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News Notes

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



This message was repeated many times at Monday's Veterans Day parade in Anna.

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Thank you, once again, to all of those who have served our nation.

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Thank you, also, to those who worked so hard to present the Veterans Day parade in Anna.

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The Union County Alliance of Churches is planning to host a community Thanksgiving service at 2 p.m. on Nov. 24 at historic Kornthal Church south of Jonesboro.

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Appreciation is being voiced to Rich Evans for the work he has done to enlarge the parking lot at Kornthal Church.

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Scouting for Food 2024's Bag Distribution Day is set for Nov. 16. Bag Collection Day, with donations of food, is Nov. 23.

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Cobden School's CYCA Food Drive continues through Nov. 19 at the junior-senior high school.

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The Union County Sheriff's Office is voicing heartfelt gratitude to First State Bank of Dongola for a $1,000 donation to the office's Santa Cop program. More than 20 children will benefit from the program.

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Lick Creek School honored veterans at a program held Friday, Nov. 8.

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The Union County CEO program's 2024 class business is a "Skate and Celebrate with CEO" event at Christmas in Downtown Anna, which is scheduled Saturday, Nov. 30.

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The City of Anna has announced a slate of activities which are planned for the Nov. 30 Christmas in Downtown Anna celebration. Nov. 30 also is Small Business Saturday.

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Union County Sheriff David Wilkins and Union County Sheriff's Office Deputy Jessica Bridges recently spoke about the dangers of drug use with Jonesboro Grade School 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.

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The Union County Ambulance Service is planning to acquire a new 2025 ambulance.

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Veterans Day parade held in Anna

A longstanding Veterans Day tradition continued this week in Union County.

This year's Veterans Day parade in Anna was held Monday, Nov. 11.

The parade stepped off at 11 a.m. in front of many hundreds of people who were lined up along the parade route, which included East Davie and South Main streets in the downtown Anna area.

The annual parade was once again hosted by Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna.

The theme for this year's parade is "Served Our Country, Serving Our Community."

The parade featured participants who are willing to show their patriotism and respect to veterans,

Businesses, organizations, clubs, groups, school bands and many others traditionally have participated in the parade.

Complimentary chili and hot dogs were served at the VFW post near Anna to parade participants immediately following the parade.

Ideal autumn weather with lots of sunshine and mild temperatures prevailed for this year's parade.



Parade begins...

An honor guard was followed by Union County area emergency services vehicles at the start of Monday's Veterans Day parade in Anna.

City of Anna offers leaf, limb pick up

The City of Anna plans to offer leaf and tree limb pick up during the week of Nov. 18.

The city shared on social media that leaves must be raked to the curb, but not in the street, and free from debris.

Limbs must be no larger than 4 inches in diameter and 36 long.

Those who would like leaves and/or limbs picked up can call Anna City Hall at 833-8528 to get on the list. Being on the list is necessary to have leaves picked up.



Special tribute by Elks Lodge

Members of the Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge once again presented a large American flag in the Veterans Day parade.

Girls take third at state

A-J cross country teams wrap up special season

The Anna-Jonesboro girls' and boys' cross country teams had an incredible run in the 2024 postseason.

The teams earned multiple individual and team championships and ended with the girls' team finishing third at state.

The A-J teams began their run of postseason success at regional competition. The achievements continued at the sectional and at state.

The Illinois High School Association Class 1A cross country regional was held in Metropolis on Saturday, Oct. 26, at Fort Massac State Park. Both the A-J boys' and girls' teams finished first, earning the title of regional champions.

With the title, the A-J girls' team had won a regional championship for the third year in a row, finishing first ahead of Vienna, Metropolis and McLeansboro.

The top seven finishing times for the race were all earned by A-J runners, led by sophomore Jadyn Gerardi with a time of 18:21.03.

She was followed by Aleah Box, 18:47.89, Melaina Bundren, 18:56.66, Kenzie Miller, 18:59.02, Zoe Jones, 19:24.25, Sophia Hill, 19:27.22, and Reese Jones, 19:58.87.

The A-J boys' team's first-place finish earned the squad regional championship honors for the second year in a row. A-J finished ahead of Metropolis, Vienna and Eldorado.

Four A-J runners finished in the top 10, including Tilman Dallas, who came in second with 16:17.40, Blake Abernathy in fifth with 16:41.80, Ryder Ottolini in seventh with 16:54.36 and Eli Laminack in 10th with 17:38.39.

A-J ran at the IHSA sectional, which was held Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Benton Community Park District in Benton.

The A-J girls' team again won first place, finishing ahead of Glen Carbon, Murphysboro and Pickneyville.

The victory marked the third year in a row that the Lady Wildcats were named sectional champions.

Jadyn Gerardi posted the best time for A-J, finishing in second place with a time of 17:24.00.

A-J had five other runners finish in the top 15, including Zoe Jones in eighth with 18:11.00, Aleah Box in 10th with 18:12.00, Raegan Jones

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Team participates in parade

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' cross country team participated in Monday's Veterans Day parade in Anna.

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A-J cross country

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in 11th with 18:18.70, Kinley Leek in 13th with 18:28.10 and Sophia Hill in 15th with 18:39.10.

The A-J boys' team finished in ninth place out of the 20 teams that entered.

Sophomore Tilman Dallas had the best finishing time for the Wildcats, taking 21st place with a time of 15:45.10

Following their achievements at sectional competition, A-J runners headed to state.

The 2024 IHSA Class 1A state cross country championships were held Saturday, Nov. 9, at Detweiller Park in Peoria.

The A-J girls' earned third-place honors at state. Thirty teams competed. A-J finished just six points behind state champion Williamsville and four points behind second-place Tolono.

Tilman Dallas from the A-J boys' team competed at the state tournament, finishing 154th out of 258 with a personal record time of 16:39.00

Jadyn Gerardi had the best time for the Lady Wildcats, finishing in 24th with a time of 17:54.50.

