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## News

### Notes

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

We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend. Labor Day is Monday, Sept. 5.

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As always...if you are planning to celebrate the holiday, please do not drink and drive.

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Congratulations...and thank you...to all of those who were involved with the 2022 Union County Fair in Anna.

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The Union County Fair posted its appreciation to all of the local emergency services personnel "that help keep us safe."

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Union County Fair queen Avery Osman shared on social media that she "had the absolute best week being able to represent one of the best fairs in Illinois."

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State Sen. Dale Fowler was among those who paid a visit to the Illinois Department of Public Health Wellness on Wheels van when it was at the Union County Fair on Thursday, Aug. 25. The legislator had his blood pressure checked and received a COVID-19 booster. The van's visit was hosted by the Southern 7 Health Department.

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Union County Fair Week came and went...with not a drop of rain.

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Southern 7 Health Department has announced that the Wellness on Wheels mobile health services van is scheduled to be at the Dollar General store in Dongola on Sept. 21.

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Union County has experienced an increase of about 150 COVID-19 cases during the month of August.

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Looking ahead...the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team's White Out Game is set for Sept. 16. The game will help to support the Hadley's Haven playground project at the Anna City Park.

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### Union County Fair hosts demolition derby action

Always popular demolition derby action was on the schedule last Friday and Saturday nights at the Union County Fair in Anna. Bright lights were shining Friday night at the Henry Don Dillow Grandstand at the Anna City Park, which is the home of the fair each year. The grandstand was packed for Friday night's action.

## Southern 7 promotes emergency preparedness

Southern Seven Health Department says that in recent years, devastating earthquakes, tornadoes, floods, wildfires and a pandemic have highlighted the need for Americans to prepare for natural disaster.

However, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, half of Americans have not discussed or developed a family emergency plan.

In observance of National Preparedness Month during the month of September, Southern 7 Health

Department is offering some tips on how to help families in the region to be ready and safe in the event of an emergency.

**Tip 1:** Be informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur in your area and the best way to protect yourself if and when they happen.

These emergencies may include severe seasonal storms, tornadoes, flooding, a fire, an earthquake, a pandemic and others.

**Tip 2:** Make a family/household emergency plan including information on

how to reconnect and reunite.

The plan can include how to receive emergency warnings and alerts, updating your emergency preparedness kit, knowing evacuation routes and what is your communication plan.

As you prepare your plan, tailor it and your supplies to your specific daily living needs and responsibilities including care of children, business, pets or operating medical equipment for those in need. And don't forget to practice.

**Tip 3:** Build emergency

supply kits for work, home, and car. A list of basic supplies can be found at <https://www.ready.gov/kit>.

**Tip 4:** Get yourself and your family involved by finding opportunities to support community preparedness.

This can include learning first aid and CPR, donating to reputable organizations in your area, volunteering and sharing tips on social media.

You can also become a member of the S7HD Medical Reserve Corps, MRC.

This local response team

consists of healthcare and non-healthcare volunteers working to strengthen the health and safety of area communities.

MRC identifies, trains and prepares volunteers before a disaster.

For more information on how to prepare for an emergency, or to become an MRC member, contact Southern 7 Health Department MRC coordinator Bobi Cavins at 618-634-2297, extension 9123, download the Southern 7 app or visit [www.southern7.org](http://www.southern7.org).

## Treasurer reports tax funds distributed

Union County Treasurer Leigh Burns reports that the first distribution of local property tax revenues was made last week by her office.

The treasurer shared an update about the distribution at last Friday morning's regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

The first installment of property tax bill payments was due Aug. 4. The second installment is due Oct. 4.

The first round of funds was distributed last week, following the Aug. 4 due date for payments.

The first distribution totaled \$10,471,996.43. The treasurer reported the following distribution of funds to local taxing entities and districts:

County of Union \$2,002,746.80. County unit road district \$201,112.83.

Lick Creek School District 16 \$253,802.71. Anna School District 37 \$1,356,357.21.

Jonesboro School District 43 \$607,837.02. Buncombe District 43J \$48.69. Cypress District 64J \$5,282.44.

Preston Drainage \$71,763.11. Clear Creek Drainage \$75,142.47. Big Creek Drainage \$1,032.

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### Getting ready to show their sheep

Hayden Craft, Cobie Hodges and Hunter Craft, all of Lick Creek, were getting their Southdown cross sheep, number 211, ready to show on Wednesday morning, Aug. 24, at the Union County Fair in Anna. Junior sheep and swine judging took place Aug. 24 at the junior show arena at the fairgrounds at the Anna City Park.



### Union County Fair junior livestock auction

Area young people had an opportunity to showcase hard work at the Union County Fair junior livestock auction. The auction was conducted Thursday evening, Aug. 25, at the fair in Anna, with a full house on hand for the special event. Prior to the start of the auction, award-winning livestock entries were showcased.



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**New vehicle delivered**  
 A new vehicle was delivered to the Anna Fire & Rescue station last Saturday afternoon.

## Anna Fire & Rescue has new truck

The Anna Fire & Rescue Department has a new vehicle. The unit was delivered to the department over the weekend. The truck arrived at the Anna Fire Station early last Saturday afternoon. Anna Fire Chief Mike Dammerman and assistant fire chief Todd Harris were on hand to accept the delivery. The vehicle was driven

to Anna by Tim Learned of Christopher, a sales representative for MacQueen Emergency. The unit was manufactured by Pierce Manufacturing. The vehicle cost approximately \$350,000. Anna Fire Chief Dammerman said the new unit will replace a 1990 GMC vehicle. With the addition of the new unit, the Anna Fire &

Rescue Department will have two engines, a ladder truck, a heavy rescue vehicle and a brush truck. "It's definitely a welcome addition to the fleet," Dammerman said. Equipment will have to be installed before the new unit can go into service. Fire department personnel also will undergo training with the vehicle.

## Tax funds

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 Lake of Egypt Fire \$361.29. Ware/Wolf Lake Fire \$23,923.34. Vienna High School 133 \$4,587.61. Anna-Jonesboro Community High School 81 \$1,859,467.48. Shawnee Community College 531 \$997,018.48. Dongola Library \$24,318.76. Stinson Memorial Library \$209,031.92. Goreville Unit 1 \$22,723.09. Cobden Unit School 17 \$896,827.81. Dongola Unit 66 \$587,258.54. Shawnee Unit 84 \$757,411.45. City of Anna \$348,069.82. Village of Alto Pass \$6,822.75. Village of Cobden \$30,344.47. Village of Dongola \$31,664.18. City of Jonesboro \$60,878.36. Village of Mill Creek \$827.42. Dongola TIF \$9,048.46. Cobden TIF \$20,025.30. City of Anna TIF \$6,260.62.

