. 66 deaths.
- June 30: 5,691 total cases. 66 deaths.
- June 1: 5,501 total cases. 65 deaths.
- May 1: 5,384 total cases. 64 deaths.
- April 1: 5,365 total cases. 64 deaths.
- March 1: 5,334 total cases. 63 deaths.
- Jan. 18: 4,378 total cases. 58 deaths.

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

Fatal accident reported

A Union County resident sustained fatal injuries in a single-vehicle traffic accident which happened late Friday night, Oct. 21.

Union County Deputy Coroner Jon Shaffer said the victim was identified as Tyler Sitter, 32, of Jonesboro.

The accident happened at about 10:25 p.m. Friday on Illinois Route 127 near Jonesboro.

The vehicle which was involved in the accident appeared to have veered off the road and struck a tree.

Only one person was in the car. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene.

Anna Council hears update on hospital sale

An update on the sale of Union County Hospital was shared at last week's regular meeting of the Anna City Council.

The meeting was Tuesday evening, Oct. 18, at Anna City Hall.

Harry Brockus, the chief executive officer of Union County Hospital in Anna, shared the update with county officials about the sale of the facility.

Deaconess Health System Inc. and Deaconess Regional Healthcare Services Illinois Inc. recently announced that they had signed an asset purchase agreement to acquire Union County Hospital in Anna, Crossroads Community Hospital in Mt. Vernon, Heartland Regional Medical Center in Marion and Red Bud Regional Hospital in Red Bud.

The purchase, subject

to regulatory approvals and closing conditions, is expected to be completed before the end of the year.

At this time, the four Southern Illinois hospitals will join Deaconess' continuum of care across a Tri-State area.

Deaconess is located east of the Southern Illinois network, with a footprint of 12 hospitals, two of which are in Illinois. Their health care services span 48 counties in three states: Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky.

Union County Hospital, located at 517 N. Main St. in Anna, is a 25-bed facility with inpatient and outpatient care, including emergency, medical and surgical services.

In other business, the council accepted the resignation of city attorney John Foley. The resignation is effective Dec. 1. Foley is in his 12th year of serving as city attorney.

Mayor Steve Hartline and council members Michael Bigler and Martha Ann Webb voiced appreciation for the work Foley has done on behalf of the city.

The mayor noted that Foley had the best interests of the city at heart. Foley said he appreciated everything the council has done over the years.



Union County Market in Jonesboro.

Jonesboro grocery store

Union County Market going out of business

By Benjamin Marxer

Union County Market (formerly Save-a-lot), a supermarket mainstay on the hill in Jonesboro, will be closing its doors after over two decades of serving the community.

Representatives from the store have stated that the official final day of operation is scheduled for Nov. 12.

The supermarket is currently holding a going-out-of-business sale, offering 20 percent off products, excluding produce, fresh meat, and milk.

Store manager Tom Flesch spoke about the difficulties that the business has been facing lately in the midst of growing competition and increasing financial burdens for independent retail stores.

"It was a struggle over the costs. A struggle with product, with labor and fuel prices," said Flesch. "The electricity bill was a big struggle. That Ameren increase was just huge for us."

For many shoppers, the supermarket holds fond memories from years of patronage.

"It's honestly really re-

ally sad to hear," said Deborah Kendal of Alto Pass. "I've been shopping here since I was a kid and my grandpa took me shopping every Sunday."

Other residents discuss the hardships that business face in times of economic difficulty.

"It's a shame what's happening. So many folks needing to close up shop," said Bill Wyatt of Jonesboro. "You see this happening everywhere. They squeeze every dime out of small business owners to where there's no point in trying anymore."

Mayor Ken Blandford has been a resident of Jonesboro since 1957 and is very familiar with Union County Market and its owner, Sam O'Neal.

"I've known Sam for 23 years," says Mayor Blandford. "He's done a good job, and helped this community in so many ways."

"Any town hates to lose that kind of business," Blandford continued. "But life goes on. And we wish Sam the best in everything he does going forward."

As of now, there appear to be no plans for a new supermarket to move in and take over operations in the location, leaving Jonesboro without a local grocer for the foreseeable future.

DAR chapter meets at Vienna library

By Dixie Terry

The Daniel Chapman Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution met Monday afternoon, Oct. 10, in the community room of the Vienna Carnegie Library.

Regent Suzan Harvel welcomed those present and called the meeting to order.

The president general's message was read by Julia Mowery. The national defense report was given by Doda Starkey for Bonnie Hogue.

Regent Harvel introduced Dr. Debra Goddard, who presented a program about Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which is being recognized through October.

At the conclusion of the program, a chapter business meeting continued.

Wendy Winkleman was welcomed as a new member in a ceremony by Regent Harvel.

In officer reports, Regent Harvel told about her past DAR activities since the September meeting.

Chaplain Carol Palmer reported the cards she had sent.

Recording secretary Starkey provided the September minutes, and with no corrections, they were approved for recording.

The treasurer's report was given by Regent Harvel for Carolyn Tripp. The report was approved for recording and auditing.

Registrar Marilyn Meisenheimer reported that the chapter now has 87 members.

Chapter Librarian Deborah Simmons gave an in-depth report about the NSDAR

Library in Washington, D.C.

In committee reports: Lillian Milam reported on the Seminole Indian tribe in Florida for Sandra Boaz.

In the conservation report, the NSDAR Conservation Medal was presented by Virginia Street to Martha Schweigman.

Membership chair Meisenheimer gave a report about patriots Jonathan Cass and Travis Tune.

Carol Palmer presented information about the flag of the United States.

Service to America chair Starkey reported that more 100 World Smile Day (Oct. 7) cards had been sent to Autumn Ridge and The Voyage facilities from the chapter.

Project Patriot chair Julia Mowery discussed the National Holiday Challenge cards and Project Patriot boxes to be mailed to military personnel.

A social hour followed the meeting. The social hour was hosted by Carol Racey and Lillian Milam.

Those present at the meeting included Suzan Harvel, Tamms, Julia Mowery, Buncombe, Lillian Milam, Marilyn Meisenheimer, Carol Palmer, Jonesboro.

Sharon Brown, Paducah. Jeanne Boglino, Alice Thodoropoulos, Debora Simmons, Golconda. Cara Webb, Tunnel Hill. Dixie Terry, Marion.

Martha Schwegman, Metropolis. Carol Racey, Doda Starkey, Virginia Street, Irene Webb, Vienna. New member Wendy Winkleman and guest speaker Dr. Debra Goddard.

Area high school students perform at choral festival

About 275 high school students from Illinois and Kentucky were scheduled to perform this week in Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Shryock Auditorium as part of a high school choral festival.

Students from Union County were among those who were scheduled to perform.

The free, public concert was set for Wednesday evening, Oct. 26.

The concert culminated a day of activity for the students, said Susan Davenport, professor and director of choral activities in the SIU School of Music.

The SIU Concert Choir also was scheduled to per-

form. Participating students were from:

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. Carbondale Community High School.

Carterville High School. Christopher Community High School.

Columbia High School. Frankfort Community High School, West Frankfort.

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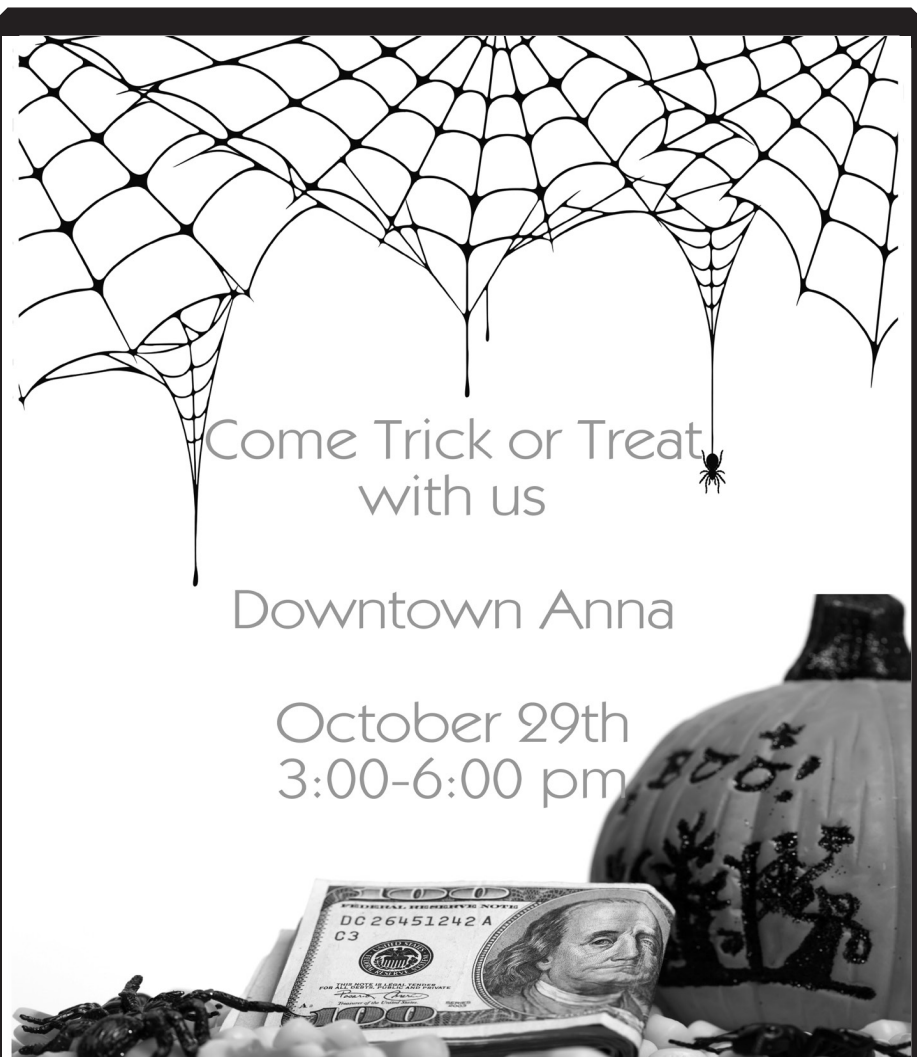


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Sports

High school football

A-J's season ends at Benton

Host Benton closed out Anna-Jonesboro's high school football season with a 54-14 win Friday night, Oct. 21.

"There is a reason why they are 7-1," A-J football head coach Brett Detering said. "They have a very good play attack."

The Rangers took the opening kick off and drove down field 73 yards and scored after an 8-play drive on Jacob Kinsman's 2-yard run. Jessor Zepeda kicked the extra point and Benton led 7-0 with 8:37 left in the 1st quarter.

The Wildcats came back and marched down field but Benton's Grant Owens intercepted a pass on the 1-yard line. He returned it all the way for a touchdown. Zepeda's extra point kick put the Rangers ahead 14-0 with 35 seconds remaining in the opening quarter.

The Rangers booted the ensuing kickoff into the end zone and A-J took over on the 20-yard line. Benton's Lucas Wilson then recovered a Wildcat fumble and scored on a 6-yard run. Zepeda's extra point kick put Benton ahead 21-0 with 10:10 left in the 2nd quarter.

"Our defense only gave up one score in the first half," Detering said. "Our offense moved the ball...they just didn't score."

A-J's T.J. Macy returned the ball to midfield on the ensuing kickoff, but the Wildcats were stopped on an incomplete pass on 4th down.

The Rangers then launched

an 82-yard drive and scored on a 9-yard run after 8 plays by Kinsman. Zepeda's extra point kick put them up 28-0 with 6:06 remaining in the 3rd quarter.

Neither team scored the rest of the quarter.

A-J was driving at the end of the 3rd quarter and scored on a 6-yard pass from quarterback Payton Denny to Macy. Rylan Frazier's extra point kick put the Wildcats on the scoreboard 28-7 with 10:27 remaining in the 4th quarter.

The Wildcats then attempted an onside kick that Ryder Watson recovered and ran 50 yards for a TD. The extra point kick missed and the Rangers led 34-7 with 10:27 left in the game.

After a short drive, Benton's Wyatt Upton scored on a 7-yard run. The extra point kick was good and Benton led 41-7 with 8:14 left in the game.