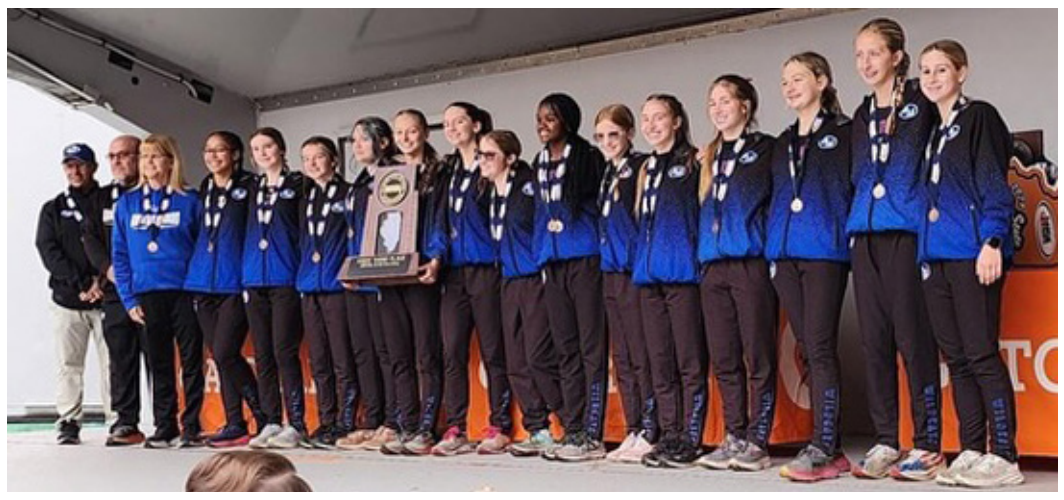
Aleah Box finished 39th with a time of 18:27.80. Melaina Bundren finished 52nd with 18:43.90. Raegan Jones finished 61st with 18:49.60. Zoe Jones finished 82nd with 19:03.80. Kinley Leek finished 103rd with 19:27.40.

Kenzie Miller finished 112th in the state with 19:35.40.

Matt Denny is the head coach of the A-J cross country teams. Beth Miller is the assistant coach.

The A-J runners were welcomed home with a police escort.

A reception to honor the teams was held Sunday afternoon, Nov. 10, in the Union Hall gymnasium at A-J.



Third at state

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' cross country team took third at state. Photo from A-JCHS social media.



Personal record

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Tilman Dallas had a personal record time at state. Photo from A-JCHS social media.

Illinois had a population of 55,211 in 1820.

News Notes

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A Nov. 7 U.S. Drought Monitor update showed that Union, Jackson, Williamson, Johnson, Massac, Pulaski and Alexander counties were experiencing abnormally dry conditions.

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Anna-Jonesboro Community High School is recognizing its Illinois State Scholars, including Ruby Yates, Cash Hodges and Chesnee Marks.

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A winter sports season Meet the Teams Night is set for 5 p.m. Nov. 16 in the Union Hall Gymnasium at A-JCHS.

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The Anna Junior High School boys basketball team is planning to present a youth day camp for boys and girls in grades 3 through 5 from 10 a.m. noon on Saturday, Nov. 16. The camp will be at the junior high school.

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Eighth grade students at Lick Creek School have been learning about energy concepts.

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Shawnee Community College automotive technology instructor Alex Copley recently completed Hybrid and Electric Vehicle Boot Camp at Weber University.

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Accredited healthcare programs at Shawnee Community will be highlighted at an open house which is set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the college's main campus near Ullin.

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Snake Road near Wolf Lake is scheduled to remain closed until Nov. 15 due to recent warm weather.

Weather

High 73, low 40; 1.61 inches of rain

Weather in the Union County area during the period of Nov. 5-11 was highlighted by rain and mild temperatures.

Precipitation during the period totalled 1.61 inches of rain.

Temperatures during the period ranged from a high of 73 degrees to a low of 40.

Following are highlights for the period as recorded by weather observer Dana Cross near Jonesboro:

Tuesday, Nov. 5: high 72, low 64. 1.14 inches of rain.

Wednesday, Nov. 6: high 71, low 56. 0.01 of an inch of rain.

Thursday, Nov. 7: high 63, low 44. 0.74 of an inch of rain.

Friday, Nov. 8: high 65, low 42.

Saturday, Nov. 9: high 61, low 52. 0.43 of an inch of rain.

Sunday, Nov. 10: high 73, low 50. 0.03 of an inch of rain.

Monday, Nov. 11: high 67, low 40.

Church offers free dinner for Thanksgiving

A Union County church once again is planning to offer a Thanksgiving dinner for members of the community.

The free dinner will be served by the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna.

Meals are scheduled to be delivered between 11 a.m. and noon on Thanksgiving Day, which is Thursday, Nov. 28.

Those who would like a dinner are asked to call 833-5225 to make a reservation by noon Friday, Nov. 22.

Donations are being accepted. Information is available by contacting the church.

PAST plans holiday luncheons

The PAST organization of Union County is accepting reservations for upcoming holiday luncheons.

The luncheons will be served as the PAST Heritage House, which is located at 102 S. Main St. in Jonesboro.

The theme for this year's luncheons is "It's a Peppermint World."

Luncheons are scheduled to be served at noon on Dec. 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13 and 14.

The menu will includde the PAST House salad, pork steak, hashbrown casserole, green beans, roll and a dessert of peppermint ice cream and cookies.

The cost this year is $25 per person. Doors are scheduled to open at 11:30 a.m.

To make a reservation, or for more information, call 618-697-1870 and leave a message or email hileman14@frontier.com by Nov. 30.

Laura Ingalls Wilder play set at library

Stinson Memorial Public Library in Anna plans to host a one-woman play presented by Laura Keyes of Historic Voices.

