



Photo by Doris Huseman

Relay for Life brings in support

The American Cancer Relay for the Tri-County was held at the Jacksonville High School June 22. The first lap of the evening was for the cancer survivors with the second lap being for the survivors and the caregivers. Luminaries were purchased in advance for those having cancer. These were lit at dawn and the names read.

Casscomm launches services in Brighton

Casscomm recently completed the build-out for its expansion into another service area, Brighton. The community of Brighton is now able to receive high-speed internet, cable TV and digital phone services.

To celebrate completion of the project, Casscomm will be hosting a launch party on July 11th from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend. Casscomm will be providing food, drinks and fun! Prizes will also be available to several lucky winners. A special appearance by Fred Bird of the St. Louis Cardinals from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Additionally, Casscomm will have representatives available to discuss specifics of the service and answer any questions residents may have. A demonstration showcasing all of Casscomm's options will be present.

Casey French, Casscomm Marketing and Public Relations Manager, stated: "Casscomm is excited about making state-of-the-art technology available to Brighton. This community is a perfect fit for Casscomm where we focus on giving smaller communities the benefits of technology advancements that is only sometimes found in large communities."

Casscomm has offered high quality services to its customers since 1898. One hundred and fourteen years later, Casscomm offers cable internet and telephone services in thirty-six communities, including rural areas, throughout Central IL. For more information about Casscomm please visit the website at www.casscomm.com or call 800.252.1799.

E-books available at Winchester Library

The Winchester Public Library is now a member of the Alliance Digital Media Library. Fifteen new libraries, including Winchester, recently joined this group of 85 libraries. The cost to join for Winchester is only \$250 a year. Cost is determined according to the libraries service area (population). Money from each library is pooled to buy e-books that the member libraries can borrow. Patrons can go online to: <http://alliance.lib.overdrive.com> and enter their library card number

and pin to download an e-book on Nook, Kindle, iPads, smart phone, etc. Patrons can call the library or go to overdrive.com for more information. Also available to download audiobooks.

If a book is not available at the time patrons can be put on a waiting list. The Alliance Digital Media Library is adding around 140 books a month so the library is being enlarged continually.

All fun and games for Coats family at Winchester Carnival



Submitted photo

Jackson Surratt, left, and Kenley Coats, right, ride high above the crowds at the Winchester Carnival a few weeks ago.



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Camree Coats, Kenley Coats and Jackson Surratt all ride down the slide during the Winchester Carnival recently.



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Camree Coats, left, and Kenley Coats, both of Bluffs ride one of the amusement rides at the Winchester Carnival recently.



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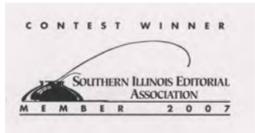
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"Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

- Thomas Jefferson, 1787



Timely Matters

✓ **The Winchester American Legion will have its Ham and Bean Dinner at the American Legion Post 442 in Winchester Monday, Aug. 16** from 4:30 to 7 p.m. It is an all-you-can-eat meal with applesauce, corn bread, coffee, tea and desserts. The cost is \$4. Dinners will be served on the third Monday of each month.

✓ **Looking for girls interested in participating in the 2010 Aley Junior Miss Homecoming festivities.** Girls between the ages of 10-13 are eligible to participate. Please call Stephanie at 217-883-0435 or Breanna at 217-370-5681.

✓ **The "Book Ends" unit of Scott County Homemaker Extension Association (HEA) has a change for their Aug. 2 meeting.** The book to be read for discussion is "Half Broke Horses" by Jeannette Walls; also, the meeting will be held

at the Winchester Public Library on North Main St. The book chosen for Sept. is "The Secret Life of Bees" – Author is Susan Kidd. All meetings are at 6:30 pm on the first Monday each month. The welcome mat is always out. Should you have questions feel free to call Phyllis Rhodes, unit chairman, (371-2007) or just come to the meeting.

✓ **The First National Bank of Winchester will hold free blood pressure screenings in their Winchester lobby from 12:30-2:30 p.m. every Thursday.** For more information please call the bank at 217-742-3134.

✓ **The Scott County Health Department will hold the monthly immunization clinic Thursday, Aug. 12 from 10-2 p.m. at the Health Department.** Kindergarten and Freshmen students have required immunizations for entrance

into school. There is a \$7.00 charge for each vaccination. If you have a Medical Card or Kid Care, you must bring the current one with you.