Even Hall made a good return on the ensuing kickoff and after 2 plays Denny made a short pass to Dawson Trammel, who then flipped the ball to Macy, who scored on a 49-yard run. Frazier's extra point kick was good and A-J pulled to 41-14 with 7:13 remaining.

After a 4-play drive, Benton's Lukas Wilson scored on a 1-yard run. The extra point kick was good and the Rangers led 48-14 with 5:23 remaining.

An intercepted pass set up the final score. Lucas Kinsman scored on a 3-play drive on a 5-yard run. After the extra point kick was good, the

Rangers had closed out the scoring with 2:34 remaining in the game.

The Wildcats were driving when the game ended.

A-J rushed for 149 yards on 32 carries. Macy led A-J with 90 yards on 15 carries. Denny had 59 yards on 17 carries.

Denny was 17 of 33 passing for 178 yards. Drew Page led A-J with 76 yards on 8 receptions. Trammel had 35 yards on 2 receptions. Dylan Harvel had 21 yards on 3 receptions. Nile Chotner had 28 yards on 1 reception.

A-J lost this season to play-off bound Benton, Carterville, Nashville and Murphysboro.

"We've been on the other end of it, too," Detering said. "With only 22 players, I am proud of our kids. I appreciate how they played this season."

A-J/Cobden soccer falls at regional

The Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden co-op high school boys' soccer team lost 6-0 to Waterloo Tuesday, Oct. 18, at the Class 2A regional at Harrisburg.

"We were kind of overwhelmed by the team we played," A-J/Cobden co-op soccer team head coach Mark Boomer said. "We held our own against them though the second half and they only scored one goal."

Carter Lannom played 60 minutes in goal for A-J/Cobden and had 7 saves. Om Ditak Patel played the last 20 minutes in goal and had 8 saves.

Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden finished 12-9-1 overall. "We had a good season," Boomer said.

Football breakfasts served



Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team's players, coaches and cheerleaders were treated to breakfast Friday morning, Oct. 14, at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna. The meal was prepared and served by the Mt. Moriah Holy Smokers. From left are Mike Stegle, Tom Caldwell, Pastor Mark Hasty, Larry Hepburn, Norm Bauer, Jim Carson, Jeff Kelley, Willard Cunningham, Randy Edmonds, Todd Vincent and Greg Lence.



First Christian Church

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team's players, coaches and cheerleaders were treated to breakfast Friday morning, Oct. 21, at the First Christian Church in Anna. The meal was prepared and served by volunteers at the church. The volunteers included, from left, Sarah Gibbs, Richard Vicenzi, Evelyn Vicenzi, Margaret Williams, Charlotte Massey, Dianne Clayton and Diane McIntyre.

Boys team second at Carterville regional

A-J girls win cross country title

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' cross country team won a Class 1A regional title for the first time in the school's history on Saturday, Oct. 22, at Carterville.

"It felt really good," A-J cross country head coach Matt Denny said about the girls' team winning the title. "It's been a lot of years coming. We should get better in the future."

A-J won with a score of 42.

Carterville was next at 69 and Pinckneyville was 3rd at 90. Brodie Denny led the Lady Wildcats with a 4th place finish in 19:41.

Zoe Jones was next with 9th place at 19:51, followed by Reese Jones, 10th, 20:18; Raegan Jones, 11th, 20:23; Kenzie Miller, 12th, 20:38; Kaylee Stover, 25th, 22:00; and Bree Hazelrigg, 44th, 24:14.

Boys Take Second

The A-J boys' finished in

2nd place with 90. Pinckneyville won with 28 and Carterville finished 3rd with 107.

Matteo Vaca Diez led A-J with an 8th place finish in 17:43, followed by Lucas Hoehner, 9th, 17:44; Yovani Carrillo, 11th, 18:16; Lucas Vaca Diez, 35th, 19:36; Eric Chen, 41st, 19:52; Logan Abernathy, 58th, 20:50; and Dalton Cobb, 77th, 23:34.

Both teams run again Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Benton Class 1A sectional.

Trail society plans hike

The River-to-River Trail Society plans to offer a guided hike on Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Bobcat Loop trail at Ferne Clyffe State Park in Johnson County. The hike is free and open to the public.

The trail society said the hike will be one of moderate difficulty, 4 to 6 miles long, with four hours minimum of hiking time, depending on water levels in creek crossings.

Hikers will need to shuttle for the hike, which will be a loop hike once shuttled.

The hike leader is scheduled to be Bill Gilmour, who can be contacted by phone at 270-331-1533 for

more information.

Those who want to go on the hike are asked to meet at 10 a.m. at the Goreville Village Park.

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

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

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

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



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Candidate visits Union County

The Republican Party candidate for governor of the State of Illinois made a campaign stop at the Union County Republican headquarters in Jonesboro. Darren Bailey and his running mate Stephanie Trussell were greeted by a crowd of nearly 100 people when their tour bus arrived on the morning of Thursday, Oct. 20. Political leaders from the region spoke at the start of the event, including State Sen. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro, State Rep. Patrick Windhorst, R-Metropolis, State Rep. Paul Jacobs, R-Pomona, and State Rep. Adam Niemerg, R-Teutopolis. Bailey, center, at podium, addressed the crowd with his wife Cindy Bailey.

Microclovers making comeback as lawns grow in biodiversity

Clovers are making a comeback in lawn seed mixes.

Today many families want to attract more pollinators to their yards. They are searching for ecologically sound ways to grow grass, including adding white clover back to the turf seed mix.

Clover adds diversity to lawns and provides food for bees, says Nicole Flowers-Kimmerle, a University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator.

"If you are looking for an eco-sustainable alternative to lawns, try adding clover to your lawn," Flowers-Kimmerle says.

"The short growing, self-fertilizing, low maintenance, long-living micro clover species will provide a more biodiverse, durable grass lawn."

White clover was common in lawns before the introduction of broadleaf weed herbicides in the 1950s.

Although broadleaves weeds were typically the target of these chemicals, white clover was often damaged or killed.

All clovers are in the legume, or pea, family. Legumes are very useful plants for our environment because they pull nitrogen from the air and convert it into nitrogen in the soil that helps feed plants.

Unlike any other plant, legumes create their own fertilizer.

Because of these characteristics, there is interest in using microclover in lawns to enhance turfgrass growth and reduce nitrogen fertilizer applications which helps limit fertilizer runoff into

Hess News

Gary and Sue Hoskins from Columbia, Tenn., stayed overnight with us on their way to his Kankakee class reunion. Sue also has relatives in Manteno.

Ben Bassett from Maine was visiting relatives in the area recently. He is the grandson of Bruce Williams. He stopped by here before picking up his wife's deer mount in Jonesboro.

A group of women who attended New Douglas Baptist

waterways.

Unfortunately, Flowers-Kimmerle says, white clover sometimes forms clumps and competes with desirable turfgrass, resulting in a non-uniform lawn appearance.

Microclover is a selection of white clover with smaller leaves and a slower, less aggressive growth habit.

Preliminary research finds that microclover mixes better with most turfgrass species than common white clover when seeded at appropriate rates.

The microclover seed often comes coated with a Rhizobium bacterium, a natural organism that the plant needs to fix nitrogen, sometimes lacking in residential lawn soils.

There are many benefits to adding microclover to a lawn, Flowers-Kimmerle says.

It mixes well with turf grasses and provides a uniform appearance while its flowers are a food source for bees.

Microclover is competitive with weeds, so less herbicide is necessary. And it helps prevent soil compaction which reduces nutrient runoff.

"Lawn clippings that include microclover are a natural organic nitrogen source, which means you can reduce how many times you apply nitrogen," Flowers-Kimmerle says.

But microclover may not be suitable for every lawn. It does not tolerate high heat and drought and does not do well in shady conditions.

Microclover may require reseeding for long-term growth in the lawn and its top growth dies back in the winter,

which can leave bare spots and lead to erosion.

Its seeds are expensive and not readily available in retail stores. Most broadleaf herbicides labeled for use in lawns will kill microclover.

To establish microclover in a lawn, plan to plant between early spring to late summer. No tilling is required.

Mow the grass low before seeding. Set the mower to the lowest setting to reduce competition with existing grass. Rake and core aerate the soil.

Sow microclover seed by hand or use a broadcast spreader for a more even distribution in larger areas.

Water the area every day for the first seven to 10 days because the soil needs to stay moist until the microclover has sprouted.

White clover typically blooms in mid-March and grows slower during the summer months.

More information about lawn care is available by contacting an Extension county online at go.illinois.edu/ExtensionOffice.

News from

First Baptist Church, Anna

After having participated in Anna's ColorFest by greeting people outside KiKi's and encouraging them in their faith, Pastor Lupe Lopez and members of Anna First Baptist Church went to Cobden for an Hispanic outreach.

From their welcome wagon they offered water, hot dogs and popcorn and introduced themselves and their church to those passing by.

The autumn day drew people outdoors and past Anna First Baptist's tent for conversation and prayer if needed.

All were invited to Sunday services at the church at 409 Morgan St. in Anna at 10:15 a.m.

Incumbent 12th District Congressman visits county

By Benjamin Marxer
In preparation for the mid-term elections in November, U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-III., has been on a campaigning tour of the 12th District in Southern Illinois.

His trip included a stop in Union County for a Republican Party candidate meet and greet event which was held in Alto Pass on Tuesday, Oct. 11.

Bost also stopped by The Gazette-Democrat's office in Anna to discuss his reelection campaign.

"Being in Union County is like coming home," said Bost. "We've done several things during this election cycle just to be down here."

"But the new district is 34 counties. One-third of the state of Illinois," said Bost. "Man, it's a lot of windshield time."

The midterm elections will be the first contest with the new congressional districts drawn following the 2020 census.

In discussing the new Illinois 12th District, Bost described the 34 counties of his constituency. "They're rural, very strong Christian base, very strong pro-life, very strong in the second amendment. Very much into local government and don't like the federal government in their stuff."

"The new 12 is the most Republican district that's ever been drawn in the State of Illinois," Bost said.

Bost is hopeful to see a change of majority in the U.S. House of Representatives for this election cycle, with control coming back to the Republican Party.

"The last election wasn't about policy, it was about personality," said Bost. "The policy was working. We had low fuel prices, we were energy independent, the economy was booming. Jobs were coming back, and everyone was working, up until the time that COVID hit."

Inflation rates are at the center of Bost's criticism of the policies of the current presidential administration.

"The people are really concerned where the nation is going right now."

"The question you need to ask is, are you at a point in your life where you can afford to lose one month's salary this year?" asked Bost. "8.3 to 8.5 percent inflation is a month's salary. One month, you lose that much buying power."

Securing the border is another issue that Bost strongly believes needs better addressing.

"This administration, they just opened the border, so the people are flowing right through Mexico, right on in," said Bost. "It's causing this unbelievable influx of fentanyl. And fentanyl has surpassed the number one

killer for 18 to 45 year olds."

Bost stresses the need for sensible immigration policies. "It isn't saying that you can't come here. It's saying that we are going to have a gate, like almost every other nation in the world, that you can come through legally," said Bost. "Because we need migrants. How well we know that in Union County, right?"

Bost continued: "They come here legally, they go through the process, they are excellent workers, they have that touchback that they have to do, all of this is sensible operation."

Bost serves as the ranking member of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Veterans' Affairs. It's a position that is imposing in its scope, but one that the Congressman takes pride in overseeing.

"Remember this, the VA is the second largest bureaucracy in the world," said Bost. "And remember that the VA does so much more than the VA hospitals. The VA has control over all the monuments and all the cemeteries where our

veterans are throughout the entire world."

Bost discussed some exciting programs in the works by the Veterans' Affairs Committee, using DNA to learn the identities of graves designated to "unknown soldiers," and match them to names on the lists of soldiers missing in action.

"We are, on a regular basis, discovering these identities by doing DNA tests. Identifying and contacting families, and bringing them to the location where the body is buried."

Families of the formerly missing in action military personnel are given the option of having a new headstone laid with the soldier's identity, or having the body exhumed and relocated to be given full burial honors back home.

Bost is proud of this work being done for the families of those who died in service of their country.