The presentation is planned from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, in the downstairs auditorium at the library.

The event is free and open to the public. The library is located at 409 S. Main St. in Anna.

The presentation, titled "Laura Ingalls Wilder's Christmas Memories," invites the audience to join author Laura Ingalls Wilder as she shares some of her fondest holiday memories and looks forward to making new memories with her family, husband Almanzo and daughter Rose.

City of Jonesboro
Annual Treasurer's Report
Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2024

REVENUE SUMMARY:
Corporate Tax - 94867; Licenses - 8110; Motor Fuel Tax - 68893; Cable & Phone Franchise - 2456; Permits - 75; State Income Tax - 260815; Replacement Tax - 11034; Sales Tax - 216205; Fines - 6827; Rent - 9583; Transfers - 68323; Interest Income - 28755; Donations -908; Miscellaneous - 80264; Foreign Fire Insurance Tax - 3447; Fire - 2308; Garbage - 142284; Utility Revenue - 1104114; ARPA Funds - 115672; Cemetery - 17815; State Gaming Revenue - 34564; Surplus Property Sales - 1625; PDDUI - 868; IEPA Loan Proceeds - 403689.
TOTAL REVENUES: $2,683,501
COMPENSATION SUMMARY:
Under $25,000.00: Ken Blandford, Ethan Bowen, Timothy Bowen, A. Keaton Busby, Greg Dillow, Benjamin Godinez, Christopher Gray, Steve Haldeman, Bart Hileman, Ethan Hileman-Bauer, Brett Smith, Jason Leek, Leni Lambdin, Joseph Hileman, Michael Hunter, Michael Stegle, Shelly Pender, Beverly Schaefer, Timothy Smith, Karen Hallam, Grant Capel, Carlos Gurley, Brandon Hunter, Julian Lopez, Justin Marks, Michael Penninger, Jeremy Pollard, Jonathan Schaefer, Kevin Tucker, Bryan Watkins, David Waun, Levi Jones, Lukas Menees, Christopher Adams, Logan Miller, Julio Olandes, Marsela Markovic, Jesse Vicente, Barbara Casper, Ethan Miller, Clayton Inman, Braden Freeman, Brian Calhoun.
$25,000.00 - $49,999.99: Jordan Dillow, MeKisha Hileman, Kenneth Quick, Douglas Meadows II, Cara Follis, Allen Mccommons.
$50,000.00-75,000.00: Michael Ellis, Billy Alsip, Raymond Groves, Bobby Hale, Brandi Boyd, Levi Moutria, Miles Alsip.
TOTAL COMPENSATION: $656,439
EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:
ACIX - 471205; AJ Water Commission - 204491; Ameren Illinois - 19499; Anna Quarries - 2592; Anna Tire & Auto Center - 5299; Applied Concept - 2627; A.S.H. Credit Union - 12400; Auto Tire & Parts - 2721; Beussink, Hickam & Kochel - 15265; Blue Cross Blue Shield - 76942; Bobcat of Marion - 4810; Cambridge Technologies - 2951; Casey's Business Mastercard - 5615; Cemetery Fund Transfer - 35000; City of Jonesboro - 6210; City of Jonesboro Clearing - 2120869; COE Equipment, Inc. - 3452; COJ Utility Deposit - 6894; CWI of Illinois #732 - 120441; EFTPS - 148246; COJ Gas Fund - 363; General Fund - 54623; Gilbert, Huffman Prosser, Hewson & BA - 12532; Gurley & Son Heating & Air - 4934; Illinois EPA - 4844; Illinois Dept. of Revenue Gas Tax - 7897; Illinois Dept. of Revenue Withholding Tax - 27924; IMCO Utility Supply Co. - 8971; IML Risk Management Associates - 51788; IMRF - 79448; Insurance Account - 13546; JSE Surplus - 5325; J.T. Blankenship - 27931; Jonesboro Fire Department - 47549; Local 318 B Card - 4024; Midwest Meter - 4198; Mike Frick - 4800; Miscellaneous Vendors - 82906; Operator Local 318 - 2662; Pace Analytics - 2680; Pitney Bowes - 6649; Ray O'Herron Co Inc. - 4823; Rusty's Home Center - 2991; Schlenker Plumbing - 4675; Taylor, Dodd & Wood - 12833; Utility Gas Management - 162291; Leigh Burns, County Treasurer - 13955; US Bank Equipment Finance - 3994; USDI - 109232; Terrance Walsh - 3345; Warden Electric Co. - 2591; Wright Bros., LLC - 7011 Jonesboro Water and Sewer Fund - 668. All other disbursements in amounts less than {$2500) - 74740.
TOTAL VENDORS: $4,126,272