## News Notes

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 A worship service is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, at Kornthal Church near Jonesboro. \*\*\*  
 The Union County Board of Commissioners has approved a \$22,100 hotel/motel tax to the Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development. The funds will be used primarily in support of a website. \*\*\*  
 Concerns about a bridge on Bauer Road were voiced at last Friday morning's Union County Board of Commissioners meeting. \*\*\*  
 Asa Busby has been appointed to a post on the Union County Sheriff's Merit Board. \*\*\*

## Labor Day Holiday Schedule

Labor Day will be commemorated on Monday, September 5. Due to the observance of the holiday, The Gazette-Democrat will be changing its schedule in order to meet printing plant deadlines. The following deadlines will be in place for the paper which will be published on Thursday, September 8. Display Advertising: Noon Tuesday, September 6. Classified Advertising: 11 a.m. Tuesday, September 6. Obituaries: 10 a.m. Tuesday, September 6. Sports News Items: Noon Friday, September 2. Correspondents, Church News: Noon Friday, September 2. News Items: Noon Friday, September 2. News and sports items which arrive after the deadlines will be held for the following week. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Union County remains at medium community level for COVID-19

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, on Friday, Aug. 26, reported 24,297 new confirmed and probable cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Illinois, including 82 deaths since Aug. 19. According to the CDC, 33 counties were rated at high community level for COVID-19. An additional 48 counties in Illinois were rated at medium community level. Union County remained at a medium community level. Pulaski County also was at a medium community level. Alexander County was at a low community level. Jackson, Williamson, Johnson, Pope, Hardin and Massac counties were at a high community level. Union, Pulaski, Alexander, Johnson, Pope, Hardin and Massac counties are served by the Southern Seven Health Department. As of Friday, Aug. 26, IDPH was reporting a total of 3,670,258 cases, including 34,677 deaths, in 102 counties in Illinois since the beginning of the pandemic. As of Thursday night, Aug. 25, 1,310 individuals in Illinois were reported to

be in the hospital with COVID-19. Of those, 158 patients were in the ICU and 59 patients with COVID-19 were on ventilators. IDPH director Sameer Vohra continued to urge all Illinoisans to get up to date on vaccinations and booster shots as the best defense against hospitalization and more serious outcomes from COVID-19. Of Illinois' total population, more than 77 percent

had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, more than 69 percent of Illinois' total population was fully vaccinated and more than 54 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

Aug. 29: 6,162 total cases. 66 deaths.
Aug. 25: 6,136 total cases. 66 deaths.
Aug. 1: 6,015 total cases. 66 deaths.
July 31: 6,001 total cases. 66 deaths.
July 7: 5,748 total cases. 66 deaths.
June 30: 5,691 total cases. 66 deaths.
June 1: 5,501 total cases. 65 deaths.
May 1: 5,384 total cases. 64 deaths.
April 1: 5,365 total cases. 64 deaths.
March 1: 5,334 total cases. 63 deaths.
Jan. 18: 4,378 total cases. 58 deaths.

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

### Weekly new COVID-19 cases reported in Illinois

Aug. 26: 24,297
Aug. 19: 25,084
Aug. 12: 26,462
Aug. 5: 30,762
July 29: 35,371
July 1: 28,216
June 24: 27,094
June 3: 32,605
May 6: 30,633
April 1: 8,426
March 4: 10,462
Feb. 4: 60,389
Jan. 7, 2022: 201,428
Dec. 3, 2021: 42,559
Nov. 5: 17,462
Oct. 1: 18,735
Sept. 3: 30,319
Aug. 6: 16,742
June 18, 2021: 928

Source: Illinois Department of Public Health

## One person fatally hurt in accident on interstate

One person was reported to have sustained fatal injuries in a traffic accident which happened Wednesday, Aug. 24, in Union County. Illinois State Police District 22 at Ullin reported that the accident happened on Interstate 57 at milepost 32 near Anna. The accident involved a 2018 International truck-tractor semi-trailer combination and a 2022 Freightliner truck-tractor semi-trailer. The driver of the 2018 vehicle was identified as Hussein Abdi Digale, 35, from Columbus, Ohio. The driver of the 2022 unit was identified as Mohamad Hassan Dacar, 42, from Minneapolis, Minn. A passenger in the second unit sustained fatal injuries. The victim was identified as a 36-year-old male from Minneapolis, Minn. The name of the victim had

not been released pending notification of next of kin. State police shared preliminary results from an investigation of the accident. The 2018 unit was disabled and partially stopped in the right lane on Interstate 57 northbound at milepost 32. The 2022 unit was traveling north at the same location and struck the disabled vehicle with its passenger side. The drivers of both vehicles reported no injuries at the scene. The passenger in the 2022 unit who sustained fatal injuries was pronounced dead at the scene by the Union County coroner. Interstate 57 northbound lanes were closed as a result of the accident. The lanes were reopened at approximately 2:20 p.m. An investigation of the accident continues.

## Man sentenced for predatory criminal sexual assault of child

Pulaski County State's Attorney Lisa C. Casper reports that Jared Wade Hinman Sr., 39, has been sentenced to 55 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections on multiple charges. Hinman was sentenced on two counts of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, both Class X felonies; and one count of criminal sexual assault, a Class 1 felony. After completing his sentence, Hinman will also be placed on mandatory supervised release, formerly

called parole, for a period of three years to life. Hinman was convicted by a Pulaski County Jury in May after a four-day jury trial. The case was prosecuted by Pulaski County State's Attorney Lisa C. Casper and Appellate Prosecutor Lorinda M. Lamken. Hinman was arrested in April 2021 following an investigation by the Illinois State Police, with the assistance of the Marshall County Sheriff's Office in Benton, Ky.

## State police focus on distracted driving

Illinois State Police District 22 is planning to conduct distracted driving enforcement program patrols in Union County during September. Plans for the patrols were announced by Capt. Nathan Douglas, who is the commander of District 22. The patrols will allow the state police to focus on distracted driving laws to prevent traffic deaths and serious injury crashes. The state police noted that distractions can increase a driver's risk of being in an accident and shared the following information: Eating or drinking (non-alcoholic beverages) increases the risk by three times. Sending a text message increases the risk by four times. Reaching for an object increases the risk by eight times. Reading a text message can take a driver's eyes off the road for an average of five seconds. Officers will be on the lookout for drivers who

disobey Illinois' distracted driving laws, including: All drivers are prohibited from reading, sending, or receiving text messages or communication and from browsing the internet. All drivers are prohibited from using handheld electronic communication devices. Drivers under the age of 19 are prohibited from using any cellphone, even hands-free. All drivers are prohibited from using any cellphone, even hands-free, while in school speed zones and work zones. School bus drivers are not permitted to use any type of cellphone, even hands-free. It is illegal to use a cellphone or take photos or videos on wireless devices when driving within 500 feet of an emergency scene. The campaign is made possible by traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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### Not much rain recorded in area

High temperatures were in the 70s, 80s and 90s during the period of Aug. 16-29 in Union County.
Very little precipitation was recorded, with only .01 of an inch of rain recorded on Aug. 29.
Following are temperatures for the period as recorded by local weather observer Dana Cross in Jonesboro:

Tuesday, Aug. 16	73 64
Wednesday, Aug. 17	83 61
Thursday, Aug. 18	86 58
Friday, Aug. 19	87 59
Saturday, Aug. 20	88 60
Sunday, Aug. 21	86 65
Monday, Aug. 22	87 61
Tuesday, Aug. 23	86 60
Wednesday, Aug. 24	89 59
Thursday, Aug. 25	91 63
Friday, Aug. 26	92 64
Saturday, Aug. 27	92 64
Sunday, Aug. 28	92 66
Monday, Aug. 29	91 72

## SIU Day set at Du Quoin

SIU/College Day/Coal Heritage Day is set for Saturday, Sept. 3, at the Du Quoin State Fair. The fairground is open from noon to midnight, with SIU activities planned from noon to 4 p.m. Parking is free for all SIU students, faculty and staff with a valid ID. SIU activities will be in the Second Heat building, located on Midway Drive across from the walk-in plaza (Gates 5-6) and an adjacent outdoor area.