"You are bringing closure to so many of them," said Bost. "We're talking First World War and Second World War veterans that we are finally being able to identify."

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Every human being has a soul, "the inward man" (Matt. 10:28). In 1907, Dr. Duncan MacDougall was reported to have measured the soul. His limited scientific experiment claimed that the human soul weighed 21 grams. Although this experiment was flawed in many ways (number of subjects, inaccurate measuring devices...etc), this weight has spawned countless books, movies, and fostered the most distorted view of the "inward man" which God has awarded each human being. Did you know there are some determining factors of soul?

First, our soul is determined by the "height" of ambitions. Consider the "one talent man" (Matt. 25:14-31). This servant went and hid the talent because he was afraid. Christ did not buy this excuse and called him "wicked and lazy." Christ did "big" things with what He was given (Luke 19:10; John 3:17; Heb. 2:9), and He expects "big" things from us (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16).

Second, our soul is determined by the "depth" of our conviction to God. Conviction means holding a strong belief in someone or something. Daniel is a great example of conviction (Dan. 1:8; 6). In chapter 3, the three Hebrew youths were great examples of conviction. They were willing to enter into the fiery furnace to demonstrate their conviction of God. Additionally, Moses was a great example of conviction (Heb. 11:24-27).

Third, our soul is determined by the "length" of love. How great is God's love (John 3:16)? How great is our love for God and man (Matt. 22:37; 1 John 4:19)? Our love must be determined by our commitment to follow Christ's example. His love for us did not, cannot, and will not be deterred. But we must remember; sin separates us from God.

Fourth, our soul is determined by the "breadth" of service. David is a great example of service (Acts 13:36). What service are we doing (Gal. 5:13; John 13:1-15)? Are we serving faithfully to win souls to Christ (1 Cor. 7:14-16; 9:21; Rev. 22:17)?

Lastly, our soul is determined by the "weight" of influence. How bright is our "light", and are we enough "salt" to help save souls (Matt. 5:14-16)? How strong is our "leaven" (Matt. 13:33)? So, how big is your soul? Is it tiny like a babe, or mature like a full-grown man?

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Trick-or-treat and more...

Halloween activities planned

Halloween activities are planned throughout the area. Halloween is Monday, Oct. 31.

Here's a look at some of the upcoming events:

Trick-or-Treat and More

Trick-or-treating is planned from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, in downtown Anna and on the Jonesboro Square.

Trunk-or-treat is planned starting at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Wolf Lake Park.

On Halloween day, Oct. 31, trick-or-treating is scheduled in area communities, including:

Anna: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Jonesboro: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Cobden: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Trunk-or-treat is planned in the downtown park/downtown area.

Dongola: 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Anna First Church of the Nazarene plans to have trunk-or-treat, with decorated trunks with candy, a bounce house, cotton candy, popcorn, hot dogs and more, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Oct. 31. The church is located at 100 Kirk St. in Anna.

Anna Heights Baptist Church plans to host a Pumpkin Patch event with treats and more from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Oct. 31. The church is located at 100

Turner Ave. in Anna.

The First Baptist Church in Cobden plans to host trunk-or-treat starting at 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 31. The church is located at 200 S. Walker.

Dia de los Muertos
A Dia de los Muertos dance presentation is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 31 in the park in downtown Cobden.

The presentation will be given by the Cobden High School ESL dance team.

Trek N' Treat

Trek N' Treat is planned from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Devil's Standable trail at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

Visitors can go on an easy, self-guided hike through the forest. Trail is about one-third of a mile long. The walk will take about 20 to 30 minutes.

Along the trail there will be an opportunity to meet creature characters who will teach visitors about some of the wonderful and most misunderstood creatures that call Giant City home.

There will be treats and goodies for all hikers.

Boo at the Slough

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

Families are invited to

hike through the half mile Egret Slough Trail behind the wetlands center on a guided trick-or-treating adventure to meet misunderstood creatures of the swamp.

Visitors will learn about creatures like spiders, bats, and owls. There will be games, crafts and more. Halloween costumes are encouraged.

The program is free and open to the public. The program is being offered through a partnership between the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Friends of the Cache and University of Illinois Extension.

Preregistration is encouraged but not required and is available online at go.illinois.edu/booattheslough22.

Those who may need an accommodation in order to participate can contact Erin Garrett at 618-524-2270. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet access needs.

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 unsalted butter or margarine, melted
1/2 cup chopped pecans or hazelnuts, optional
Powdered sugar for dusting

In a large bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, salt, and pumpkin pie

spice. Set aside.

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.

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.)

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
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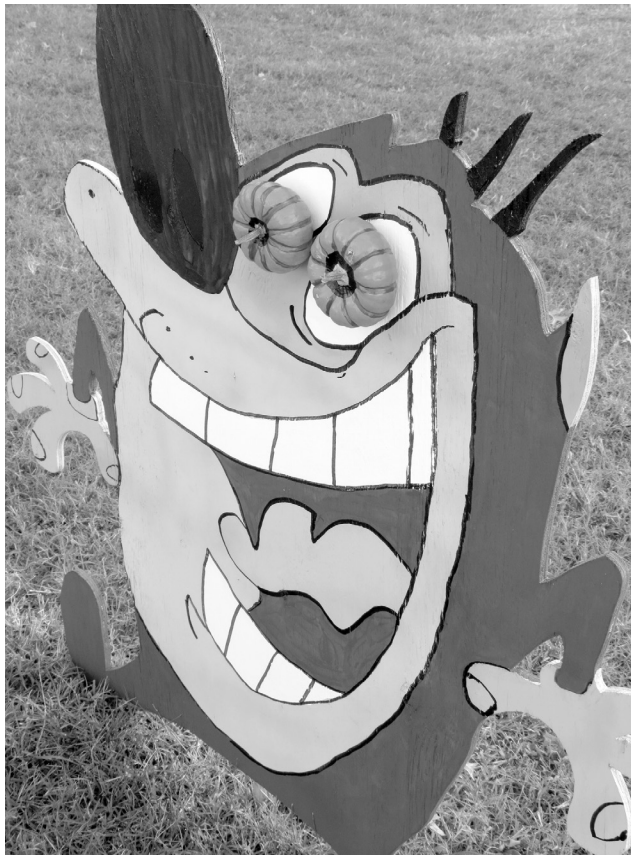
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Pumpkin Town memories

Pumpkin Town displays were presented again this year at the Anna City Park. The theme for 2022 was "Haunted Nickelodeon." The accompanying photographs feature some of the many displays at this year's Pumpkin Town.



Pumpkin Facts

Pumpkins are grown primarily for processing, with a small percentage grown for ornamental sales through you-pick farms, farmers' markets and retail sales.

Pumpkin seeds can be roasted as a snack.

Pumpkins contain potassium and Vitamin A.

Pumpkins are used for feed for animals.

Pumpkin flowers are edible.

Pumpkins are used to make soups, pies and breads.

Pumpkins are members of the vine crops family called cucurbits.

Pumpkins originated in Central America.

In early colonial times, pumpkins were used as an ingredient for the crust of pies, not the filling.

Pumpkins were once recommended for removing freckles and curing snake bites.

The name pumpkin originated from "pepon," the Greek word for "large melon."

The Connecticut field

variety is the traditional American pumpkin.

Pumpkins are 90 percent water.

Pumpkins are fruit.

In colonial times, Native Americans roasted long strips of pumpkin in an open fire.

Colonists sliced off pumpkin tops; removed seeds and filled the insides with milk, spices and honey. This was baked in hot ashes and is the origin of pumpkin pie.

Native Americans flattened strips of pumpkins, dried them and made mats.

Native Americans called pumpkins "isquout squash."

Native Americans used pumpkin seeds for food and medicine.

(Source: University of Illinois Extension.)



HALLOWEEN Safety Tips

The celebration of Halloween can bring potential fire hazards related to seasonal decor and costumes.

Fire can start when candles are too close to decorations or when long, trailing costumes come into contact with candles.

Fire risks can be avoided by following some fire safety precautions shared by safety experts.

Candles
Refrain from having an open flame.

Use battery-operated candles or glow-sticks in your jack-o-lanterns.

Costumes
Choose the right costume. Try to stay away from long or flowing fabric, and remain vigilant of extraneous costume pieces.

Decorations

Avoid flammable decorations including dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper that are highly flammable.

Keep decorations away from open flames and other heat sources, including light bulbs and heaters.

Exits

Remember to keep all decorations away from doors so that they are not blocking any exits or escape routes.

Smoke Alarms

Make sure all of your smoke alarms are working and up to date.

Visibility

Provide flashlights to children or have children carry glow sticks as part of their costumes.

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Grand opening celebrated

Brodies, a bar on the square in Jonesboro, held a grand opening celebration on Saturday, Oct. 15, in conjunction with Jonesboro ColorFest. Owners Tim Pearl and Tom and Shelly Pearl were joined by friends, family and members of the community for the ribbon cutting ceremony. Brodies is open seven days a week from noon to midnight (though they are hoping to soon be allowed to stay open until 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday). Brodies plans to host a Halloween bash on Saturday, Oct. 29. More information on their Facebook page at [facebook.com/100076548044202](https://www.facebook.com/100076548044202).



Ribbon cutting at new office

Financial advisor Kelli Wood was joined by friends, clients and members of the community for a Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, Oct. 21. The event celebrated the opening of her new Edward Jones office at 120 N. Main St. in Anna. Wood's office was previously located in Jonesboro. A catered lunch and tours of the new facility were offered as part of the event. Kelli Woods and her associates can be reached at 833-4685.

The Big Eight

The director of two community economic development associations in Utah compiled the following tongue-in-cheek list of sure fire ways to "Ruin Your Town":

1. Stay away from town meetings and be sure to criticize the way things run. You don't have to be there to know that somebody else is not doing it right.
2. Complain bitterly about the climate. Dwell on cold winters, the hot summers and the generally tough conditions for the people who live here. Let the world know that this is the last place anybody would want to live and work.
3. Knock your city and county governments. Spread the word about the stupidity of your elected officials. After all, they are all just out to get you anyway.
4. Don't buy anything locally. Use discount stores in the city and direct mail catalogs for all of your purchases. It's a lot more important to save a buck than to save your local merchant.
5. Snipe at the local newspaper. Tell anyone who will listen that those media people are just no good and that they never print the news you want to read.
6. Boycott community events. Tell yourself and anyone else that it's not your job to show up for ball games, concerts and school programs. Who really cares if anyone participates in those things?
7. Be more negative. Everybody knows that all kids are delinquents, all business people are crooks and all public officials are just looking out for themselves. Try to get in as many bad remarks about the town as possible.
8. Be skeptical, cynical and critical about anything designed for the community's progress and betterment and do it as loudly as possible. Blame progress for every difficulty, economic development for changing things from the way they were in the good old days, and disagree with anything that makes things different in your town.

Most people interact with 10 or more people every day of their lives. That's 310 individuals this month alone. Think of the good you could do by keeping a more positive attitude when talking about your community.

Public Record

from the files at the
Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro

Realty Transactions

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

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Bobbie Crismon, Michael H. Moore, Sarah A. Moore. Grantee: Janet Moore, Michael H. Moore. Subdivision Name: I.O. Karrakers Add. of Jonesboro. Block 36. Lots 4, 5, 6.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Rebecca Dillman, Jennifer Gordley, Belinda Jerolds, Pamela Keil. Grantee: Patricia Keil. Tract Section 13 Township 13S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Robert Shepard. Grantee: Amanda Shepard. Subdivision Name: Daniel W. Browns 1st Add. of Anna. Lot 13.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Ronnie E. Stewart. Grantee: Nate Bullard. Subdivision Name: Maplehurst Add. of Anna. Lot 9.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Hugo Flores. Grantee: Malcolm J. Morrison. Tract Section 30 Township 11S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Larry E. Rendleman, Mary Carolyn Rendleman. Grantee: Larry E. and M.C. Rendleman Irrevocable Trust. Tract Section 34 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Christine Dirden, Linda Hoehner. Grantee: Debra D. Wilson, Joseph A. Wilson. Tract Section 14 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Helen Fern Dexter, Lisa K. Freeman. Grantee: Tammie D. Aden. Subdivision Name: Maplehurst Add. of Anna. Block 2. Lot 12.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Katrina J. Denham, Nicholas R. Denham, Kartina J. Karsen. Grantee: Alexandria E. Jackson. Subdivision Name: Original Plat of Anna. Lot 26.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Kristie A. Russell. Grantee: Brittney Franklin, Josh Franklin. Tract Section 26 Township 11S Range 1W. Tract Section 27 Township 11S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Leon Russell. Grantee: Kimberley Hofelich, Peter Hofelich, Barbara Russell, Leon Russell. Tract Section 26 Township 11S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jason Oliver, Molly Oliver. Grantee: Ann S. McMurphy. Subdivision Name: Maplehurst Add. of Anna. Block 3. Lot 12.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Bhartiben R. Desai. Grantee: Adventure Child Development and Activity Center LLC. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Dorothy A. Kerr, Michael T. Kerr. Grantee: Harvey S. Woods III, John Woods. Tract Section 24 Township 11S Range 2W. Subdivision Name: Sunset Ridge Sub. Lot 16.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Becky A. Heuring, Robyn J. Heuring. Grantee: Robert R. Riedel, Sharon M. Riedel. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: Winstead Davies 1st Add. of Anna. Lots 61, 62.