	May 1, 2023 Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	April 30, 2024 Balance
01 Clearing Account	34,847.71	2,103,856.46	2,104,708.25	33,995.92
01 Corporate Account	190,868.55	885,853.18	882,426.49	194,295.24
01 Colorfest	2,892.01	1,500.00	2,175.00	2,217.01
01 Insurance Account	2,212.85	13,500.00	13,149.64	2,563.21
02 Cash - Police Fundd	9,214.89	2,705.09	0.00	11,919.98
02 Police Anti-Crime Account	1,524.04	0.00	0.00	1,524.04
02 PDDUI	3,973.39	867.50	0.00	4,840.89
02 Police E-Citation	476.80	20.00	0.00	496.80
01 DCEO	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
02 Vehicle Towing Impound Account	5,570.00	1,375.00	0.00	6,945.00
01 Investment CD	92,164.04	80,000.00	0.00	172,164.04
02 Police Investment CD	5,012.53	5,000.00	0.00	10,012.53
02 Police - Savings	1,151.99	1.16	0.00	1,153.15
City of Jonesboro Deposit Account -				
21 Gas/Wtr/Swr	85,953.24	13,400.00	1, 1,271, 1,27	88,078.24
21 Municipal Gas Revenue Account	184,595.99	550,004.46	579,161.27	155,439.18
21 Municipal Gas Investment CD	1,316,546.41	75,000.00	0.00	1,391,546.41
21 Cash Utility Direct Payment	1,015.42	0.00	0.00	1,015.42
Waterworks & Sewerage Revenue				
22 Account	174,875.85	642,015.43	641,667.61	175,223.67
22 Waterworks & Sewerage Investment	518,487.55	75,000.00	0.00	593,487.55
22 IEPA Loan	414,020.59	414,020.59	0.00	0.00
23 Cemetery Fund	8,346.00	62,305.83	67,307.37	3,344.46
23 Cemetery Savings Account	40,538.49	2,841.63	0.00	43,380.12
23 Cemetery Investment CD	50,580.11			50,580.11
24 Fire Fund Super Now Account	4,335.04	50,536.19	52,813.26	2,057.97
24 Fire Department Fund Raiser Account	3,350.94	505.13	617.12	3,238.95
24 Shop with a Fireman	9,523.01	3,820.21	3,163.02	10,180.20
24 Fire CD	10,037.66	5,000.00		15,037.66
25 City of Jonesboro Motor Fuel Tax Fund	192,847.56	75,256.07	69,307.66	198,795.97
26 Road District #13	131,870.75	9,450.88	0.00	141,321.63
27 ARPA Funds	185,613.96	0.00	185,613.96	0.00
Glady Halterman Fountain Trust - National City Bank, Cleveland, OH	4,792.42			4,792.42
Weiss -Anna State Bank	179,609.43			179,609.43
Helen Gearhart- First Bank of Murphysbor	2,000.00			2,000.00
D. Meisenheimer, Sowers, Mary Maslen, Glady Halterman - PNC	313,186.52			313,186.52

Subscribed and sworn to this 4th day of November 2024.

Shelly Pender, Treasurer

I, Brandi Boyd, Clerk of City of Jonesboro, Union County , Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2024.

Brandi Boyd, City Clerk

Salute to Veterans hosted by Shawnee Hills Arts Council

Editor's note: the following article and the accompanying photographs were shared by Lee Hackney with the Shawnee Hills Arts Council.

We all know a veteran...a family member, friend or coworker whose service to our country we greatly respect and appreciate.

Shawnee Hills Arts Council honored veterans and their spouses or guests, with a great meal and show, surrounded by other veterans. It was a grand way to say thank you to those who have made sacrifices on our behalf.

On Nov. 9, the evening started with Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 presenting the Colors and Madge Stevens singing "The Star-Spangled Banner." Then everyone said the Pledge of Allegiance.

"The patriotic spirit was seen in people's smiles. Everyone had a good time," said Edna Goddard.

In keeping with tradition, Tom Caldwell asked everyone to notice a small table set for one.

It was reserved to honor our Fallen Comrades in Arms. This symbolized that they are with us in spirit.

The table is round to show our everlasting concern for our missing men and women.

The items on the table consisted of a white tablecloth symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call to duty; a single red rose in the vase which reminds us of the life of the missing and their loved ones and friends; the vase is tied with a red ribbon to symbolize our continued determination to account for our missing; a slice of lemon on the bread plate is to remind us of the bitter fate of those captured, missing or who died in a foreign land; a pinch of salt symbolizes the tears endured by those missing and their families; the Bible represents the strength gained through faith to sustain those lost from our country, founded as one nation under God; the glass is inverted to symbolize their inability to share this evening's toast; the burning candle symbolizes everlasting hope of a reunion with the missing; and the empty chair represents the missing.

It was a tangible reminder to never forget the brave men and women who answered our nation's call and gave their lives to preserve our freedoms.

It is traditional for the oldest and youngest veterans to cut the cake. This year, Mark Halterman (57) and John Hutchinson (91) cut the cake. The cake was baked by Kroger. The food was blessed by Norm Bauer.

The dinner was catered by The Kitchen on Lafayette. Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Beta Club members Foster, Ethan and Amanda served the veterans and guests their meals and cleaned up.

Linda Lence remarked, "This is wonderful. The food is excellent and it is terrific to see everyone here."

Toe tapping and head swaying occurred as the entertainers took the stage. It was a great lineup of students from the Anderson Music Studio (Jonesboro) who were taught by Carla Anderson and Jessica Anderson. The performers were:

Charlie Cole on the piano played Ode to Joy, Whirling Leaves, Amazing Grace.

Claire Flamm on the piano played Homework, This Land is Your Land.

Ava Boreup sang God Helps the Outcast, Memory.

Emma Kohler on the piano played America the Beautiful, Festival of Marakesh.

Brian Thompson on the piano played Arabesque No. 1, Battle Hymn of the Republic

Madge Stevens sang You Raise Me Up, It's a Grand Night for Singing.

Macky Cohen shared, "The music program was extraordinary. I believe all that attended had a delightful time."

The evening ended with the raffling off of four gift cards. The winners were Chuck Connolly, Lisa Wells, Jane Bauer and Ted Caul.

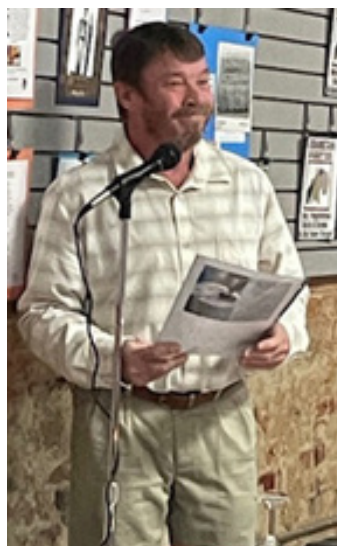
Billie Porter summarized the evening: "A perfect tribute to our veterans. Thanks to the arts center for all your work in making the night so good. The arts center is appreciated by Bill and I." Dr. Charles Halterman thanked Shawnee Hills Arts Council for hosting the event.