**Family members**

In the first row are, from left, Judy Rich Casper of Gordonville, Mo., and Susan Rich of Minneapolis, Minn. In the second row are Leta Rich Smith of Cobden, Kay Rich Choate of Cape Girardeau and Becky Rich Oakley of Benton, Ky. In the third row is Karen Rich Morris of New Holland, Pa. In the fourth row are Don Rich of Anna, Eugene Carrol Rich of Silver Springs, Md., and Sue Lingle McIntosh of Cape Girardeau. Photo provided.

**Cousins gather for special reunion**

Several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren of Lyman Rich gathered Aug. 6 at Giant City Lodge near Makanda for a long overdue family reunion. Some of the first cousins had not seen each other in over 50 years. The family descended from Jacob Rich Sr., who

was killed in the Revolutionary War at Gates's defeat. His son, Jacob Rich, Jr., immediately enlisted, was injured and was a Revolutionary pensioner at the time of his death in 1838 in Franklin County, Tenn. His home still stands in Tennessee and is inhabited. Jacob's son, Thomas, migrated to Cobden, and settled in 1832. He died in 1868 and is buried in the Rich Cemetery, which is outside Cobden near U.S. Highway 51.

His son, John Rich, donated land for the cemetery, the John Rich School and the John Rich School Road. The Rich family toured the cemetery that afternoon. A granite marker stands, marking Thomas' burial spot. Lyman Rich was one of his descendants. Lyman Rich had nine children and 25 grandchildren. Nine of the grandchildren were able to attend the reunion.

**DAR chapter meets in Vienna**

By Dixie Terry

The Daniel Chapman Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution had its first meeting of the new club season Sunday afternoon, Aug. 21, at the Carnegie Library in Vienna.

The meeting was called to order by regent Suzan Harvel. The opening ritual followed, along with the Pledge of Allegiance, the American's Creed and the Preamble to the Constitution.

The ratification of new officers included: Julia Mowery, vice regent; Doda Starkey, recording secretary; Carolyn Tripp, treasurer; Marilyn Meisenheimer, registrar; and Deborah Simmons, librarian. The new officers were sworn in by the chapter's regent.

The installation and welcome to new members Allison Harvel of Cape Girardeau and Marla Saint Arbor of Anna were conducted by the chapter registrar and the chapter regent.

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

A tea party followed, in celebration of the Boston

Tea Party.

The chapter's regent presented a program about "Daughters of Liberty," which was followed by the prayer of blessing by the chapter's chaplain, Carol Palmer.

Members had been invited to bring their favorite tea cup and to share information about it. A business meeting followed the tea.

The chapter's chaplain reported about cards that had been sent.

With no corrections to the June 14 meeting's minutes, they were approved for recording.

Carol Palmer distributed the financial report, which was approved for recording and auditing.

In committee reports:

The chapter's regent gave the American Indian report for Sandra Boaz.

Melanie Penrod gave the conservation report, including that the Conservation Medal will be presented at the September meeting.

Bonnie Hogue reported about Constitution Week.

Membership chair Marilyn Meisenheimer announced that the chapter will celebrate "Patriots of the Month," with Daniel Chapman, Peter Meisenheimer

and Daniel Mashburn honored this month.

The flag of the U.S. report was given by Carol Palmer.

In commemorative events, Julia Mowery presented the "Card Challenge" made by the Project Patriot National Community. She announced that money would be accepted for the Project Patriot, which will provide for useful items to be shipped overseas to military personnel; this is to be completed at the chapter's October meeting.

Virginia Street announced that the bricks with the names of three chapter members, who are veterans, will be purchased by the chapter and placed at the women's veterans statue at Brehm Library in Mt. Vernon. Those being honored are Tamba Cain, Dr. Lee Hackney and Susan Whitemountain.

The chapter's next meeting is scheduled Sept. 9 at the Vienna Carnegie Library at 1 p.m., with state regent Debra Coe of Rochester bringing the program.

The Shawnee Forest Chapter grave marking is planned Sept. 10 at 2 p.m. in Eldorado.

Observance of the 21st anniversary of 9-11 is planned on Sept. 11 with a moment of silence.

Doda Starkey, Julia Mowery and Suzan Harvel planned to attend DAR Days at Fairview Heights on Aug. 25.

Constitution Week will be observed on Sept. 17-23. It was reported that the chapter placed third nationally for its participation in Constitution Week in 2021.

Those attending the meeting and tea included Tamba Cain, Bonnie Hogue, Margaret Mathis, Doda Starkey, Virginia Street, Barbara Williams, Vienna. Juanita Broyles, Goreville. Allison Harvel, Cape Girardeau, Suzan Harvel, Tamms. Wanda Honey, Marla Saint Arbor, Anna. Alice Thodoropoulos, Debora Simmons, Golconda. Cathy Warmack, Paducah. Dixie Terry, Marion. Carol Palmer, Lillian Milam, Marilyn Meisenheimer, Anna. Lynn Moore McCreery, Ozark. Julia Mowery, Elizabeth James, Buncombe. Rita Hull, Cara Webb, Tunnel Hill. Melanie Penrod, Carterville, and one guest, Lauren Roehm.

**News from**

**Camp Ground Church, Community**

Rev. Chris Fleming's sermon Sunday was titled "Jesus Remains Faithful," with the scripture selection from the Gospel of Matthew, referred to as "The Temptation of Jesus."

The sermon shared that "Satan tried to tempt Jesus into satisfying His 'human' need for food, protection from injury, and acceptance by the world. But Jesus remained faithful to God and cast Satan aside.

"We are tempted every day; hopefully, we have grown to the point that we resist evil.

"When we do sin, it does not sever our relationship with God because we have a Savior who will forgive.

"The more we read our Bibles, pray and deepen our relationship with God, the less we want to sin."

Aldi and Vodra Gerard rang the bell commencing worship. They also took up the offering.

After the first hymn, the children/youth were given gift certificates from the church and Rev. Fleming prayed over them as they began the new school year.

Following the morning message, Berna Gerard and Mary Robinson came forward to unite with the church via reaffirmation of faith.

Gary Johnson also united with church by transfer of membership from the church he attended in Florida.

Holy Communion was then shared by the new members and the entire congregation.

After morning worship, a potluck lunch was shared by all present.

Several in the congregation are "under the weather," but seem to be improving.

The church extends sympathy to those grieving the loss of loved ones recently, especially the family of Victor Tucker, who grew up as part of the congregation of Camp Ground.

LaDonna Jean Miller was guest of honor at a surprise birthday party Aug. 21 birthed by her husband Rodney and daughters at the home of daughter Lara and Collin Crane, Reed and Kayton. Others enjoying the meal of chicken and brisket with sides were daughter Brittany and Jeff Roach, Landon and Tanner, daughter Ashley and

Michael Roach, Gage and Tymber and LaDonna's parents, Kenneth and Nis Quick. Raspberry birthday cake and homemade butter pecan ice cream were also served.

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

Worship also is available on Zoom. Those who would like to join in worship via Zoom can leave a message on the church phone (833-9000) with their email address or cell phone number and the link will be sent Sunday morning.