Warranty Deed.

Grantor: Lee Ann Wright, Randy W. Wright. Grantee: John L. Casey, Stephanie Casey. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Celisha A. Bonner, Jeffery B. Bonner. Grantee: Brandy Williams Renshaw. Subdivision Name: Original Plat of Anna. Lot 134.

Warranty Deed. Deborah Roach, Kevin Eugene Roach. Grantee: Anna Community Consolidated School District No. 37. Subdivision Name: D.W. Browns Second Addition. Lot 5.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: J'Luz Carmona. Grantee: Joseph L. Smith. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: Daniel Siffords Heirs Add. Lot 10.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Karen Lumos. Grantee: Vickie Leavitt. Subdivision Name: I.O. Karrakers Add. of Jonesboro. Lots 4, 5.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Vickie Leavitt, Vickie Schierhoff Leavitt. Grantee: Christian Haney, James T. Haney. Subdivision Name: I.O. Karrakers Add. of Jonesboro. Lots 4, 5.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Robert Joseph Mathis. Grantee: Charles Joseph Paul Mathis. Subdivision Name: Maplehurst Add. of Anna. Block 4. Lot 7.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Mary J. Sotiropoulos, Richard A. Sotiropoulos. Grantee: Danny Hereford. Tract Section 4 Township 13S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Danny Donald Hereford. Grantee: Danny Hereford, Nicole Hereford. Tract Section 4 Township 13S Range 1E.

Traffic Citations

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

Christopher Lynn Martin, Buncombe, seat belt required/driver, \$164. Darian B. Prater, Carbondale, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257.

Tephone Tyrone Davis, Milwaukee, Wis., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257. Jeremy R. Fountain, Memphis, Tenn., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257.

Emily S. Hammer, Cobden, electronic communication device/improper traffic lane usage, \$328. Frank A. Conci, Mulkeytown, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Amy Marie Wintz, Balch Springs, Texas, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$733. Bailey A. Duke, Carbondale, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164.

Dominique Jerome Leveron Smith, Carbondale, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257. Tyler R. Brown, Ullin, unlicensed/operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$764.

Isabella Marie Basile, Crown Point, Ind., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Tanisha Travis, Janesville, Wis., driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164.

Shamika D. Brown, Cairo,

driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257. Alexander S. Hadley, Bloomington, Ind., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257.

Jermel J. Taylor, Carbondale, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$733. Bryce D. Easterly, Buncombe, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164.

Lucas T. Kent, Carbondale, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Jordan Lyn Colyer, Jackson, Mo., driving 1-10 mph above limit, \$164. Marek Oborka, Palos Park, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Dwuan L. Wilson, Carbondale, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257. Savannah A. Starr, Cape Girardeau, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257.

Skylar N. Youngerman, Cypress, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$733. Christopher R. Gray, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$164.

Mukoma Smpanya, Dallas, Texas, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164. Kolawole Rasheed Balogun, Greenwood, Ind., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Gregory Steffens, Murphysboro, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257. Ismael Ramirez-Alvarado, Metropolis, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Joseph M. Edwards, Belle Chasse, speeding, 26-34 mph over limit, \$530. Kayse Lynn Foshee, Carbondale, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257.

Colt Stephen Buehler, Cape Girardeau, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Roberto Segovia, Weslaco, Texas, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257.

Jayden Krystian Budzon, Pueblo, Colo., driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164. Demetrik R. Wade, Mounds, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257.

Facelli L. Drummer, Decatur, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257. Joseph A. Rosario, Chicago, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257.

Amanda R. Smooth, Slidell, La., driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257. Clifton Alexander Prowse, Hensley, Ark., driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257.

Maurildo Menchaca, Traverse City, Mich., operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$733. Aurora A. Roeker, Murphysboro, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Mauricio J. Olea, Wood Dale, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Cole E. Moreland, Anna, registration expiration, \$257. Robert J. Habel, Bartlett, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164.

Lakshman Kumar Nanga, New Hudson, Mich., driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164. Kazi Shams Rummy, Forney, Texas, driving 11-14 mph above limit, \$164.

Ma De Jesus Sanchez, Murphy, Texas, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164. William L. Dixon, Anna, fail to obey stop sign, \$164.

Donald Ray Lane, Anna, improper left turn/oncoming traffic, \$164. Sara E. Vitale, Anna, electronic communication device, \$164. Caesar L. Noriega, Cambria, registration expiration, \$164.

Albert Devonte Brown, Bastrop, Texas, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257. Crystal A. Leek, Mound City, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257.

Colton M. Dabbs, Mill Creek, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$733. Clorise King, Milwaukee, Wis., driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257.

Nicholas C. Kokoropoulos, Dayton, Ohio, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164. Shekunnah Striverson, Park Forest, driving 11-14 mph above limit, \$257.

Dustin C. Pitts, Cobden, registration expiration/fail to reduce speed, \$288. James M. Rentfro, Dongola, registration expiration, \$164.

Marcelino W. Fuller, Carrier Mills, fail to yield/private road/drive, \$164. Gregory Steffens, Murphysboro, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$257.

Amanda L. Morrison, Goreville, seat belt required/passenger, \$257. Khalid A. Ahmed, Morton Grove, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Mario E. Lemus Lara, Winfield, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257. Pawel Pulwon, Tobyhanna, Pa., log violation, \$164. Linda K. Akenji, Waukegan, registration expiration, \$164.

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Community newspapers alert members of the community to problems needing attention.

The community newspaper facilitates the exchange of ideas and opinions through its editorial page and letters to the editor.

There are so many things of value community newspapers provide: the recording of local history and helping to maintain a healthy local economy through effective advertising for local businesses are just a few areas of value.

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News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A Sunday morning worship service was held Oct. 23, in the church and on Zoom.

Singing was led by Olivet Nazarene University Music Ambassador Jaedin Brown.

A message titled "In the Wilderness" was brought by Olivet Nazarene University Preaching Ambassador Hannah Perry. Scripture was from the Psalms and Exodus.

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

A missionary rally is planned Oct. 27 at Carbondale New Beginnings

Church of the Nazarene. The new NMI district president, Dan Reinhart, is scheduled to be the guest speaker. He plans to share how God led him to, and through, 12 years of volunteer missions service. An offering is planned to support the Western Mediterranean field partnership. The church van is scheduled to leave at 6 p.m. for the rally.

Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 30.

Sunday School is planned at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 30.

The Cragans are scheduled to present a concert at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 30. An offering will

be taken.

Quizzing is planned at 5 p.m. on Oct. 30.

Trunk or treat, with decorated trunks with candy, a bounce house, cotton candy, popcorn, hot dogs and more, is planned from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Oct. 31.

A Wednesday night service is planned at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 2 in the sanctuary and on Zoom. Youth group and children's Bible quizzing are planned at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The pastor can be texted prior to the meeting for the Zoom password.

The church can be contacted by calling the church office at 833-6702 and leaving a message if necessary or by calling Pastor Wright at 618-534-7103.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Oct. 23, Pastor Perry Williams spoke at both services.

His morning message addressed the question of what happens to someone who has never heard the name of Jesus Christ. The message was based on scripture from Matthew and Acts.

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

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

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

Denna Williams led worship. Denna was filling in for music director Dee Rose. Debbie York was the pianist. Marlee Smith sang the song "O Lord."

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

The newsletter team is scheduled to meet at 9 a.m. Thursday, today.

Next Sunday, a Fifth Sunday Sing is planned at Mill Creek. The evening service will be cancelled

so everyone can attend the sing.

Birthdays: Doris Whiteside, Oct. 24; Kacey Shipley, Oct. 27; Alice McCann, Oct. 28; Gwen Tripp, Oct. 30; Janet Wallemeyer, Oct. 31.

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

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

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

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

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Deut. 15:1-18	Deut. 16:1-22	Deut. 17:1-20	Deut. 19:1-21	Ezekiel 18:1-20	Ezekiel 18:21-32	Ezekiel 34:1-10
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Andria H. Chapman

Andria H. Chapman, 52, of Cobden, died Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022, at her home, surrounded by her family.

She was born on Jan. 3, 1970, in Carbondale, the daughter of David Earl and Kathy Ann Guthrie Cochran.

She married Chris Chapman on Sept. 15, 2010, in Alto Pass.

Andria is survived by her parents, David and Kathy Cochran; her husband, Chris Chapman; children Cody Cochran and Riley Gearhart, all of Cobden; Briese (Zell) Henry of Carbondale, and J.C. Chapman of Buncombe; a grandchild, Zidane Henry; her grandmother, Betty Cochran of Cobden; brothers Chad (Kim) Cochran and Brice Cochran, all of Cobden.

Andria worked for the Cobden School District and Union County Hospital for many years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Cobden.

She was an avid outdoorswoman and loved animals of all kinds.

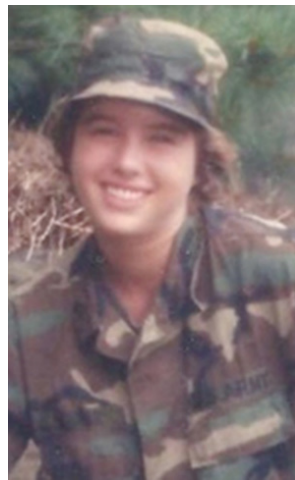
She served in the U.S. Army National Guard. Andria will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden, with the Rev. Davy Miller officiating.

Interment was in the Cobden Cemetery. Graveside military rites were conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna and the Illinois Army National Guard in Marion. Memorials can be made to Sandra's Comfort.

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

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



Tyler Sitter

Tyler Sitter, 32, of Jonesboro, died Friday, Oct. 21, 2022. He was born on Dec. 12, 1989, in Murphysboro, the son of Dennis and Loretta Hankla Sitter.

Tyler is survived by his parents, Dennis and Loretta Sitter of Jonesboro; paternal grandmother Helen Sitter of Anna; uncle Walter Stanley (Becky) Sitter of Texas; aunt Rose Marie (Chris) Walker of Anna; aunt Susan (Dexter) Rhodes of Star Valley Ranch, Wyo.; uncle Kenneth (Dorothy) Hankla of Pinckneyville; cousins Matt (Brittany) Rhodes of Wyo., Jason (Ashley) Walker of Carterville, Chris Lee (Karen) Walker of Colorado and Jessica Braughton of Texas; other relatives and many friends.

Tyler was a graduate of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, class of 2008. He later went on to graduate Shawnee Community College in 2010 and Southeast Missouri State University in 2012. He currently worked as a highway maintenance operator for the Union County Highway Department.

Tyler loved hunting and fishing. Duck hunting was his passion. Tyler, his dad and his friends spent many special hours in many places on this quest. His favorite place was to be in the woods.

Tyler also loved the ocean and the beach. Tyler and his parents were fortunate enough to go to beaches in Mexico, Bonaire, Belize, Honduras, the Florida Keys and West Palm Beach.

His favorite trip was to Roatan, Honduras. He spent hours snorkeling on West End Bay and learned the names of all the ocean life he saw.