To the Veterans, Shawnee Hills Arts Council appreciates your service. It was a grand event.



Music studio students

Anderson Music Studio provided the entertainment at the Salute to Veterans event at the Shawnee Hills Arts Council. From left are instructor Jessica Anderson, Madge Stevens, Brian Thompson, Emma Kohler, Ava Boreup, Claire Flamm, Charlie Cole and instructor Carla Anderson. Nancy Gunn shared: "The children are very talented. It was wonderful." Photo provided.



Ceremony held

Tom Caldwell conducted a Missing Man Ceremony that was a tribute to honor honor Fallen Comrades in Arms at the Salute to Veterans event at the Shawnee Hills Arts Council. Photo provided.



Tradition continues

It is traditional at veterans' gatherings for the youngest and oldest veterans to cut the cake. John Hutchinson (91) and Mark Halterman (57) cut the cake at the Salute to Veterans event at the arts center. Photo provided.

Honoring Our Veterans



Troy S. Winters, U.S. Army – World War II, 7/28/41 – 12/15/45; Spearpoint Division, Forward Echelon; 3rd Armored Division – First Army; Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes & Central Europe; Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation Award, Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Medal & European Campaign Medal. Distinguished Award pinned on unit by General D.D. Eisenhower. (An incomplete version of this tribute appeared in this year's Veterans Section.)

'Beginnings of Shawnee National Forest' program planned at Vienna library

The Johnson County Historical and Genealogical Society is planning to host a presentation in Vienna about the history of the Shawnee National Forest in Southern Illinois.

The presentation is set for 2:30 p.m. Nov. 17 at the Vienna Public Library.

"The Beginnings of the Shawnee National Forest" will be presented by Heather Carey.

Carey is the Shawnee National Forest's heritage program manager/tribal liaison.

Carey has been a professional archaeologist working for the U.S. Forest Service/ Shawnee National Forest for the past 21 years.

She earned a bachelor of science degree in history preservation and a master of arts degree in anthropology.

She has worked at both pre-contact and historic period sites, is familiar with cultural resource laws and compliance, manages numerous archaeological collections and communicates archaeological information to others through interpretation and outreach.

Carey also is responsible for maintaining positive relationships and dialogue with 11 federally recognized tribal partners. She serves as president of the Illinois Chapter of the Trail of Tears Association.

"The Preaching Pen"

Heavenly Crowns (part 5) Luke 22:42

Pictures of golden jeweled headgear come to mind when one thinks of a crown. One of the saddest pictures in the Bible is in Matthew 27:29, "And when they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand." This mocking display symbolized how the world saw Jesus. For the obedient believer, the Bible speaks of a Heavenly Crown.

We learn from the scriptures that the Heavenly Crown is a crown rewarded for righteousness. Paul states in 2 Timothy 4:8, " Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing." This possession, the crown of righteousness, is a sign to all of our faithful obedience. I pause here to note: that crowns are symbolic of eternal life. If we want a crown we must show God our obedient faith, 1 Timothy 6:11.

We must resign ourselves from the world. We must set our minds upon "things above," Colossians 3:2. We must obey scripture such as Jude 20-21, "But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." The only way to gain access to Heaven is through obedience to God's word, Acts 20:32; nothing else will work.

Ryan Thornsberry,
Anna Church of Christ

Legion post Thanksgiving feast planned

American Legion Post 178 in Villa Ridge is planning to have its third annual Thanksgiving feast on Thursday, Nov. 21, at 6 p.m.

The meal will be served at the American Legion Post at 1853 Olmsted Rd.

Area veterans and their families are invited to attend. Meats and drinks will be provided. Those who come are asked to bring a dish to share.

Union County results reported from 2024 general election

Results from the Tuesday, Nov. 5, general election in Union County have been reported.

Union County Clerk Lance Meisenheimer reported that the election ran smoothly. The county clerk's office oversaw the election. The county clerk noted that his office registered a large number of new voters for this year's general election.

Voters cast ballots for five county offices in November. Union County voters also helped to decide the outcome of presidential, Congressional and state representative races.

Judicial retention and statewide advisory questions also were on the ballot.

County Offices

Union County offices on the ballot included circuit clerk, state's attorney, coroner, board of commissioners Seat A and board of commissioners Seat D. Both seats on the county board of commissioners are for terms of six years.

Incumbent county officeholders included circuit clerk Keri E. Clark, state's attorney Tyler E. Tripp, coroner Jon Shaffer, county commissioner (Seat A) Kent L. Pitts and county commissioner (Seat D) Max Miller. All of the incumbents were Republicans. The Democrats did not have any candidates seeking county offices in the election.

Vote totals for the county office candidates included:

Keri E. Clark, circuit clerk, 6,764.

Tyler E. Tripp, state's attorney, 6,734.

Jon Shaffer, coroner, 6,906.

Kent E. Pitts, county commissioner, Seat A, 6,690.

Max Miller, county commissioner, Seat D, 6,542.

Federal, State Offices

The ballot for president and vice president of the United States included Democrats Kamala D. Harris and Tim Walz and Republicans Donald J. Trump and JD Vance. Independent candidates Robert F. Kennedy and Nicole Shanahan appeared on the ballot. Kennedy had suspended his presidential campaign.

The following results were recorded in Union County:

Harris/Walz, 2,280.

Trump/Vance, 5,835.

Kennedy/Shanahan, 102.

A total of 44 write-in votes also were recorded.

In the race for representative in Congress from the 12th Congressional District in Illinois, Republican incumbent Mike Bost was challenged by Democrat Brian Roberts.