✓ **Seeking information on the Winchester Hotel.** We are asking anyone who can help provide any historical facts, year built, photo's, descendants of original owner (James Cheseldine) or memories of the early day's of the Winchester Hotel. Please call Mary at 217-652-8969 or email msbuilders.royer@yahoo.com.

✓ **Grace Baptist Church of Winchester hosting Vacation Bible School, children ages four through sixth grade on July 9 – July 13 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm.**

✓ **Amazing Wonders Aviation will be an event to remember! Come join us!**

✓ **All 7th and 8th grade Girls interested in Playing on the**

✓ **Winchester Jr. High softball team** there will be an informational meeting July 16th at 7 P.M. at the High School Auditorium. If you have any questions call Blayre Scott at 217-320-4051

✓ **Any Scott County girl age 15 to 19 interested in competing in the Aley Queen Pageant on August 4th.** Please call Rachel 473-8841 or Tonya at 320-0059 by July 13.

✓ **The Book Ends unit will meet the first Monday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Winchester Public Library.** Everyone is welcome to attend.

✓ **The First Christian Church Women's Group of Winchester will be having a pork chop sandwich cookout and bake sale Saturday, July 14 at S & L Foods Winchester 8:30 a.m. until sold out**

Petitions

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Transportation representatives don't understand just how vital the bridge is to the two communities. She said she remembers a fire where the Milton Fire Department had to have back up from the Winchester Fire Department.

"They both together as a great team fought that fire," Kurpaitis said. "Had they not been able to get here as fast as Winchester got here, if they had to go to I-72 and all the way around, where would Florence be?"

Kurpaitis said that she isn't putting a deadline on the petitions and she wants to get as many signatures as possible. She said she doesn't know when she will present it to IDOT, but she may present it at the next CAG meeting, depending on the date.

She also said she was upset because she felt IDOT wasn't acting professionally, as repairs have not started on the bridge. She said every day the bridge is closed is another day where those who depend on the bridge for business or transportation get more stressed.

"Everyone is on pins and needles here," Kurpaitis said. "Our future is in their hands."

Kurpaitis urges anyone who wants the Florence Bridge to be reopened and repaired to sign the petition. She also said she wants people to attend the next CAG meeting because she feels a larger presence will speak louder than she can.

"I'm just one person and I can't speak for everybody," Kurpaitis said.

Opinion

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No quick fix

The safety issues which forced the recent closure of the Florence Bridge over the Illinois River are serious. There is no quick fix in sight.

The future for motorists who usually travel this route remains up in the air – literally – while the Illinois Department of Transportation awaits a report back on how to begin repairs. In order to accommodate barge traffic, the bridge is in the "up" position while engineers analyze measurements and inspection reports.

While all this is going on, it's time for local residents to voice concerns and stress the importance of the river crossing.

The bridge is a conduit between many worlds. Businesses, casual drivers, schools, emergency services vehicles, people with jobs in different counties and so many others all rely on the bridge to safely and quickly get to a destination.

All of these concerns need to be heard and need to be discussed. Whether it comes from petitions being signed at area businesses or from the Citizens Advisory Group that IDOT will be meeting with in the next few weeks, the importance of the Florence Bridge must be emphasized.

Anyone who now has to reroute their paths because of the closure should join in the conversation. Anyone who has grumbled about the bridge being closed needs to speak up.

If all parties affected by the bridge closure bring their concerns to the table, it will give IDOT a serious argument in favor of preserving a river crossing at Florence. If those affected do not speak out, they will have no reason to be angry with IDOT's decision on the future of the Florence Bridge.

The waiting game is one that will test the patience of both Pike and Scott counties. Let's put that time to good use.



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WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

Maid Rite with catsup, mustard and pickles, three bean bake, carrot and raisin salad, tropical fruit, bun.

Cold supper No. 13.

THURSDAY, JULY 19

Liver and onions, whipped potatoes, corn, bananas in gelatin, whole wheat bread. Cold supper No. 14.

FRIDAY, JULY 20

Chef salad with turkey, ham and cheese, melon cup, Raisin Bran bread, crackers. Cold supper No. 15.

For diabetics, fruit is always available as a substitute for dessert. Milk provided

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