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

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

**Anna poet receives awards from national federation**

Kathy Lohrum Cotton of Anna received eight poetry awards at the 2022 hybrid convention of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies, NFSPS, hosted in Ohio.

Winners were chosen from more than 6,000 submissions across the United States and from countries including the United Kingdom, Spain, Mexico, Canada, India, Ukraine and Czechia.

Winning poems from the Mildred Vorpahl Baass Remembrance contest and the Al Laster Memorial ekphrastic contest were published in the Encore 2022 Prize Poems anthology.

Cotton's submissions also took honorable mentions for the Robbie Award, the Poetry Society of Indiana Award, the Mississippi Poetry Society Award, the Ohio Award, the Iowa Poetry Association Award and the Poetry Society of Oklahoma Award.

Cotton's full-length manuscript, "Even a Beak-Scraped Mountain," was named as a finalist in the \$1,000-prize Barbara Stevens Poetry Manuscript Contest.

Cotton serves on the

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# Sports

## A-J faces Murphysboro on road Friday night

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team travels to Murphysboro for the second game of the season Friday, Sept. 2. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

The Red Devils enter the game after a season opening 41-20 win over Jackson County rival Carbondale.

"Murphysboro has a lot back from last year's play-off team," A-J football head coach Brett Detering said. "They have a lot of speed and a lot of size."

Senior Drew Caldwell is the quarterback. Some of the top backfield rushers in Murphysboro's win over Carbondale were senior Devon Clemons and Ethan Finke and junior Ethan Sunny.

Finke led the Murphysboro rushing attack with 174 yards and 3 touchdowns.

"We have high expectations this year," Murphysboro head coach Gary Carter said. "But as long as we stay healthy, we should be okay."

## Host A-J wins boys' golf invitational title

The host Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' golf team won the McDonald's Invitational, which was played Saturday, Aug. 20, at the Union County Country Club course in Anna.

The Wildcats won the 14-team match with a score of 313.

Aiden McFadden led A-J with a 74. Tim Plott had a 78, Nick Hannan 79, Hayden Ralls 82, Landon Brown 88 and Taj Hodges 90.

A-J's junior varsity finished in last place with 391, Logan Johnson led the JV with a score of 93. Daylon Butler had a 95, Lucas Salazar 101, Graydon Edmonds 102, Luke Vaughn 113 and Gunner Myers 123.

On Thursday, Aug. 25,

the host Wildcats won a 4-team match with a score of 153.

Brown led A-J with 36, followed by McFadden with 37, Hodges 39, Ralls and Nick Homan 41 apiece and Plott 44.

The A-J JV finished in 2nd place with 181.

Butler led the JV with 40. Vaughn and Logan Ebersohl had a 46 apiece, Logan Johnson and Myers 49 apiece and Edmonds with 58.

Cobden finished in 3rd place with 215.

Jeff Kuhn led Cobden with 46. Kingston Kuhn had a 49, Tyler Franklin 58, Jesus Zamora 62 and Mario Trevino 72.

The Wildcats play again Thursday, today, at Carbondale.

## Cobden baseball opens with wins over Egyptian, Century

The Cobden High School baseball team opened its fall season with wins over Egyptian and Century.

**Cobden 12, Egyptian 5:** Tyler Franklin was 3-for-3 with an RBI and 2 doubles to lead the visiting Appleknockers to the win Friday, Aug. 26.

Chase Wyatt was 3-for-3 with a double and an RBI. Xach Roberts was 2-for-3 with 2 doubles and an RBI. Matthew Howell was 1-for-1 with 2 RBIs.

Hunter Pitts was 1-for-2 with a double and 2 RBIs. Jake Tally was 1-for-2 with 2 RBIs. Mitchell Howell and Mason Lyerla were each 1-for-2.

Dawson Short, Wyatt and Mitchell Howell pitched in the win.

Short pitched 3 innings and allowed 3 hits to go with a walk and 7 strikeouts. Wyatt pitched an inning and allowed 2 hits to go with 5 walks and 2 strikeouts. Howell pitched an inning and had 2 strikeouts.

**Cobden 11, Century 0:** Franklin was 4-for-4 with 3 doubles and 4 RBIs to lead the visitors to the season opening win Tuesday, Aug. 23.

Short was 3-for-3 with 2 RBIs. Omar Martinez was 1-for-1 with an RBI. Wyatt was 1-for-2. Pitts was 1-for-4 with an RBI. Mitchell Howell and Alberto Amezquita added an RBI apiece.

Franklin was the winning pitcher. He allowed one hit to go with 4 strikeouts and 2 walks.

Cobden is scheduled to play again Friday, Sept. 2, at home against Woodlawn.

## A-J/Cobden soccer plays at invitational

The Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden high school co-op boys' soccer team was in action at the Greg Kline Invitational last weekend at Carbondale.

**Carbondale 6, A-J/Cobden 3:** Taj Hodges, Rylan Frazier and Zach Henry scored a goal apiece to lead A-J/Cobden in the loss Friday, Aug. 26.

Goalie Carter Lannom had 5 saves.

**Cape Girardeau Central 10, A-J/Cobden 0:** Goalie On Patel had 8 saves in the loss Saturday, Aug. 27.

**A-J/Cobden 5, Centralia 1:** Henry scored 2 goals to lead host A-J/Cobden to the season opening win Wednesday, Aug. 24.

Hodges, Frazier and Ethan Plott scored a goal apiece.

Adrial Del Rosario had 2 assists. Matteo Vaca Diez added an assist.

Goalie Patel had 10 saves. A-J/Cobden, 1-2, hosts Harrisburg Thursday, today.

## Shawnee golf scramble set

### at Anna course

The 2022 Shawnee Athletic Boosters Munz Memorial Golf Scramble is set for Oct. 1.

The scramble will be played at the Union County Country Club golf course in Anna. Lunch is planned at noon. Tee time will be at 1 p.m.

All of the proceeds generated by the scramble will help to support the athletics program at Shawnee Junior-Senior High School in Wolf Lake.

Entry fees are \$80 for individuals and \$320 for teams. The fees include mulligans and skins. Hole sponsorships are available.

The scramble will feature prizes for the longest putt and closest to the pin. Raffle prizes will be awarded.

Information about the scramble is available by contacting Mindy Livesay at 833-9252.



### Friday night football action

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School quarterback Payton Denny, number 18 in dark uniform at right, looks for an open receiver during the first quarter of last Friday night's 2022 high school football season opener against visiting West Frankfort. Denny threw two touchdown passes for the Wildcats in the first quarter of the game.

### 2022 high school football season opener

## West Frankfort outscores host Wildcats

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team let a 13-0 lead slip away in a 22-13 loss to visiting West Frankfort last Friday night in the season opener for both teams.

"We got off to a really good start," A-J football head coach Brett Detering said. "We hoped we would play better."

It didn't take long for the Wildcats to get on the scoreboard.

After Brylen Suggs ran to near midfield on the opening kickoff, A-J scored on the second play from scrimmage.

Quarterback Payton Denny connected with Dylan Harvel for a 55-yard touchdown pass. Rylan Frazier kicked the extra point and the Wildcats led 7-0 with 11:36 remaining in the first quarter.

Following a Redbird punt on their opening drive, A-J's offense went to work again.

After a 4-play drive, Denny connected with Dawson Trammel for a 16-yard TD pass.

The extra point kick was blocked and the Wildcats were ahead 13-0 with 4:35 left in the opening quarter.