Bost received 6,077 votes in the county. Roberts received 2,110.

For representative in the Illinois General Assembly from the 118th Representative District, incumbent Republican Paul Jacobs was unopposed. Jacobs received 6,847 votes.

Judicial Retention

Voters also decided if the following First Judicial Circuit judges were to be retained in office:

John W. Sanders. Yes 5,706. No 1,445.

Carey C. Gill. Yes 5,721. No 1,438.

Amanda Byassee Gott. Yes 5,724. No 1,467.

Stephen R. Green. Yes 5,637. No 1,455.

Christy W. Solverson. Yes 5,666. No 1,478.

Cord Zachary Wittig. Yes 5,572. No 1,501.

Advisory Questions

Three statewide advisory questions were on the November ballot.

Voters decided Yes or No to each of the three following questions on the ballot:

Should any candidate appearing on the Illinois ballot for federal, State or local office be subject to civil penalties if the candidate interferes or attempts to interfere with an election worker's official duties? Yes 6,825. No 1,130.

Should the Illinois Constitution be amended to create an additional 3 percent tax on income greater than $1,000,000 for the purpose of dedicating funds raised to property tax relief? Yes 4,126. No 3,786.

Should all medically appropriate assisted reproductive treatments, including, but not limited to, in vitro fertilization, be covered by any health insurance plan in Illinois that provides coverage for pregnancy benefits, without limitation on the number of treatments? Yes 4,637. No 3,249.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
FOR UNION COUNTY AMBULANCE

Union County Ambulance is seeking sealed proposals from vendors capable of providing a new 2025 Type 1 Ambulance Unit to be built in accordance with KKK-A-1822 standards including change 8. A detailed copy of the RFP can be obtained by contacting Union County Ambulance Director Cody McMahan at 618-833-2871 during regular business hours.

Responses must be submitted to the Union County Clerk by 4:00PM on Monday, November 25, 2024 at the Union County Courthouse.

The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids received and to waive or not waive any informalities or irregularities in bids or bid procedures, and to accept or further negotiate costs, terms, or conditions of any bid determined by the County to be in the best interest of the County.

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Several member of Anna First Baptist Church gathered Saturday morning, Nov. 9, to pack 163 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child for Samaritan's Purse. From left are Barbara and Bob Hase, Jean and Dale Denny, Cissi Cuthbertson, Jerry Boyd, Joyce Plott, Shirley and Don Ray, Twilla Smith, Martha Ann Webb, Menda and Rod Cash, Marie Holan, Roger Plott, Brittany Lopez and Thomas Smith. Photographer Yadira Lopez.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Nov. 10, Pastor Perry Williams spoke in the morning service. His message addressed "heroes of faith, even in the face of death." Scripture was from 2nd Samuel in the Old Testament.

Hannah Nance was baptized during the Sunday morning service and welcomed into the church family.

The service was sent by transmitter station 87.9 for those who wanted to listen on the radio. The service was also live streamed on Facebook. The church's Facebook page, Jonesboro FBC, has videos and the latest information about possible closings.

Music director Dee Rose led worship. Debbie York played the piano. Connor Benbrook sang a special, "In Christ Alone."

Men's and women's Bible studies were scheduled at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11.

A churchwide Thanksgiving potluck meal is planned at 6 p.m. Nov. 15. Kendall Boysen is scheduled to be the guest speaker.

Birthdays: Carley Pearson, Nov. 11; Norma Conant, Nov. 12; Marion Hill, Sharon Morgan, Nov. 14; Bryan Bell, Nov. 15.

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

Youth meet from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The Dig-In program for children meets at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Adult prayer meeting and Bible study are scheduled on Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

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NOTICE

NOTICE OF SELF-STORAGE SALE: AJ Store & Lock located at 105 Quarry Rd. Anna IL 62906 intends to hold an on-sight auction of the goods stored in the following units in default for non-payment of rent. The in-person sale will occur on November 16, 2024 at 9:30 AM at the above location unless stated otherwise. The description of the contents of these units is household goods, furnishings and other personal belongings. Any part of this sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. A $100.00 per unit purchase deposit is required. Deposit will be returned after satisfactory broom swept clean out and inspection. For details, call owner at 618-833-3939.

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CEMETERY INFORMATION: Ground arrangements may be placed out starting November 1, 2024 and stay down until March 1, 2025. Remember no glass or Shepherd's Hooks and do not block the aisles. If you walk your dog, please clean up after it. The Cemetery is open from dawn till dusk. For questions, call the Anna City Garage at 833-7813. 48-49g

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT
UNION COUNTY
PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)
REQUEST OF:
Noblee Michelle Robbins
CASE NUMBER 24-MR-13

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from:
Noblee Michelle Robbins
to the new name of
Mabel Louise Kelley-Edwards
The court date will be held on January 8, 2025 at 11:00 am at 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, Union County.
in Courtroom #1
/s/ Noblee Michelle Robbins
Petitioner
8221-947813

STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT
UNION COUNTY
PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (Minor Children)
REQUEST OF:
Natalie Lynn Brown
CASE NUMBER 2024-MR-11

There will be a court date on a Request for Name Change (Minor Children) for this child:
Daultan Ryan Mixen
to the new name of
Daultan Ryan Stroehlein
The court date will be held on December 2, 2024 at 11:00 am at 309 West Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, Union County in Courtroom 01
/s/ Natalie Lynn Brown
Petitioner
8221-947671

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN W. SHEWMAKER, Deceased.
Case No. 2024PR21

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of John W. Shewmaker. Letters of Office were issued October 17, 2024, to Karen L. Bernhard, whose address is P.O. Box 641, Cobden, Illinois, 62920, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Casey L. Twomey, Sanders & Twomey, LLC, Attorneys at Law, 208 North Market Street, Suite B, Marion, Illinois, 62959.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's office, Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 7th day of May, 2025. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