When he was older, Tyler got certified to dive. Our family went to West Palm Beach and the Florida Keys on several diving trips and he and his dad spent a lot of time diving at Mermet Springs.

Tyler worked at Union County Highway Department. Although he had previously held three other jobs, this is the one he loved the most. He was a hard worker – one of the best. No job was too much or too hard for him. He strived to give it his best every day and had planned on retiring from there.

Those of us fortunate enough to truly know Tyler know that he was the most loving, loyal, dependable person you would ever meet. This was one of his best qualities – willingness to do anything for his family and friends.

Tyler was the best son anyone could have. He was loved unconditionally by his parents. He was their world, and he knew that nothing could ever change their love for him. His parents knew Tyler felt the same way because he loved them with his whole heart and soul.

Tyler was taken from us and those who loved him too soon. The only comfort we have is that Tyler believed in God and Jesus with his whole heart. There is no doubt that he is alive in heaven, surrounded by his relatives, and feeling nothing but joy, love and peace.

Now all we can do is remember and talk about all the wonderful times and special places we each spent with him. That way he will always be alive in our hearts until the time we actually see him again.

There will be no services for Tyler. He hated funerals and crowds so we feel that we are doing what Tyler would want.

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

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Obituaries

June Brothers

June M. Brothers of Creston, Ohio, and formerly of Wolf Lake and Lemoore, Calif., daughter of the late William and Norah Keeble Morris, was born on June 2, 1925, in Wheeling, W. Va., and died Oct. 14, 2022, at the age of 97 after a short illness.

She retired at the age of 78. She was a lifetime member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Carroll P. Foster VFW Post No. 3445 in Anna. She enjoyed playing bingo, gardening and loved being with her family.

Surviving are her children, William Stephen (Joanie) Brothers of Creston, Ohio, with whom she made her home, and Sharon A. Harward of Cobden; grandchildren Joette L. (Timothy) Cochran of Cleveland, Ga., Wendy S. Brothers of Medina, Ohio, and Robert M. Brothers II of Ava; great-grandchildren Daniel Brothers of Cobden, Jonathan Brothers of Charleston, S.C., Teagan O. Desch of Jax Beach, Fla., and Dakota Brothers of Eustace, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her sons, Robert Morris Brothers, James Michael Brothers and Tommy Lee Brothers; a grandson, Christopher Scott Brothers; and a sister, Jacqueline N. Goodman.

A private family service will be held in Jonesboro. Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro is in charge of arrangements.

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

Donald E. Hamilton

Donald E. Hamilton, 63, of Ava, died Friday, Oct. 7, 2022, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

Mr. Hamilton was born on Aug. 23, 1959, in Chester, a son of Archie C. and Eileen E. Heins Hamilton.

He married Julie Ann Basse on July 9, 1995, in Jonesboro.

Mr. Hamilton was the owner of Hamilton Angus Farms. He previously was a Degonia Township Road commissioner.

He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Jacob, the Egyptian Telephone Board, the American Angus Association and the Mississippi Valley Gun Club. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan.

Mr. Hamilton is survived by wife, Julie Hamilton of Ava; children Kelly (Jeremy) Wilson of Chester, Kayla Hamilton of Ava; brother Glenn (Meindy) Hamilton of Sesser; sisters-in-law Carol Hamilton of Steeleville and Christy Basse of Jonesboro; brother-in-law Jeff Basse of Jonesboro; niece Kimberly (Travis) Graff of Ava; nephews Douglas (Keri) Hamilton of Rockwood and their children Brantley and Kenzie, Dusty (Shea) Hamilton of Harrisburg and their children, Harper and Archer.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by a brother, Kenneth Hamilton.

A Celebration of Life luncheon was held from noon to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, at Christ Lutheran gym in Jacob.

Memorials can be made to Sandra's Comfort and can be mailed to Wilson's Funeral Home, P.O. Box 277, Ava, Ill. 62907. To sign the guestbook, visit www.wilsonsfuneralhome.net.

Wilson's Funeral Home in Ava was in charge of arrangements.

Wesley Karraker

Wesley Karraker, 72, of Cobden, died peacefully on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2022, at his home with his family.

Mr. Karraker was born on May 5, 1950, in Carbondale. He was the third child of Moneada and James Karraker. He is now home with his mom, dad and siblings.

Mr. Karraker married Sandra (Sandy) Martin on Feb. 15, 1974, at her parents' home in Anna. They moved from Anna to Cobden in 1976, where they raised their three children and enjoyed 48 years of marriage together.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Moneada Parker Karraker; brothers William Clyde Karraker and James Larry Karraker; and one sister, Sandra Kay (Karraker) Cassity.

He leaves behind a wonderful wife, Sandy of Cobden; two sons, Robert and Jimmie Karraker of Anna; one daughter, Kathy Karraker of Cobden; along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and had various hobbies, including a coin collection and model trains.

He will also be missed by his three pets, Sasha, Buddy and Pockets. He was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Upon graduation from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, he attended Shawnee Community College. He went to work at the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in 1972 and took an early retirement in 2005.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, at the Anna Cemetery, with the Rev. John R. Annable officiating.

Memorials can be made to University Baptist Church, 700 S. Oakland Ave., Carbondale, Ill. 62901.

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



Jean Vesta Brown Davie

Jean Vesta Brown Davie, 100, of Ware, died Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022, at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on July 4, 1922, in Ware, the daughter of Oscar and Augusta Grabow Brown.

She married Howard "Bud" Davie on Oct. 27, 1946. He preceded her in death on Jan. 29, 2016. They were married 69 years before his death.

She worked for Selective Services for several years. During her married life, she was a homemaker and worked beside her husband on the farm.

She was a lifetime member of the Ware United Methodist Church, where she remained active with many roles.

She and her husband worked with the Shalom Parish Mexican Mission and were hosts to the Spanish missionaries. She was very active in reaching out to the needs of her community as well as her church projects and activities.

She was a great mother, cook, seamstress, gardener, mentor, friend to all and a devoted Christian of unwavering faith. Her family was a priceless treasure and a great joy to her.

She is survived by her daughters, Gayla (Bob) Smithey of Ware and Ranae (Mark) Smith of Buncombe; seven grandchildren, Rob (Marcey) Smithey of Ware, Heather (Larry) Goodwin of West Memphis, Ark., Sharee Smithey of Jackson, Mo., April (Jay) Parks of Oxford, Miss., Brandon (Danielle) Smithey of Ware, Bethany (Bo) Bennett of Cobden and Gabriel (Laine) Smith of New Madrid, Mo.; 19 great-grandchildren, Megan (Trenton) Colyer, Ashleigh (A.J.) Lewis, Khriston Smithey, Hunter Smithey, Mariah McAlister, Chloe McAlister, Miley McAlister, Isabella McAlister, Ella Bennett, Lane Bennett, Reed Smithey, Clay Smithey, Reese Goodwin, Ryder Goodwin, Roston Goodwin, Jayden Parks, Mollie Parks, Payton Smith and Silas Smith; and five great-great-grandchildren, Hadley and Parker Colyer, Kashton, Kylan and Kerian Lewis.

Funeral services for Jean Davie will be held at noon Thursday, today, at Ware United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Robert Smithey and Pastor Sandy Estes officiating. Interment will follow in the Anna Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until the service hour at noon Thursday, today, at the church.

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

Memorials can be made to the Ware United Methodist Church. Envelopes will be available at the church.

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

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Margaret Brown Santos

Margaret Brown Santos, of Carbondale, and formerly of Cobden, was born on April 27, 1929, in Cobden, and entered Heaven on June 18, 2022.

Her parents, Merman and Ruth Brown, were hard working farm owners, with 13 children and eventful lives.

Her childhood was typical of her time and circumstances: a blend of order and chaos, fun and sacrifice, plenitude and loss.

She fondly reflected on the games and activities of her youth, which were unique to rural Cobden and surmised that the fresh country air and demands of farm life fortified her throughout her years. Her family and community inspired that tenacity that was characteristically Margaret in everything she pursued, including academics, church life and her personal relationships.

Margaret attended Cobden Grade School, University High School (valedictorian, senior class) and LA County General Hospital School of Nursing. She was known for her athletic, competitive nature, as well as her love of learning and mentoring others.

She left Cobden to pursue her nursing career in California, and following graduation she met and married Augustine Santos, of San Diego, Calif.. They had two daughters, Pamela and Angela, and had been married 33 years when Augustine passed away in 1989.

Margaret spent her entire 40 year nursing career in radiation oncology, 28 of those years as nurse manager.

Upon her retirement in 1993, Margaret moved from Los Angeles to Huntington Beach, Calif., where she focused on things she loved best: food, friends, family, church and Sunday School, gardening, pets and puttering around her home.

She was a loop of good nature, and her conversations were usually punctuated with several bouts of her high-pitched laughter, which no one could ever forget. Nobody hooted better.

In addition to her daughters, Margaret is survived by her youngest sister, Betty Hutton (Marvin, Bourbonnais, Ill.); brother-in-law Glenn Winstead (Cobden, Ill.); nieces Janice Hooks (Owensboro, Ky.); Donna Cover (Jeff, McCordsville, Ind.); Diana Uribe (Doug, Bourbonnais, Ill.); Shelia Lugo (Ernesto, Parkland, Fla.); Renee Santos (Oakland, Calif.); nephews Arthur Santos (Olivia, Laredo, Texas); Alfred Santos (Jean, Argyle, Texas); Marc Santos (Cynthia, San Diego); Matthew Santos (Sylvia, San Diego); Darryl Santos (Tia, Dallas, Texas); Duane Santos (Diana, Spring Valley, Calif.); David Santos (Rosalind, Spring, Texas); and several grand-relatives, cousins and friends, nieces and nephews.

Margaret will always be remembered for her laughter and kindness, her strength and most importantly, her faith in God.

A memorial was held on Aug. 27 at Mid Cities Baptist Church.



Kenneth Ray St. Arbor

Kenneth Ray St. Arbor, 82, died on Oct. 18, 2022, at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau. He was born on Aug. 30, 1940, in Cairo.

Mr. St. Arbor was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin St. Arbor, Anna Louise Jackson (Jones) and stepfather William "Slim" Jackson; a brother, Ronnie St. Arbor; and a granddaughter, Erika St. Arbor.

He is survived by his sister, Glenda Hock; his daughter, Tammie (Brian) Heet; and his grandson, Zachary Heet; nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mr. St. Arbor was known for being a voracious reader, storyteller and lover of all foods.

He spent his last few months at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna, where he very much enjoyed the staff and residents, and of course the food. He went on every outing they offered, from the movie theater, fishing, eating out and even to a rodeo.

A private service will be held at the Mound City National Cemetery.

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

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Clifton G. Lingle

Clifton G. Lingle, 95, of Coulterville, died Sunday, Oct. 23, 2022, at 9:15 a.m. at the Independence Care Center in Perryville, Mo.

He was born on April 2, 1927, in Olive Branch, a son of Leo Lee and Thelma Mae Bouie Lingle.

On Dec. 30, 1944, he married Betty Lou Casey in Elgin. She preceded him in death in 1984. On April 29, 1988, he married Lacene Frieman, who survives.

He was a member of the Steelville Baptist Church. He loved serving the Lord and fishing.

Survivors include his wife of 34 years; one son, Martin E. (Kim) Lingle of Cape Girardeau; one daughter, Diana Lynn (Relis) Oliver of Cobden; one stepson, John (Karen) Hlavaty of Coulterville; seven grandchildren, Hope (Daniel) McFarland of Jonesboro, Jason K. (Molly) Oliver of Dongola, Penny (Greg) Stevens of Bloomfield, Mo., Clifton Lingle of Bristow, Va., Shaun (Christina) Hlavaty of Sparta, Blake (Veronica) Freytag of Bilton, Texas, and Joshua (Catherine) Freytag of Marissa; and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Betty Lingle; four brothers, Cecil Lingle, Lester Lingle, Ralph Lingle and Wilbur Lingle; and one grandson, Chris B. Oliver.

Funeral services will be held at the Tilden Baptist Church in Tilden on Saturday, Oct. 29, at 11 a.m., with Pastor Paul Hahn officiating. Interment will be in the Coulterville City Cemetery in Coulterville.