The third A-J drive was halted when West Frankfort's Hunter Ragan intercepted a Denny pass.

The Redbirds' offense then began to click. After a 9-play drive, Travlon Johnston scored on a 1-yard run. The extra point kick was blocked and West Frankfort pulled to 13-6 with 8:35 remaining in the first half.

An incomplete pass on fourth down ended the next Wildcat drive.

Denny was sacked at

midfield to thwart the next A-J drive to end the first half.

The A-J offense failed to move a lot in the second half. However, West Frankfort was just the opposite.

Johnston put the Redbirds ahead for keeps on a 4-yard TD run following a short drive.

Cameron Joyner's extra point kick put West Frankfort ahead 14-13 with 2:38 remaining in the third quarter.

After both teams traded punts, Johnston closed out the scoring with an 11-yard TD run. Quarterback Gavin Mann connected with Eli Dawson with the conversion pass to close out the scoring with 1:59 remaining in the game.

The Wildcats rushed for 81 yards, with Denny leading the way with 73 yards

on 18 carries. Harvel added 8 yards on 2 carries.

"We're so used to running the football," Detering said. "We don't have a lot of experience on our line."

The Wildcats relied on passing to get their offense moving.

Denny had 30 passes for 157 yards, with 3 interceptions.

Harvel led the way with 83 yards receiving on 5 receptions. Trammel added 42 yards on 3 receptions.

"We didn't do a good job attacking or protecting our quarterback," Detering said. "We're going to have to make adjustments and improvements. You can't have those penalties and negative yardage plays."

The Redbirds rushed for 177 yards and had 54 yards passing.

## Jonesboro softball team improves to 9-0

The Jonesboro School junior high softball team stayed unbeaten for the season with four big wins on the road during the past week.

The Lady Bulldogs earned a victory at Goreville on Tuesday, Aug. 23, beating the Junior Blackcats 15-3.

Pitcher Brook Sheffer racked up another win for the season, allowing 5 hits and 3 runs during 6 innings pitched with 7 strikeouts.

Sheffer led the team on offense as well, going 4-for-5 at the plate.

Emma Craig had 3 hits for the Bulldogs, with Addi Suggs, Macayla Nance and Jaylin Vicory contributing 2 hits each.

Kynlee Needling, Ad-

dison Pinnon, MacKenzie Barnhart and Maddie Moss each had 1 hit for the day.

Massac County gave the Lady Bulldogs their most competitive game of the season on Thursday, Aug. 25, with Jonesboro coming out on top by a score of 8-7.

Maddie Moss, Emma Craig, Carley Pearson and Kynlee Needling all went 2-for-4 for the Lady Bulldogs. Addi Suggs, Addison Pinnon and Jaylin Vicory each had a hit in the game as well.

Brook Sheffer pitched all 7 innings of the game, giving up 7 runs on 7 hits with 3 strikeouts.

The next day, on Friday, Aug. 26, Jonesboro traveled to Creal Springs, netting a big win against Adams

School by a score of 15-1.

In her 6th straight start for the season, Brooke Sheffer pitched 5 innings, allowing only 1 hit, 1 run and 1 walk while racking up 14 strikeouts.

Sheffer also shined at the plate, going 4-for-4 for the day.

Addi Suggs, Carley Pearson, Emma Craig and Mackenzie Barnhart contributed two hits each in the win. Maddie Moss, Kynlee Needling and Macayla Nance each had a hit for the Lady Bulldogs as well.

Earlier this week, the Lady Bulldogs traveled to Vienna, where they racked up another big win by a score of 14-0.

Emma Craig went 3-for-4 with a home run in the

game. Addie Suggs also went 3-for-4 from the plate.

Mackenzie Barnhart, Macayla Nance, Brooke Sheffer all went 2-for-3. Maddie Moss, Carley Pearson and Kynlee Needling each contributed a hit in the win.

Sheffer pitched another shutout game, giving up just 1 hit and 1 walk with 8 strikeouts. The win was Sheffer's 8th for the season.

With the wins, the Jonesboro softball team's record improved to 9-0.

The Lady Bulldogs were scheduled to play at home against Century on Wednesday, Aug. 31, and are also scheduled to play Anna at home on Thursday, Sept. 1, today.



### Demolition derby action at the Union County Fair

Dirt, mud and dust were flying during demolition derby action last Friday night at the Union County Fair in Anna.



**Cheering on the Wildcats**

Participants in last week's Little Wildcat Cheerleading Clinic led the crowd in a cheer between the first and second quarters of last Friday night's Anna-Jonesboro Community High School home football game. The clinic was at the Union County school. The Little Wildcats joined the A-JCHS cheerleading squad on the field to help cheer on the host Wildcats in their 2022 high school football season opener against visiting West Frankfort.

**Hunter safety education course scheduled in Anna**

An Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, hunter safety education course is planned Friday and Saturday, Sept. 2-3, at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church's Main Street Center in Anna. The center is located at 315 South St. in Anna. The course is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sept. 2 and from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sept. 3. Students must attend both classes. The course is being sponsored by Anna-Jonesboro National Bank. A 1996 state law requires all hunters born on

or after Jan. 1, 1980, to successfully complete a hunter education course before they can receive their first hunting license. Those who complete the course will receive a hunter education certification card. The card verifies that they have passed the course of instruction. The course will include instruction in wildlife management, firearms safety, hunter ethics, game identification, first aid, survival techniques and regulations. More information about the course is available by calling 618-697-0286.

**Cobden Spay/Neuter Coalition planning dinner, music event**

The Cobden Spay/Neuter Coalition is planning to host "Spayghetti and a Show" on Friday, Sept. 9. The event is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at The Old Feed Store in downtown Cobden. Live music by local favorites Banjo Joe & Danielle and Hugh DeNeal is planned. Tickets are \$10/adult and \$6/child at the door, and include dinner and the show. Children 3 and under are free. The event also will feature a silent auction and raffle. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. and music begins at 7 p.m. Organizers are collecting monetary and silent auction donations.

Proceeds will benefit the Cobden Spay/Neuter Coalition. The coalition's mission is, in part, to reduce the feral cat population in the Union County village and surrounding communities. The organization also helps residents finance spay and neuter surgeries for their pets. More about the coalition can be found on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CobdenSpayNeuter-Coalition/>. Information about the Sept. 9 event is available by contacting Jillian Miller by phone at 618-201-4841.

**Reynoldsville News**

By Sue Eudy

Those enjoying eating at Grecian Steakhouse in Cape Girardeau on Tuesday were Deanie and Jerry Hinkle of Jonesboro, Peggy St. Cin of Cape Girardeau, Vivian Bennett, Shirley Miller and Pam and John, all of McClure. Visiting Thursday with Penny Hill of McClure were Kacie, Derek and Milo Gollither of Fenton, Mo., and Shirley Miller of McClure. Visiting Monday with Steve Eudy of Anna were Marjie Stark of Anna and Cathy and Dolly Jo, daughters of the late Opal and Chester Smith of Cahokia.

Visiting Friday with Sue and Steve Eudy were Lois Crites of Jackson, Mo., and Venita Lingle of Anna. Happy birthday to our granddaughter, Emma Eudy of Cape Girardeau on Monday, Sept. 5, Labor Day. 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 night service is at 6 p.m. Rev. Jamie Bridgeman is the pastor.