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Karen L. Bernhard,
Independent Executor of the Estate of
John W. Shewmaker
Casey L. Twomey
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208 N. Market St., Ste. B
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NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois
SS
County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct of Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County,

Filed this 31st day of October, 2024, under the Assumed Name of Wolf Lake Electric, with the place of business located at 4695 N St Rt 3, Wolf Lake, IL 62998 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietors of said Business is:

Owners:
Adam M. Mahan
Address: 55 Rendleman Ave Wolf Lake. IL 62998
Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
8221-947733

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
OLIVIA BARKER; ANTHONY BARKER A/K/A ANTHONY S BARKER; ESTHER BARKER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
DEFENDANTS.
NO. 2024 FC 8
1355 ANNA NURSERY LANE COBDEN, IL 62920
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on September 18, 2024, will on December 11, 2024, in UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 309 W. MARKET, JONESBORO, IL 62952, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Union, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

PARCEL #1: PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION ONE (1), TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, 3rd P.M., ALL IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SE CORNER OF THE SW 1/4, SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 43' 01" E, 2700.88 FEET TO A SET 1/2" REBAR AT THE SE CORNER OF THE NW 1/4, FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE N 84 DEGREES 38' 00" W, 2659.99 FEET TO A FOUND STONE AT THE SW CORNER OF THE NW 1/4; THENCE N 01 DEGREES 14' 06" EAST, 1050.06 FEET TO A FOUND 3" PIPE AND STONE AT THE SW CORNER, NW 1/4 NW 1/4; THENCE S 68 DEGREES 29' 01" EAST 884.40 FEET TO A SET 1/2" REBAR; THENCE N 53 DEGREES 05' 37" EAST 340.12 FEET TO A SET 1/2" REBAR; THENCE SOUTH 52 DEGREES 24' 45" EAST, 1932.01 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 41.73 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED AND DEPICTED AS TRACT #2, IN A PLAT OF SURVEY MADE BY JAMES A. THOMPSON, #3195, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, ON JUNE 3, 1998, AND RECORDED AT BOOK 157, PAGES 903-905, ON JUNE 25, 1998, IN THE OFFICE OF RECORDER DEEDS, JONESBORO, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL #2: A 15' WIDE PERPETUAL, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR ROADWAY AND UTILITY PURPOSES, FOR THE BENEFIT OF PARCEL #1 DESCRIBED ABOVE THE CENTERLINE OF WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NE CORNER OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION (1); THENCE S 53 DEGREES 05' 37" W, 863.85 FEET; THENE S 51 DEGREES 21' 47" EAST, 7.74 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S 53 DEGREES 44' 23" W, 47.27 FEET; THENCE S 31 DEGREES 26' 14" W, 33.84 FEET; THENCE S 17 DEGREES 13' 44" W, 45.47 FEET; THENCE S 16, DEGREES 18' 48" W, 199.70 FEET; THENCE S 23 DEGREES 51' 05" W, 233.72 FEET; THENCE S 21 DEGREES 45' 24" W, 92.42 FEET; THENCE S 44 DEGREES 31' 24" W, 114.00 FEET; THENCE S 60 DEGREES 27' 30" W, 133.19 FEET; THENCE S 49 DEGREES 54' 07" W, 106.47 FEET; THENCE S 45 DEGREES 01' 36" W, 85.16 FEET TO THE TERMINAL POINT OF THIS EASEMENT, AS PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED AND DEPICTED AS TRACT #3, IN A PLAT OF SURVEY MADE BY JAMES A. THOMPSON, #3195, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ON JUNE 3, 1998, AND RECORDED AT BOOK 157, PAGES 903-905, ON JUNE 25, 1998, IN THE OFFICE OF RECORDER OF DEEDS, JONESBORO, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TAX NO. 08-01-05-679-A

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1355 Anna Nursery Lane
Cobden, IL 62920

Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a two car garage. The garage is attached. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is tan. The gas is off. The water is off. The property does not have a fence. The property is vacant.

The Judgment amount was $339,514.28.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

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

For Information: Visit our website at http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 24-18023IL

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

I3254455
8221-947521

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
UNION COUNTY - JONESBORO ILLINOIS

MidFirst Bank
Plaintiff,

vs.

Tia R. Jackson; The United States of America, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Timothy William Butterfield-Kocher

Defendants.
Case No. 2024FC7

202 1/2 West Market Street, Jonesboro, IL 62952

Judge Mark Boie

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on July 16, 2024, David Wilkins will on December 4, 2024, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Union County Sheriff's Office, Courthouse lobby at 309 West Market St., Jonesboro, IL 62952, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

That part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 12 South, Range 2 West of the Third Principal Meridian described as follows: Beginning at a ½" Iron Rod at the Southwest Corner of Lot #100 of John Grammer's Addition to the City of Jonesboro, as shown in Deed Book 3 at Page 439 of the Land Records of Union County, Illinois; thence N 00°00'00" E, along the West Line thereof, a distance of 80.00 feet to a point; thence S 88°11'43" W, a distance of 69.00 feet to a 1/2" Iron Rod; thence S 00°01'31" W, a distance of 77.83 feet to a 1/2" Iron Rod on the North Line of a public alley; thence S 90°00'00" E, along the North Line thereof, a distance of 69.00 feet to the point of beginning, in the City of Jonesboro, Union County, Illinois.

Commonly known as 202 1/2 West Market Street, Jonesboro, IL 62952

Parcel Number(s): 08-25-06-109-

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

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

For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, MDK Legal, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 24-005202.

Andrew K. Weiss
MDK LEGAL
Attorneys for Plaintiff
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8221-947494

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RUTHANNE YOUNG Deceased.
Case No. 2024PR20

NOTICE OF DEATH, INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION AND CLAIM DATE

Notice is given of the death of Ruthanne Young, of Jonesboro, Union County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on the 17th day of October 2024, to Steven C. Young, 75 Burchyett Ln., Jonesboro, IL 62952, as Executor, whose attorney is listed below.