Visitation will be held at the Tilden Baptist Church in Tilden on Saturday, from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Memorials can be made to Steelville Baptist Church or to the Tilden Baptist Church.

Pyatt Funeral Home in Coulterville is in charge of arrangements.

To sign an online guest register, visit www.pyattfuneralhome.com.

Bonnie L. Stokes

Bonnie L. Stokes, 95, of Lick Creek, died Monday, Oct. 24, at Parkway Manor in Marion.

Funeral arrangements were pending at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

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

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



Out for the evening

A raccoon decided to climb a tree after crossing a street in Union County one evening recently.

Sandra Kay Norris

Sandra Kay Norris, 70, of Cobden, died Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022, at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on May 2, 1952, in Anna, the daughter of Duane and Marietta Bragg Fuller.

She married Larry Norris on Sept. 24, 1977, in Anna.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Norris of Cobden; daughter Melissa Kay (GySgt Derek) Buckley of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; granddaughter Abigale Kay Buckley; grandson Preston (Kendall) Brimm; two great-grandchildren, Essie and Anthony; a brother-in-law, Damon (Debbie) Woolridge of Port Charlotte, Fla.; a sister-in-law, Pamela Woolridge Lamszus of Anna; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by two brothers, Harlan and Rodney Fuller.

She was a member of the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. She worked for 26 years at the Anna State Bank and later retired from the State of Illinois. She worked many years as the dietary secretary at the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center and later at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

She was a member of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Chapter 24-5 and the VFW's Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 Ladies Auxillary.

She enjoyed traveling around the country with her husband in their motorhome and on their motorcycle. Most of all she loved being Grammie to her granddaughter, Abigale. Her kindness and love for others will be warmly remembered.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Doug Bridgeman officiating.

Friends can call after 11 a.m. and until the service at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are encouraged for the Fisher House Foundation. Envelopes will be available at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home and also can be made online at fisherhouse.org

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

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



Wellness on Wheels services set in region

Southern Seven Health Department continues to provide mobile health services for residents living in the lower seven counties of Illinois.

The services are offered through the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, Wellness on Wheels van.

Southern Seven Health Department said the van is scheduled to visit each of the counties it serves in an effort to reach those living in high health-risk areas.

The upcoming schedule includes:

Nov. 2. Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro. 9:30 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Nov. 9. Shawnee Worship Center, Vienna. 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Nov. 16. Rogan's Country Pharmacy, Pulaski. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Nov. 17. Shawnee Community College extension center, Cairo. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Nov. 30. Pope County Courthouse, Golconda. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The health department noted that the schedule is subject to change without notice.

Services which are available include NARCAN training, blood pressure checks, colorectal cancer tests (FIT) and medication disposal packets.

Services which are avail-

able for a fee include blood lead, hemoglobin and cholesterol screenings, STD tests (including chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis), HIV, pregnancy, TB skin tests, well water tests, flu shots and COVID-19 vaccines and boosters.

All services will be offered while supplies last.

No appointment will be necessary for services. Walk-ins are welcome.

Charged services, including COVID-19 vaccines and boosters and flu shots, require a health insurance card.

Southern Seven advised that those who will be requesting a COVID-19 booster are asked to bring their vaccine card.

The Wellness on Wheels van is a multidisciplinary unit which is available to the Southern Seven Health Department through a partnership with IDPH to provide health screenings and other services.

IDPH partners with health agencies and hospitals to provide staff and services at the Wellness on Wheels van at sites where people can come for medical services.

More information about the WOW program are available by contacting Shawna Rhine at 618-634-2297, extension 9161, or by visiting S7HD on Facebook, the Southern 7 app and at www.southern7.org.

'This is what really happened...

...some thoughts about newspapers

from the Oregon Digital Newspaper program's website

"This is what really happened, reported by a free press to a free people. It is the raw material of history; it is the story of our own times." Henry Steel Commager

"Newspapers cannot be defined by the second word—paper. They've got to be defined by the first word—news." Arthur Sulzberg, Jr.

"A good newspaper is a nation talking to itself." Arthur Miller

"The newspaper is a greater treasure to the people than uncounted millions of gold." Henry Ward Beecher

"Were it left to me to decide if we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter." Thomas Jefferson

"Most of us probably feel we couldn't be free without newspapers, and that is the real reason we want newspapers to be free." Edward R. Murrow

"People don't actually read newspapers. They step into them every morning like a hot bath." Marshall McLuhan

"Every time a newspaper dies, even a bad one, the country moves a little closer to authoritarianism..." Richard Kluger

"I'd love to rise from the grave every ten years or so and go buy a few newspapers." Luis Bunuel

"All I know is what I read in the papers." Will Rogers

Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

Happy Halloween

Wishing everyone a happy Halloween. Hope the weather is pretty so the children can have a pretty trick or treat night.

Guest

Lillah Williams' son Bob visited her. All their family enjoyed going to Cape for a meal.

Birthday Celebration

Sookie Eve Ellis was honored on her 12th birthday with a party at her parent's home.

Outing

Bessie Mae Ellis and her mother Martha Ann Webb enjoyed the beautiful day going to Colors at Bald Knob Cross Festival, riding the carriage of Doug and Beth Hileman, with

their beautiful horses Donna and Dusty so gracefully pulling the carriage.

They enjoyed the crafts and eating a snow cone. They also enjoyed the bubbles. They then attended the fish and big truck event in the Anna Park.

Historic St. Anne's Church

The Back Porch Company's Warren and Carla Anderson, Stuart Anderson and Richard Johnson played Songs from the British Isles Sunday afternoon. They will also play at Carols at Candlelight at 4 p.m. Dec. 4.

Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies

Thirteen Red Hat ladies met at El Jalapeno's in



Left to right, Cathy Jackson Milam, Martha Ann Webb, Judy Smith, Lillian Milam, Lillah Williams and Laura Spiller. Lillian Milam won the contest as Uncle Sam and all the ladies received a prize.



Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies enjoyed a dinner Halloween party Wednesday, Oct. 19, at El Jalapeno in Anna.



Back Porch Company: Carla Anderson, accordion, bass, vocals; Warren Anderson, banjo, bodhran, guitar, hammered dulcimer; Richard Johnson, Appalachian dulcimer, guitar, recorder, whistles; Stuart Anderson, Appalachian dulcimer, bass, bodhran, mandolin, spoons, vocals, performed A Taste of the British Isles at St. Anne's Historic Church Sunday, Oct. 23.



Anna First Baptist Church outreach to the community of Cobden in the Cobden Park last Saturday.



Eighth graders Max Ruddick, Evan Inman and Trevor Treece helped Tom Caldwell plant a native button bush and hibiscus as part of the Cache River restoration project in the Anna City Park.

Anna for a Halloween party. Hostesses were Shirley Page and Martha Ann Webb. Judy Smith brought four door prizes that everyone loved.

Those dressed in a costume were judged. Lillian Milam dressed as Uncle Sam and won the contest. Everyone in the contest was given a gift.

One birthday was celebrated, Mary Elkins, who was celebrating her 90th birthday.

Door prizes were given to the oldest, who was Mary Elkins, and Brenda Lovelace, who was the youngest.

There was a gift exchange for all those who brought a gift for it.

Cathy Ziegler blessed the food before everyone ate. When the meeting was over everyone stood and sang "God Bless America."

Honor Wreaths For Veterans

A special thanks to the anonymous donor that bought an Honor Wreath for veteran Steven McCloud buried in Hillcrest A in Anna Cemetery.

A special thanks to the family of Tunney Isom and Maelin Walker for their Honor Wreath for Veterans in memory of Tunney.

A special thanks to Carol and Terry Hileman for their donation of six Honor Wreaths for Veterans who have no one to buy for them in honor of their six grandchildren.

Our Honor Wreaths for Veterans ceremony will be Dec. 17 at 11 a.m. Laying of the wreaths right after that. If you would like to help lay the wreaths please let me know.

A special thanks to Deb-



Gina and Gabriel Guined at Colors at the Bald Knob Cross Festival. A special thanks to director Gina for a special day.

bie and Mike Fitzgerald for telling me they would help lay the wreaths in the Craver Addition Block 2 and for their donation for their family members right after our ceremony last December for this year when Wreaths Across America honored a wreath for every wreath bought. A special thanks to everyone who has done this.

If you purchase your wreaths between Dec. 17, 2022, and the middle of January 2023 for next year's ceremony and laying of the wreaths this gives an extra wreath for each wreath bought and helps place wreaths on veterans graves who no longer have anyone to buy for them.

Our goal is to place an Honor Wreath on every veterans grave in Union County. This will take a lot of donations and volunteers to help. Donations are accepted and appreciated all year.

If you would like to help or buy a Honor Wreath for Veterans please give me a call and leave your name and phone number on my answering machine 1-618-833-5717, or write me, Martha Ann Webb, 118 W. Monroe St., Anna, Ill. 62906.

Never forget what our veterans have done of us and our country. Teach, Honor and Respect.

Anna First Baptist Church

Sunday School class meets at 9 a.m. Last week was taught by Carol Kroeger why we need God's



Ava and Danni Ruston from Blytheville, Ark. enjoyed the carriage rides by Doug and Beth Hileman at Fall Colors Festival at Bald Knob Cross Saturday. They were visiting their Aunt Staci Dunn in Cobden.



A special thanks to Doug and Beth Hileman for giving carriage rides at Colors at the Bald Knob Cross Festival in Alto Pass.



Jim and Sandy Carter have returned from a trip to Brandon, Vermont, where they stayed in the Lilac Inn.

word with scripture from 2nd Timothy.

This week taught by Carol Baker was heard God's word with scripture from Nehemiah.

They have great discussion and lots of studying the Bible and learning. Everyone is invited to attend.

The library is open at 9 a.m. Sunday morning till 10 a.m.

Children's church and morning worship service are at 10:15 a.m. Rev. Lupe Lopez's sermon was on mind control with scripture from Matthew. Prayers were said for all those sick, the lost in our world and other prayer requests.

Jean Denny plays the piano and leads the music singing "People Need the Lord" and "Share His Love Sun." Dale Denny welcomes everyone and gives the announcements.

Rev. Lupe Lopez, Luciano Lopez and Robbie Kunitz, the worship team play their guitars and drums lead everyone in singing "Goodness of God" and "O Come to the

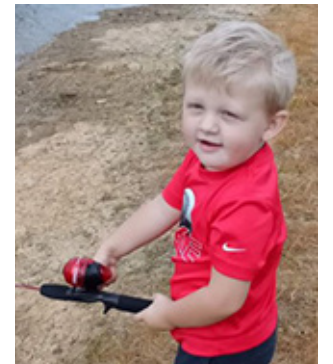
Altar."

There was an outreach last Saturday at the Cobden Park.

Wednesday evening there was a business meeting.

If you would like to help Ruby Brimm with the float in the Veterans Day parade give her a call. Thank you veterans for serving our country.

It's time to turn in names for the Angel's Tree Memorial. Please turn your names in to the library, or give them to Menda Cash, Cissi Cuthbertson, Barbara Adams or Barbara Hase so



Parker Busby enjoyed fishing at Cops and Bobbers, Hooks and Ladders day at our Anna City Park Saturday.



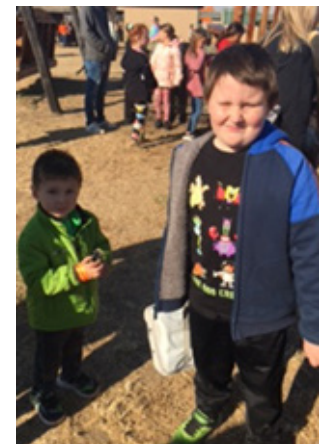
The City of Anna with Tom Caldwell partnered with members of Mt. Moriah Church and the Anna Jo Garden Club to seed and straw an area of the Anna City Park where work was done to slow erosion and clean up the source of the Cache River.



Marie Samuel was guest speaker at Marion Garden Club. Her talk was about endangered wildlife habitats. The 20 ladies attending discussed how to safely keep animals from eating the gardens too.