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**A-J class of '67 luncheon set at Giant City**

Members of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School class of 1967 are planning to celebrate their 55th class reunion. A luncheon is planned at noon Saturday, Oct. 22, at Giant City Lodge near Makanda. The cost will be \$25 per person, which includes the meal, a drink, tax and gratuity. Checks, made payable to A-J Class of '67, can be sent in care of Brenda Kapper, 3457 New Town Lake Dr., St. Charles, Mo. 63301. Organizers of the event are asking that checks be sent by Oct. 8.

**Watercolor art, photography programs planned at Giant City**

Watercolor painting and photography will be the focus of upcoming programs scheduled at Giant City State Park near Makanda. The events are free. Registration is required. Registration, and more information, are available by calling the visitors center at the park at 618-457-4836. **Monarch Notecard:** Artist, nature journalist and Master Naturalist Kathy Belletire plans to present a watercolor art program from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3. Belletire will demonstrate how to turn the energy and beauty of a monarch butterfly into art. The program is geared toward

adults and teens. All materials will be provided. Beginners are welcome. **Outdoor Photography:** An outdoor photography for beginners program is planned from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 4. Local outdoor photographer John O'Connell plans to discuss camera settings and composition tips. The program will include an opportunity to use a camera in the field. Those who plan to attend are asked to bring a camera which is charged and any related equipment they may have. Participants also are asked to wear appropriate outdoor trail gear/attire.

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**Breakfast volunteers**

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team's players, coaches and cheerleaders were treated to breakfast at Anna Heights Baptist Church in Anna on the morning of the 2022 season opener against West Frankfort. The meal was prepared and served by volunteers at the church on Friday morning, Aug. 26. The volunteers included, from left, Darryl Williams, Debbie Hess, Danny McFarland, Sondra Holshouser and Doug Hileman. Host A-J and West Frankfort played Friday night.

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# LABOR DAY

## September 5, 2022

### What Labor Day Means

For most people, Labor Day means two things: a day off and a chance to say goodbye to the summer. But why is it called Labor Day? Labor Day is a day set aside to pay tribute to working men and women. It has been celebrated as a national holiday in the United States and Canada since 1894.

"Labor Day differs in every essential way from the other holidays of the year in any country," said Samuel Gompers, founder and longtime president of the American Federation of Labor. "All other holidays are in a more or less degree connected with conflicts and battles of man's prowess over man, of strife and discord for greed and power, of glories achieved by one nation over another. Labor Day...is devoted to no man, living or dead, to no sect, race, or nation."

### Who started Labor Day?

Like most cultural events, there is still some doubt over its origination. Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor working men and women. But many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday.

Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear however is that the Central Labor Union adopted the Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

### The First Labor Day

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

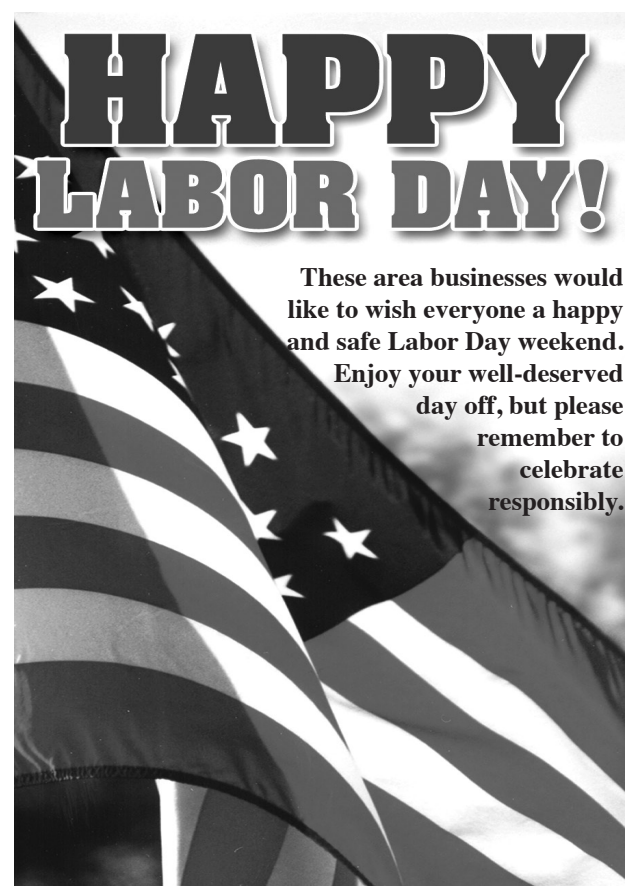
In the USA, governmental recognition first came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed

by Oregon on February 21, 1887. By 1894, 23 other states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers, and on June 28 of that year,

Still, it wasn't until the May 1894 strike by employees of the Pullman Palace Car Company and the subsequent deadly violence related to it that President Grover Cleveland suggested making Labor Day a national holiday. On June 28th, 1894, as a way of mending fences with workers, he signed an act making the first Monday in September a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

There is a tradition of not wearing white after Labor Day. This fashion faux pas dates back to the late Victorian era. The Emily Post Institute explains that white indicated you were still in vacation mode, so naturally when summer ended so did wearing white.

Sources: US Department of Labor, PBS, US Census Information from officeholidays.com



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News from

# First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

In the morning service on Sunday, Aug. 28, Pastor Perry Williams presented a message about the kingdom of God "and what we must do to inherit it." The message was based on scripture from Luke.

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

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

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

Music director Dee Rose led worship. John Tuner was the pianist. He also presented a medley, which included "Little Mountain Church House" and "This World is Not My Home."

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

The children's program, Dig-In Ministry, is scheduled to resume Sept. 21. Children 4 years of age through 6th grade are invited to attend. The program is scheduled to meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays. Bus transportation is available; more information is available by calling the church office at 833-7981.

Birthdays: Clara Harvell,

Aug. 28; Melody Keller, Aug. 29; Ann Landis, Aug. 30; Roger Wilkins, Aug. 31; Dee Rose, Sept. 2; Amy Aldridge, Sept. 3.

Anniversaries: Jim and Nancy Ralls, Aug. 30, 25 years; Wayne and Doris Whiteside, Aug. 31, 54 years; Lyman and Jean Eudy, Sept. 2, 62 years; Jim and Rhonda Brumitt, Sept. 4, 35 years.

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

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

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

News from

# Anna Nazarene Church

A Sunday morning worship service was held Aug. 28 in the church and on Zoom.

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

The message given by Pastor Wright was titled "Our Covenant with God." Scripture was from Deuteronomy.

The message can be listened to on the church's website at [annanaz.com](http://annanaz.com) and on the Anna First Church of the Nazarene Facebook page.

Communion was served. Yvonne Ramage was baptized.

Birthdays: Luke Sadler, Kerri Macy, Sept. 2.

Anniversary: Pastor Randy and Lea Wright,

Sept. 1.

Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 4.

Sunday School is planned at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 4.

A morning worship service is planned at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 4.

A Wednesday night service is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 7 in the sanctuary and on Zoom, with a youth group meeting 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.

# Women's retreat set

A You're God's Girl Women's Retreat is planned Sept. 24 in Union County.

The retreat is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Main Street Center in Anna.

Guest speakers are scheduled to be Serena Smith, Margaret Hite and Stephanie Shemwell Voss.

Music will be presented by Cassie Sharp.

Lunch will be catered by The Kitchen on Lafayette in Anna. Door prizes will be awarded.

