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HUNGER GROWING IN MACON COUNTY



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Millikin University student Yui Srichantamit shops for free food items at the Millikin Market food pantry in Decatur on Thursday, Aug. 6.

WSOY Food Drive returning to address rising food insecurity

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DECATUR — It's been less than a year since Millikin University opened the doors to the Millikin Market food pantry.

"We served over 400 unique students with over 2,400 campus visits to the market," said Lori Kernans, Vice President for Athletics and Community Engagement. "Those are students who are battling food insecurity."

Research has shown that nearly 40% of college students experience food insecurities at some time in their college career, Millikin University President Dean A. Pribbenow said. "And we're no different

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WSOY Community Food Drive opportunities

The WSOY Community Food Drive will be from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 2 at the Airport Plaza Kroger on Route 36, Decatur.

For opportunities to help before the event, including sponsorships, donations and volunteer responsibilities, visit the event's website, wsoyfooddrive.com.

DO SOMETHING GREAT LUNCHEON

Locals lauded for acts of service

Heart of Illinois
highlights volunteers

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MOUNT ZION — The recipients of the Robert and Bev Ketenbrink Community Commitment Award at the Do Something Great luncheon are the kind of volunteers that inspired the awards to begin with.

Bruce and Nancy Frey help out at Good Samaritan Inn, New Life Pregnancy Center and Vintage Church, and they exemplify service and generosity, Heart of Illinois Community Foundation vice chairman Duane Noland said as he announced the award at the Wednesday ceremony.

"Their generosity, compassion, and service wherever they're needed have impacted countless lives," Noland said.

Bruce Frey said he and his wife arrived at Good Samaritan for their usual volunteer shift a few weeks ago to be greeted with the news of the award by Good Samaritan's Andrea Cardinal, who read aloud the letter she wrote nominating them.

"We are abundantly blessed by our Lord," he said. "And we have an opportunity to be a blessing to others. We're very grateful."

The award comes with a \$1,000 donation to a charity of the recipients' choice.

The Do Something Great Awards,

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CONGRESS

Senate panel holds Fauci in contempt

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WASHINGTON — A Senate committee voted Thursday to hold Dr. Anthony Fauci in contempt of Congress after the former top U.S. infectious disease official refused to answer questions about his handling of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee approved a referral pushed by its Republican Chair Rand Paul of Kentucky, a longtime Fauci antagonist, on a party-line vote of 8-7. The vote followed a hearing last week where Fauci, who is 85 and retired in 2022, invoked the Fifth Amendment, the right to remain silent, more than 100 times.

The vote is the sharpest escalation yet in a broad Republican and Trump administration campaign to relitigate the pandemic and hold accountable the

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Rally objects to job, service cuts at Choate

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ANNA — Union leaders, law-makers and political candidates gathered alongside dozens of employees from the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center on Tuesday to rally against the state's plan to make dramatic cuts to staff and services at the downstate mental health facility.

One after another, they took the microphone on the back of a bright green pickup truck as signs and chants of "Save Choate" echoed through the streets of downtown Anna.

The Illinois Department of Human Services announced the changes in a July 23 letter to Choate staff. The three-year

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Dozens of Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center employees, union leaders and politicians flooded the streets of Anna on Tuesday to protest the Illinois Department of Human Services' plan to lay off 250 workers and significantly downsize the state-run mental health hospital.

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