Jane Bauer, Claire and Dan Chadwick and their children Benje, Lily and Olivia from Schersville, Ind., were visiting their aunt Jane and toured Union County with Claire's dad Chuck Anderson who was the photographer.



Willie and Terrie Rhymer went with the Anna School District No. 37 with their grandson Miles Yates and tagging along was their grandson Jaxson Rhymer to Beggs Family Farm on a field trip.



Jason Leek at Cops and Bobbers event at the Anna City Park. A special thanks to Harold Richardson for donating all the fishing supplies. David Wild from Springfield stopped by to visit. David was training for the Tunnel Hill 50 mile run.

they will know how many angels to plan on for the tree this year.

Help will be needed to fill the shoe boxes on Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Nov. 1 Bible study meets at 1 p.m. Tuesdays. The library opens at 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Lord's Supper will be taken Nov. 6.

November birthdays: 17, Margo Boyd, Barbara Hase, 26 Shirley Ray, 27 Jerry Boyd.

The office will be closed for Thanksgiving Nov. 22-23. Wishing everyone a very blessed Thanksgiving.

Anna Church of Christ 104 Nile St. Sunday Rev. Ryan Thornsberry and the church family invite everyone to Bible classes at 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Afternoon worship 1:30 p.m.

Tower Rock

Several people have been visiting tower rock on the Missouri side where you can actually walk and climb to the top the river is so low from no rain.

Suggestions to visit though the week were made because of all the traffic going and coming from there.

One person reported it took them five hours there and back to Anna Saturday. Another said they had to walk two miles where they had to park their car but were lucky and saw a friend there that drove them back to their car.

Free Saturday Painting/Mixed Media Class at LEAA

Saturday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. to noon. Marie Samuel offers a free mixed media class for beginners and more advanced students to explore new ways to use mixed media and collage with paint. The class is open to ages 12 and up and will be a guided landscape lesson. Participants need to bring water-based paints and brushes. Other materials will be furnished. Call or text Marie at 618 889 4145 to reserve a spot. This is on the square in Marion.

Annavista Christmas Sale

Proceeds will go for a meal for Annavista tenants. The sale will be Nov. 3 and 4 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Nov. 5 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Vermont Trip

Jim and Sandy Carter took a road trip to Brandon, Vermont. On the way they went through Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont. Took them 13 tolls to get there. They had New York pizza that was very delicious.

On the way was such a beautiful long drive. Sandy said Vermont kind of reminds you of the hills in Tennessee.

They stayed in a lovely bed and breakfast, compliments of their son. The people were so friendly and accommodating. They visited the Vermont County Store which was a treat.

They went over the Green Mountain to get there. Little town snuggled in the foothills of the mountain, named

Weston, Vermont. Covered bridges along the way. They visited Rutland, Vt. Maple syrup was so delicious. The cheese is fabulous, especially the Cabot cheese.

They visited Burlington, saw the lakes. The rolling creeks are so pretty and the leaves so beautiful. They really enjoyed their trip.

Guests

Chuck Anderson from Schersville, Ind., and his daughter Claire and Dan Chadwick and their children Benje, Lily and Olivia, visited his aunt Jane Bauer of Anna for three days. They toured Giant City and ate fish and chicken there. The group visited Rendleman Orchard in Alto Pass.

Anna Heights Baptist Church

Birthdays: Oct. 28th, Rachel Frazier, Chuck Marks, and Aaliyah Prater. 29th, Beto Vaca Diez. 30th, Noah McFarland. 31st, Pelesia Karsen.

Anniversaries: Oct. 30th, Richard and Donna Lyerla.

Attendance: Oct 16, 8 a.m. worship, 86. 10:30 a.m. worship, 118. Small group Bible study, 204.

Anna Heights Pumpkin Patch is Oct. 31, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Games, candy, hot-dogs, popcorn and drinks in the FLC gym. Bounce house and carriage rides outside in in parking lot. International Mission Board Rally Sunday, Nov. 6, at 4 p.m. at FBC Anna. Dinner included.

Upward basketball and cheer registration will begin soon online and evaluations on Nov. 21 to 22.

Momma Lou's Crafters will meet Thursday, Nov. 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the FLC chapel. This month's project is decoupage charger.

Pack an Operation Christmas child shoebox and return by Nov. 9.

Anna Heights is engaged in a spiritual season of renewal. They will be having guest speakers in November and their family Thanksgiving meal on Nov. 13.

Pastor Darryl Williams continued his sermon series on Renewing Our Love.

Anna Heights has started a book club all are invited to attend. They will be meeting Thursday, today, at 6:30 p.m. in the FIC chapel.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Rev. Tim Gossett's sermon was humble as a tax collector with scripture from Luke.

Special music was The Prayer presented by Teri Goldsberry and Carla Anderson.

Sunday, Oct. 30, the church family will be serving lunch to the students of the Wesley Foundation. Volunteers are welcome.

Nov. 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center, Eric Ralls, a detective with the Union County Sheriff's Office, will give a presentation concerning safety and security protocols for places of worship.

Anna Arts Center Salutes Veterans with Din-

ner and Show

The Anna Arts Center invites everyone to recognize all veterans and active duty military and their families on Monday, Nov. 7, at 6 p.m. with dinner and a show, featuring the magician Morgan Cerny, and from the Anderson Music Studio, Ava Boreup, Emma Thurston and Jaida Smith.

The Kitchen on Lafayette is catering the dinner. Desserts and drinks are included. Call Lee's cell 904-625-1109 or email: vabchlee@gmail.com for reservations. RSVP no later than Nov. 3. Everyone needs to make reservations.

Veterans and active duty are free, and all others are



Welcome new business to Anna, Kelli Wood with Edward Jones.

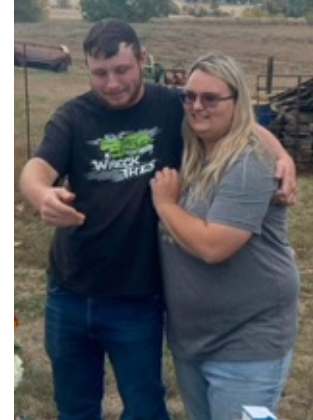
asked for a \$15 donation.

Anna Arts Center invites everyone to attend this event and salute our veterans.

As part of the celebration, we would like to display pictures and stories of our veterans and active duty members. Please bring your pictures and information on your veteran or active duty member on Thursday, Nov. 3, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. or call Lee's cell 904-625-1109 to arrange a time prior to Nov. 3. You may take home the items after the dinner on Nov. 7.



Willie and Terrie Rhymer participated in a car show in Golconda on Sunday, Oct. 23. They received a plaque for the top 50 car. There were 91 cars registered. In fact, the Rhymer's were the 91st entry.



A birthday party was given in honor of Maelin Walker's 20th birthday by her parents Oct. 15. Maelin and Luke Sadler were engaged on the same day.



CPT Adam Cunico from Illinois National Guard Murphysboro with Bessie Mae Ellis at Big Truck Event at Anna City Park. CPT Adam told Bessie how this truck could drive under water and carry sand bags or rescue people.



Thanks for your service to our country and for bringing your army trucks to Anna City Park for the big truck event. 123 Engineer Battalion Illinois Army National Guard Murphysboro. Cpt. Adam Cunico officer in charge, SPC Curtis Irons combat engineer, SPC Drevia Day communications.

Television Listings

THURSDAY OCTOBER 27, 2022

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Thursday, Oct 27, 2022.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 28, 2022

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Friday, Oct 28, 2022.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 29, 2022

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Saturday, Oct 29, 2022.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 30, 2022

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Sunday, Oct 30, 2022.

MONDAY OCTOBER 31, 2022

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Monday, Oct 31, 2022.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2022

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Tuesday, Nov 1, 2022.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2022

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Wednesday, Nov 2, 2022.

AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SAID TRACT NORTH 86 1/2 DEGREES EAST 400 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH AND PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER 217.8 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 86 1/2 DEGREES WEST 400 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE RUNNING NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT 217.8 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, AND CONTAINING TWO ACRES, MORE OR LESS, EXCEPT ALL THAT PART OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT LYING WEST OF THE PUBLIC ROAD RUNNING FROM JONESBORO TO REYNOLDSVILLE AS NOW LOCATED, AND CONVEYED BY JOHN CASPER AND RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN DEED RECORD #67 PAGE 271, (THE PART CONVEYED BY THIS DEED BEING ALL THAT PART OF THE ABOVE TRACT LYING EAST OF THE SAID JONESBORO-REYNOLDSVILLE ROAD.)

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commonly known as 5585 OLD CAPE ROAD JONESBORO IL 62952; and which said Real Estate Mortgage was made by MARY M. HANKS, and recorded in the

Office of the Union County Recorder as Document Number 2621 IN BOOK 281 AT PAGE 498-513; that Summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said named Defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Circuit Court of Union County, located at 309 WEST MARKET STREET, JONESBORO, IL 62952, on or before November 28, 2022, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

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Reynoldsville County Line News

(Mill Creek and Upper Elco)

By Suzan Harvel

By Sue Eudy

Tessa Burtin of St. Peters, Mo., visited Tuesday with Shirley Miller of McClure.

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

Those eating at the Golden Corral in Carbondale on Thursday, Oct. 20, were Shirley Miller of McClure, Fred and Barbara Pitts of Anna, Elva Scantlin of Harrisburg and friend Bob, Gerald Glasco of Marion, Ernie Rhodes of Jonesboro, Joe Walker of Marion and Dale and JoAnn Rhodes of Zeigler. Dale celebrated his birthday on Oct. 21.

Ryan Wachter of Jonesboro visited with Sue and Steve Eudy.

Penny Hill of McClure and Julie, Tessa and Micah Burtin of St. Peters, Mo., visited Friday with Shirley Miller.

Shirley Miller visited Sunday, Oct. 23, with Vivian Bennett and Jay Eudy of McClure.

Happy birthday wishes to my brother Norman Gibbs of Anna on Tuesday, Nov. 1, and my brother-in-law David Johnson of Jackson, Mo., on Oct. 28.

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

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Brother Bobby Richardson and Melody.

It's the last week of October and I don't know exactly where it went. This month has flown by. Granted, I've been pretty busy, but I can't remember a month moving so quickly since I was in grade school.

Busy Week

This past week was full of work, meetings, and an attempt of get a bit of Christmas shopping and crafting done. As fast as time is flying, I'd better kick it up into overtime.

First a shout out of greetings from California. Cheryl Kohler McKinney sends birthday greetings to her father, Bon Kohler, and to Russ Marsh, one of Bon's friends. So...Happy birthday Bon and Russ.

Happy anniversary wishes go out to some of my husband's family: his sister and her husband, Tina and Darron Moore in Poplar Bluff; his aunt and uncle, Sue and Don Knowlton also of Poplar Bluff; and Happy 40th to his brother, Chuck and wife Martha Harvel of Tamms.

Pastor Appreciation

We had Pastor Appreci-

ation this past Sunday for our pastor, Brother Bobby Richardson and his wife Melody.

We honored them with a fish fry potluck, cards, gifts and a cake made by his daughter, Tonya Marshall. I had to include a photo. Isn't it pretty?

We appreciate our pastor and his family for many reasons and were glad to honor them this way.

Lula Belle and Jr. Tripp visited Sunday evening with Shirley Harvel. Shirley isn't getting around too well and is still being treated for a spider bite.

Some Excitement

We had a bit of excitement the other night. I had just settled down to try to finish a book I've been reading and noticed one of the kittens playing with something. Then the something moved.

I yelled for my husband, who finally decided to check it out. By that time, he had to dispose of the much-abused lizard that the kitten had played to death. Spiders, moths and lizards...oh my. I guess we

are going to have to spray to keep them all away.

Halloween, Trunk or Treat

Halloween is nearly here and the weather has been perfect so far. Leaves are turning colors and blowing around nicely.

The Mill Creek Baptist Church will be hosting trunk or treat on Saturday, Oct. 29, at 5 p.m.