Tickets are \$30, which includes lunch, a t-shirt and a gift bag.

Ticket information is available online at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com). Information also is available by calling 618-967-5368.

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### Daily Bible Reading

Genesis 47:13-31	Genesis 48:1-22	Genesis 49:29-50:14	Genesis 50:15-26	John 5:1-18	John 5:19-29	John 5:30-47
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# REMEMBERING OUR HEROES



*The Gazette-Democrat plans to publish a 2022 special section, **A Salute To Our Veterans,** on Thursday, November 3rd.*

*The section, published in commemoration of Veterans Day, will honor the accomplishments of area men and women who have served our nation in the armed forces. This special section again will honor the accomplishments of our veterans, both living and dead, and is designed as a "Keeper Section."*

*The section will be filled with photographs of veterans and will be highlighted with some of their heroic stories. If at all possible, please submit a copy of a photo. Please note, however, that original photographs will be kept on file and will be returned to the owner.*

*Veterans and their families are asked to fill out the accompanying form. The information will be used to create a biographical sketch about each veteran who is honored.*

*Please submit materials for "A Salute to Our Veterans" by no later than Friday, October 14th.*



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### Area Veterans To Be Honored

Area veterans, both living and deceased, will be honored in a special section of The Gazette-Democrat to be published in conjunction with Veterans Day. All are invited to submit pictures and information about military service to be included in the section at no charge.

To be included all you have to do is:

1. **Submit a picture** with your name printed on the back. Newspaper clippings and photo copies won't work. We'll take good care of your photo and return it to you. If you bring it to our office we can often copy it while you wait.
2. **Provide information** about your military service using as much as you can of the form below.
3. **Repeat last year's article and photo.** You may update information or photos. **You must let us know if you want last year's article repeated!**

**Current information on veteran or person submitting form**

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Awards or achievements \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is veteran living or deceased? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Additional notes and comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

## Birthdays Celebration

Gaylon Wayne Cates from Chicago is visiting his parents Gaylon and Clara Cates and to help celebrate his dad Gaylon's birthday.

## Visiting Anna-Jonesboro

It was good to see Wanda, Beth, Cliff and Brenda Perry who were here visiting from Texas. They enjoyed seeing all their friends at Anna First Baptist Church Sunday morning where they attended for many years while living here.

## Anna Union County Fair Church Service

Lisa Murray took her grandchildren Maeleigh, Madison and Maci to the Alliance of Churches service at the Anna Park.

## American Legion Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 6 p.m., they will meet in the back room of the VFW in Anna. If you are a veteran or have papers for a veteran kin to you they are always welcoming new members. If it's Taco Tuesday at the VFW come early and enjoy a taco or two.

## The Closet Ministries

Kathy Wheaton says they

have had another great week at The Closet Ministries next to Anna Dollar Store.

They are welcoming new customers to the store as well as their regular shoppers. Getting to encourage and reaching out in prayer with some. They are looking forward to changing over into fall and winter wear.

They never charge. Everything is by what ever you feel you can give. Check out this neat store with friendly volunteers. If you have a yard sale with things left over or cleaning a closet they are always willing to take donations to help others.

## Cousins

I had a wonderful hour and half phone visit with my cousin Dr. John Nathan Corbitt who was at the cabin he restored in North Carolina.

Nathan wrote his newest book about From My Front Porch Restoring History, Renovating Posey Brown's Cabin from privy to barn and everything between.

This adventure started as a simple retirement project of renovating an old, worn down shack in the Appala-

chian foothills. Within the Broad River community called Riverbend near Lake Lure. His book is \$20 and can be bought on Amazon.

Anyone that still remembers his dad Rev. John Calvin Corbitt and aunt Gretchen Corbitt will remember their children and how they loved spending their summers with my aunt Lena and uncle Mark Keller in Anna.

Nathan is five years younger than me and we were always very close even when his work took him to Africa serving as missionaries for the Southern Baptist Convention. I remember he was awarded a new car for his missions in Africa.

Nathan was also president of Build A Bridge and when he retired from music consultant for all of southern Africa he and Vickie moved to Pennsylvania where he was a college professor there for several years until his full retirement.

## Special Prayers

Joyce Plott reported Roger of Anna had knee replacement surgery Monday, Aug. 29, at St. Francis Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

## Honor Wreaths For Veterans

A special thanks to Paul and Brenda Sutliff for buying three Honor Wreaths for Veterans for out of town veterans. Honor Wreaths for Veterans service will be Dec. 17 at 11 a.m. Laying of the wreaths after the service.

## Sympathy

To friends of Larry Bentley who went to be with our Lord Sunday, July 17.

Larry served our country in the Army and worked for the American Red Cross for over 10 years.

He loved to tell stories about owning his reptile exhibits in Central Illinois. Larry lived in Louisiana and was relocated to Anna after the bad hurricane 9 years ago.

Larry enjoyed going to Sunshine Inn for dinners and fellowship when he



90th birthday celebration for Barbara Adams: On July 15, a birthday celebration to honor Barbara Adams on her 90th birthday was held at The Kitchen on Lafayette. Those attending were, left to right, Elizabeth James, Betty Carter, Dr. Gary and Debbie McKibben, David and Jysele Jones, Beverly Bolanowski, Wanda Basler, Mark Willmann, Mandy and Matt Endrizzi, Dr. Harold James, Lois Benson and Bob Kraatz.

was able.

He loved animals and enjoyed feeding any stray cat that came by his home at Grayland Court at affordable living in Union County Housing in Anna even though he talked many times about missing his home in the south. He loved for his neighbors to stop by for a visit if they were out walking their dogs also.

Larry grew up in Springfield and his graveside service was held at Roselawn Memorial Park in Springfield.

## United Methodist Church, Anna

On the 12th Sunday after Pentecost, special music was "I will Sing Praise" presented by Ava Borup. There was a special presentation by guest speaker Dan Huffman from the Gideon Metropolis Camp.

On Wednesdays, men's Bible study meets at 7 a.m. Women's Bible study meets at 1 p.m.

Loaves and Fishes will be Tuesday, Sept. 20, starting at 4:30 p.m.

Birthdays for September: 4 Angel Wiseman, 5 Linda Johnson, 8 Jason Swink, David Swink Jr., 12 Debbie Janowski, 13 Ginger Brasher, 18 Dr. Charles Halterman, Terry Riley, 22 Kevin Belcher, Anthony



Cathy Ziegler had lunch at Mackie's in Marion on Friday, Aug. 26, with several retired Carterville teachers.

Wiseman, 24 Al Kamp III, 25 Earl Miller.

Anniversaries: Sept. 6 Boyd and Heather LaFoon, 14 Roger and Lelia Spurlock, 30 Al and Carolyn Dammann.

## Anna First Baptist Church

Pastor Lupe Lopez's sermon last Sunday, titled "Judged by the Court of Public Opinion," centered in part around Luke 6:41-45 ("Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye," Vs. 41). We are not to judge others because we are sinners ourselves. We must confess that sin and examine ourselves to see why we are so quick to judge others. Also referred

to was Luke 18: 9-14 ("For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted," Vs. 14b). We are to humble ourselves before the only one who can judge, the Lord God.

The congregation enjoyed two traditional worship songs, Holy Ground and Holy, Holy, Holy, with Jean Denny at the piano; then Brittany Lopez sang a more contemporary worship song.