Prayer List

Several folks have been sick of late. Allison Austad is battling a sinus infection; Shirley Harvel has the spider bite and her hip is still troubling her; Pee Wee Dillow is recovering from surgery, as is Stan Palmer; Jean Hunter, Greg Willis, Jeff Starr and Paul Sadler all need prayers for health; and please remember Ruth Brown in the loss of her husband Preston; and the family of Wilma Palmer, as well. Wilma was my mother-in-law's beautician for many years and she really missed her when she had to retire and is upset at her passing also. She was a sweet lady.

Anna Nazarene to host Craguns

The Craguns, a family group, are scheduled to present a concert at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, at the Anna First Church of the Nazarene. The church is located at 100 Kirk St. in Anna.

The Craguns are a family group whose members include husband and wife Jordan and Elena Cragun, Ray Cragun (Jordan's father) and Savannah Cragun (Jordan's sister).

The family is committed to ministering the gospel through song. An offering will be taken for the Craguns.

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

Use a classified ad in

The Gazette-Democrat to get yourself some extra cash.

To place your classified ad, call 833-2158.

Marsha Griffin has been fighting for us long before her name ever appeared on a ballot!

Marsha founded a faith-based group called My Brothers' Keeper to fight against the ill-advised shuttering of facilities including Tamms Correctional Center. She stood shoulder to shoulder with working men and women to fight for working families. Marsha will be a strong advocate for the residents of Union County.



I love Union County and our people. Union County is where I chose to live and raise my family. As a former educator, I instructed students for thirteen years at Jonesboro Elementary. Union County has some of the most beautiful scenery in the state. We must capitalize on that and find ways to grow our local economy and keep our kids close to home.



I understand the diversity of Union County and will work to ensure the concerns of rural residents' voices are heard along with those residing in our cities and villages during meetings conducted by the County Board.

I will step up to ensure actions taken by the County Board are open and transparent and decisions made by the County Board are fiscally responsible, and in the best interest of **ALL** Union County residents, not just a few. Accessibility of any elected official is the cornerstone for building a strong unit of local government. If elected, I will be a strong independent voice for the people of Union County.



Together, we can make history! Did you know that Union County was established over two hundred years ago, and in that time, has never had a woman commissioner? It is time for change!

I ASK FOR YOUR VOTE ON NOVEMBER 8TH.
No one will work harder for you than I will.
My motto is and will remain
"PEOPLE OVER POLITICS, SERVICE ABOVE SELF!"



Opinion and Commentary

As you prepare to vote, be informed, not misled

Editor's note: This op-ed was distributed by Capitol News Illinois on behalf of the News Literacy Project. The opinions expressed in this article are the author's own.

By Alee Quick

Civic Marketing Manager, News Literacy Project

The world of Illinois politics is notoriously wild at times, and this year's midterm election season is holding true to form.

Disagreements on policy issues are the bread and butter of campaign clashes, and we've seen plenty of those. But we're also seeing misinformation, from misleading political mailers to memes that peddle outright falsehoods about the controversial SAFE-T Act. The legislation addresses criminal justice issues including use-of-force standards and training for police, and ends cash bail in 2023.

I'm not here to debunk any specific claims. Rather, I want to share some resources you can use to find credible information to make your own decision. These simple news literacy tips will help you navigate the information you're likely to see this election cycle, so that when you cast your ballot, you can be sure you're not swayed by mis- or disinformation.

First, an introduction: I'm Alee Quick; I live in Carbondale, and I work for the News Literacy Project. NLP is a national nonpartisan educational nonprofit that seeks to teach news literacy skills to help people be informed rather than misled – something that's especially important during election season. I also worked for several years as an editor at The Southern Illinoian, where I covered many elections.

Here are my top three tips to avoid falling for election misinformation between now and Nov. 8:

When your emotions flare, take a step back.

If a political ad or social media post makes you angry, scared, sad or even excited or hopeful, take that as a cue that you need to pause before you like, share or forward.

Content that provokes a strong emotion overrides our rational thinking and prompts us to take immediate action – even if that action isn't the best way forward. When you feel that wave of emotion, take a step back, then open another tab in your browser and do a quick search online to confirm whether the message that has gotten to your emotions is accurate.

Google like a pro.

Most of us turn to a search engine like Google if we want to fact-check a claim.

Doing your own search can be especially helpful for finding the original context of a candidate's quote or double-checking the content of a viral meme – especially if it's a screenshot. You can use quotation marks to find websites that contain an exact phrase, limit your results to standards-based news outlets, narrow the timeframe of your search, verify a photo through a reverse image search and more. You can also use Google to search content on one specific website.

Look for information about voting from reliable sources.

Why might you want to limit your search to specific sites? Some of the most common misinformation around election time is about the mechanics of voting itself – how, when and where to vote. When it comes to casting your ballot, the most reliable information comes from the government agency in your area that oversees the election.

In Illinois, the State Board of Elections works with local election authorities to administer the election. At elections.il.gov, you can find the status of your registration – including your polling place and what congressional district you're in – as well as information about voting by mail and how to contact your local election authority. We get to vote early here in the Prairie State, and your local election authority – a county clerk or municipal or county election commission, depending on where you live – will post information about early voting hours and locations. If you want to see what's on your ballot, your local election authority usually posts that online, too.

If you want to take a deeper dive into the greater problem of election misinformation, how to avoid it, and how to talk to loved ones who may have fallen for it, my organization is hosting three free webinars – which started Oct. 18 – in which we'll discuss those topics in depth. We've also got a lot more resources at <https://newslit.org/election2022/>.

Your vote matters and I hope you'll participate in this year's election. But make sure you're well-informed about the candidates and issues before you mark your ballot. Credible information from reliable sources will help you navigate this wild election season with confidence.

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Spider-Bots event scheduled at Stinson Memorial Library

Stinson Memorial Library in Anna is planning to host a Project Next Generation Spider-Bots event for young people at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, today.

The program will offer an opportunity to learn simple circuits to create a Spider-Bot. The Spider-Bots will be run through "spooky challenges."

The Spider-Bots event is for young people ages 10 to 18.

Space is limited. Registration is available at the circulation desk at the library. The library is located at 409 S. Main St.

Funding for Project Next Generation is provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Illinois Secretary of State/Illinois State Library under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act.

Please read this...

Playing peekaboo with a squirrel...

Before we get to the "good stuff," I just wanted to share a little something about my peekaboo encounter Monday evening with a rather friendly, and playful, squirrel...

Monday evening, after getting home from another day at The Paragraph Factory, I went for my daily walkabout. As I walked past the house next door, I noticed a couple of our bushy-tailed neighbors out looking for dinner.

One of the squirrels was on the ground, near the base of a tree in the neighbor's front yard. The squirrel allowed me to get a little bit closer than squirrels usually do. The squirrel looked at me. I looked at the squirrel. The squirrel then scampered up the tree...

For a moment, the squirrel and the lower life form could not see each other. Then, the squirrel peeked around from behind the tree...for a moment. The peekaboos around the tree continued several more times. The squirrel seemed to be having fun with the game. Then, a car rumbled by. The squirrel ran up the tree. Peekaboo was done...

Enough about squirrels... Last Sunday afternoon, I attempted to do a little bit of reading out on the front porch. At the time, the wind was blowing...something like about 40 miles per hour...

Winds like that made all of the vowels and consonants fly off the pages of the book I was attempting to read. The jumble of letters flew away with bright yellow leaves from nearby maple trees.

Fortunately, I had a couple of bricks that we picked up during our visit to the bottom of the Mississippi River last weekend. I put a brick on each open page, which seemed to keep the letters on their page, and the pages in their place.

The book I was attempting to read on a windy Sunday afternoon was a novel by author Craig Johnson. The main character in the novel is a fellow named Walt Longmire, the sheriff of Absaroka County, Wyoming.

Longmire also happens to be the name of a show on the tube that we started watching recently. I'm liking Sheriff Longmire. He seems to be kind of "old-ish" and grumpy, with a somewhat resigned, but still optimistic, outlook on

how life is unfolding. Kind of like yours truly. My take on Sheriff Longmire may be wrong, though. Oh, well.

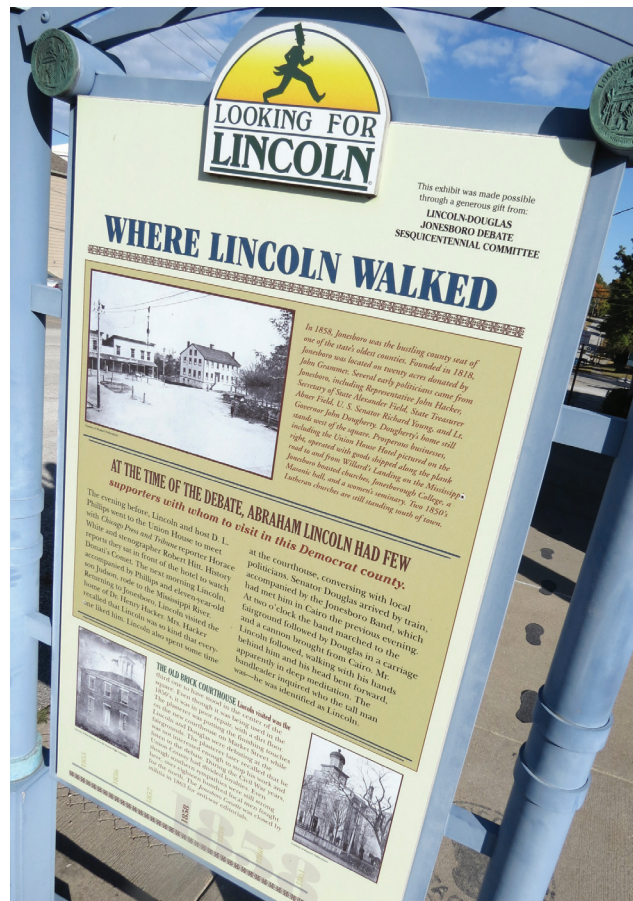
I picked up another book in what seems to be called "The Longmire Series" at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna a few weeks ago. I enjoyed the first book, so gave another one a go. Through page 50, I have not been disappointed.

During another visit to the local library, I happened to come across a book titled "The Civil War: A Traveler's Guide." The book was published by National Geographic, in a partnership with the Blue and Gray Education Society.

The contents of the guide highlight four regions of the country, The Southeast, The Northeast, The Midwest and The West. There's even an International section in the book, which includes places a person might not think about when it comes to the Civil War, such as Australia. (Did you know that a Confederate raider arrived in Melbourne, Australia, on January 25, 1865? I did not know that. The ship and crew apparently received a very nice welcome, as did I during a long-ago visit to the same city in the Land Down Under.)

Pages 90 and 91 in the guide are devoted to a walking tour of Lexington, Kentucky. Highlights include Transylvania University and the Mary Todd Lincoln House. Transylvania University has played a rather important role in our family's Journey Through Life. And the Mary Todd Lincoln House is, indeed, worth a visit.

By Geof Skinner



A Looking for Lincoln historical marker can be seen on the Jonesboro Square. The marker is not far (within walking distance) of the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds. An historic debate between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas took place at what is now the home of the picnic grounds.

Finally, there was an item mentioned on page 440, in the Other Midwestern States section of the guide. Illinois joins Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin as the Other Midwestern States. I guess being mentioned as one of the Other Midwestern States is better than not being mentioned at all.

The first site listed under Illinois is the Looking for Lincoln/Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, which, the guide notes, features Lincoln sites in 42 counties.

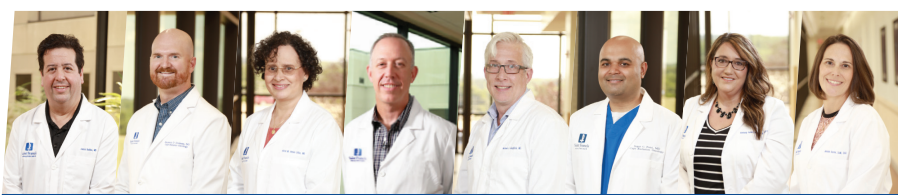
One of those counties just happens to be Union County. Looking for Lincoln historical markers can be found on the Jonesboro Square and in a municipal parking lot along West Davie Street in Anna.

"Each person has his or her own level of interest in history," the travel guide shares. Check out the Looking for Lincoln historical markers right here in our own backyard. They are pretty easy to find. And they just might get you started on an adventure...



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