Announcements included Anna First Baptist's new website, <http://www.annafirst.org> and an updated Facebook page.

Also, the 9 a.m. adult Sunday School will be starting a new series based on the Book of James on Sept.



Lisa Murray was on an afternoon walk with her grandchildren Jon, Maeleigh, Jaxon, Maci and Madison when they stopped by for a visit with Martha Ann Webb and got their picture made in front of her fence artist Nick Allen painted.



Illinois State Rep. Dr. Paul Jacobs with Kevin MacDonald at The Hub Senior Health Fair for Southern Illinois Center for Independent Living. This was put on by Sen. Dale Fowler and State Rep. Dave Severin.



Sharon Dickerson and Nancy Ragain at Sharon's home at Grayland Court in Anna at Union County affordable housing. Her walls in her home have been recently painted the new grey color. The beautiful vases picture she bought belonged to dear friends Bill and Vicky Miller. If you would like to rent one of these nice homes or apartments check at the office at Hillside Terrace in Anna, Illinois.

The Union County 4-H Club hosted the pet parade at the Anna fairgrounds on Sunday, Aug. 21. Anna-Jonesboro National Bank sponsored the event by providing the premiums. There were five categories: best trained dog, most unusual pet, smallest pet, prettiest pet and best dressed. 1st place won \$15, 2nd place earned \$10 and 3rd place was \$5.



For best trained dog, the winners were Rilynn Johnson 2nd place, Alayna Chapman 3rd place and Cat Thomas in first.

Most unusual pet: 1st Anastazia Kerr, 2nd Andrew Harvell and 3rd Carlie Chapman.

Smallest pet: 1st Carlie Chapman, 2nd Anastazia Kerr and 3rd Andrew Harvell.

Prettiest pet: 1st Angel Starfox, 2nd Carlie Chapman and 3rd Jozilyn Kerr.

Best dressed: 1st Knox Echols, 2nd Brooklynn Shipley and 3rd Angel Starfox.



4. All are welcome; materials will be provided.

A new addition to Sunday mornings includes a coffee social time.

Sibling Supper

Cathy Ziegler had a sibling supper last Friday night with her siblings Daryl McCoy, Joyce King and husband Don King and Corinne Steveson.

Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies

Will meet on the third Wednesday of September at 11 a.m. at Honey's Quick Stop in Ullin.

Anna VFW

Star Karaoke by Peggy Jerrell will be at the VFW this Friday night. Fish dinner from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Karaoke 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Anna Heights Baptist Church

Birthdays: 1 Ava Ralls, 4th Terry Clark, Dawn Holmes, Marion Stevens, 5th Greg Lacer, Jade Marks, 7th Sue Treece, Julia Williams, Ricky Williams, Taylor Rhymor.

Anniversaries: 1st Dixie and Jerry Miller 60 years, 3rd Dewayne and Velma Eaker, 4th Robert and Joy Poole, 4th Thomas and Jessi Watson.

Aug. 21 attendance: 8 a.m. worship 86. 10:30 a.m. worship 152. Small group Bible study 202.

See you at the Pole: save this date Sept. 28. Praying at the school that day around the flag pole (student led)

parents can also attend and pray off school grounds but around area of schools.

Dessert fellowship and testimony time Sunday, Sept. 4, at 6 p.m. in the FLC.

Annual church picnic Sunday, Sept. 18.



Edgar Dangbar, Danny Gibbons and Butch Cook attended the Illinois Moose Association state convention Aug. 18-21 in St. Louis. Edgar received the Quilt of Valor recognition from District 10 while at the convention. Edgar served as a medic in Vietnam and we thank him for his service. "The mission of Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor."

Preschool department appreciation social Saturday, Sept. 10, at 1 p.m. in the chapel.

WMU gems meet Thursday, today, at the church.

Pastor Darryl Williams

continued his sermon series: The Gospel According to Isaiah. This week: A Worship Experience based on Isaiah 53.

Our Lord's Supper was taken.



On a recent Sunday at Anna First Baptist Church Shirley Ray, the children's director, conducted a Sunday School class.



Lou and Deb Bauer from Chesterfield, Mo., came to Anna to visit the Doug Hilemans and the Norm Bauers. They enjoyed a bit of fair food and attending the rodeo. Pictured at the fair are Beth Hileman, Deb and Lou Bauer. Seated in front are Norm and Barb Bauer.



Congratulations to Macy Adamitis who was baptized Sunday morning at Apostolic Lighthouse.



Congratulations to Joanne Dale, who has written her second book Robby Robin Finds the Missing Eighth Note, illustrated by Norma Lee Hackney.



Welcome new clothing and accessories store Karma in Alto Pass at 65 N. Elm St. in Alto Pass. The owner is Kristy Davis. The store has jewelry, clothing, purses, belts and boots. Kristy is a new member of Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development.



Martha Ann Webb with Ashley Guined. Going to miss Ashley's smiling face at Anna City Hall but wish her many blessings at her new job as a kindergarten aide at Lincoln Elementary School in Anna.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11:30 PM) and networks (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists various programs like 'Local Programs', 'Press Your Luck', 'Generation Gap', etc.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

THURSDAY

Table with columns for time slots (8:00pm to 10:00pm) and networks (ABC, USA, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists programs like 'ABC Generation Gap', 'USA Fast & Furious', etc.

FRIDAY

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11:30 PM) and networks (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists various programs like 'Shark Tank', 'Blue Bloods', etc.

SEPTEMBER 2, 2022

FRIDAY

Table with columns for time slots (7:00pm to 9:13pm) and networks (NBC, MAX, HBO, SHOW). Lists programs like 'NBC American Ninja Warrior', 'MAX 47 Ronin', etc.

SATURDAY

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11:30 PM) and networks (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists various programs like 'College Football', 'NCIS: L.A.', etc.

SEPTEMBER 3, 2022

SATURDAY

Table with columns for time slots (7:00pm to 8:35pm) and networks (MAX, USA, HBO, SHOW). Lists programs like 'MAX Hot Shots!', 'USA Furious 7', etc.

SUNDAY

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11:30 PM) and networks (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists various programs like 'College Football', 'The Equalizer', etc.

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

SUNDAY

Table with columns for time slots (7:00pm to 8:00pm) and networks (MAX, SHOW). Lists programs like 'MAX Hollow Man', 'SHOW The Chi', etc.

MONDAY

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11:30 PM) and networks (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists various programs like 'The Bachelor', 'NCIS: Hawaii', etc.

SEPTEMBER 5, 2022

MONDAY

Table with columns for time slots (7:00pm to 9:00pm) and networks (SHOW, NBC, CBS). Lists programs like 'SHOW The Godfather', 'NBC Weakest Link', etc.

TUESDAY

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11:30 PM) and networks (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists various programs like 'Celebrity Wheel of Fortune', 'FBI: International', etc.

SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

TUESDAY

Table with columns for time slots (8:00pm to 9:00pm) and networks (ABC, CBS, NBC). Lists programs like 'ABC Generation Gap', 'CBS FBI: Most Wanted', etc.

WEDNESDAY

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11:30 PM) and networks (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists various programs like 'Elementary', 'Press Your Luck', etc.

SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

WEDNESDAY

Table with columns for time slots (7:00pm to 8:01pm) and networks (NBC, CBS). Lists programs like 'NBC America's Got Talent', 'NBC Chicago Fire', etc.