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

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St, Jonesboro, IL 62952, or with the Executor on or before the 1st day of May 2025, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.

Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: the 28th day of October 2024.
Independent Executor:
Steven C. Young
75 Burchyett Ln.,
Jonesboro, IL 62952
Attorney for the Estate:
Bigler Law Office, LLC
John Bigler
407 E. Vienna St.
Anna, IL 62906
Office: (618) 833-4777
Fax: (618) 833-4770
8221-947629

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT
State of Illinois
SS
County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County.

Filed this 22nd day of October, 2024, under the Assumed Name of Chirping Bird with the place of business located at 460 McDuffee Ln., Anna, IL 62906 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Owner(s)
Holly Todd
460 McDuffee Ln.,
Anna, IL 62906
Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
8221-947476

REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
OLIVIA BARKER; ANTHONY BARKER A/K/A ANTHONY S BARKER; ESTHER BARKER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
DEFENDANTS.
NO. 2024 FC 8
1355 ANNA NURSERY LANE COBDEN, IL 62920
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on September 18, 2024, will on December 11, 2024, in UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 309 W. MARKET, JONESBORO, IL 62952, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Union, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 08-01-05-679-A

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1355 Anna Nursery Lane
Cobden, IL 62920

Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a two car garage. The garage is attached. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is tan. The gas is off. The water is off. The property does not have a fence. The property is vacant.

The Judgment amount was $339,514.28.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

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

For Information: Visit our website at http://il-foreclosuresales.mrpllc.com.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 24-18023IL

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
UNION COUNTY - JONESBORO ILLINOIS

MidFirst Bank
Plaintiff,

vs.

Tia R. Jackson; The United States of America, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Timothy William Butterfield-Kocher

Defendants.
Case No. 2024FC7

202 1/2 West Market Street, Jonesboro, IL 62952
Judge Mark Boie

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on July 16, 2024, David Wilkins will on December 4, 2024, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Union County Sheriff's Office, Courthouse lobby at 309 West Market St., Jonesboro, IL 62952, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 202 1/2 West Market Street, Jonesboro, IL 62952

Parcel Number(s): 08-25-06-109-

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

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For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, MDK Legal, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 24-005202.

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Anna VFW calendar of events

Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna has announced its schedule of events. The post is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna. The schedule includes:

The birthday of the United States Marine Corps was celebrated Nov. 10 in the canteen.

This year's Veterans Day parade was held Monday, Nov. 11.

A weekly corn hole tournament is planned each Thursday in November. Play begins at 6:30 p.m. A Queen of Hearts drawing is planned at 7 p.m.

Taco Tuesday is planned each Tuesday in November. Serving will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dress them however you like. Carry outs are available.

Star Karaoke is scheduled to be at the post from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Nov. 15.

A joint meeting of the post and auxiliary is planned at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 18. The auxiliary plans to have a business meeting at 6 p.m. The post plans to meet at 7 p.m.

The canteen is scheduled to be open from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 1 p.m. to 12 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Cobden Elementary School readers honored

Cobden Elementary School has recognized students who reached their goals in October for for the school-wide Accelerated Reading program. Students were required to read books and to take comprehension tests on the computer to achieve their points. Photos provided.



25 Point Club: in the first row are Roger Flores, Johnie Mason, Lexi Jackson and Lydia Wright. In the second row are Keegan Wilson, Grayson Johnson, Liam Hess, Iker Nava, Fernando Salas, Claire Flamm and Loralei Miller.



50 Point Club: Elvis Muniz.

Joseph Barefield born Oct. 2

Kelley Ann Barefield and Colby Daniel Barefield of Anna announce the birth of a son.

Joseph Daniel Barefield was born at 8:25 p.m. on Oct. 2, 2024, at Saint Francis Medical Center's Family Birth-Place in Cape Girardeau. He weighed 9 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 19 inches long. He has one sister.

Maternal grandmother is Patty Kelley of Anna.

Paternal grandparents are Alissa Yates of Gulf Breeze, Fla., and the late Joseph Barefield of Paducah, Ky.

River to River Trail Society hike planned

A River to River Trail Society public hike is planned Nov. 16 at Secret Canyon in Pope County.

The hike is free and open to the public. This will be a moderate loop hike approximately 4 miles in length, with three hours of hiking time.

The leader of the hike can be reached at 618-384-1321 for more information.

Hikers are asked to meet at 10 a.m. at New Liberty Blanchard Cemetery.

The trail society said the hike is intended for people in good health who have done some hiking.

Hiking sticks and boots or sturdy shoes are recommended. Hikers should bring their own water and snacks. Hikers are asked to not bring dogs.

More information, including driving instructions to the meeting area, can be found online at the River to River Trail Society's website at www.rivertorivertrail.net

SEC honors volleyball players, coach

The South Egyptian Conference has announced 2024 all-conference first team and second team high school volleyball players.

First team recognition went to:

Natalie Franklin, Cobden. Miley Roberts, Elverado. McKinley Miller, Agape.

Madison Jackson, Cobden. Bridget Elder, Elverado. Avery Stegle, Shawnee.

Players who earned second team honors included:

Miley Misner, Elverado. Hannah Sauerbraun, Century. Addilyn Clark, Shawnee.

Allie Sauerbraun, Century. Lila Hite, Meridian. Madison Neal, Egyptian.

Cobden High School's Olivia Schroder was named as coach of the year.

Diabetes awareness walk slated

Rural Health Inc. is planning to sponsor a community awareness walk for World Diabetes Day, which is Nov. 14.

At noon today, Rural Health Inc. employees, area agency representatives and members of the community plan to walk from Rural Health's Anna clinic parking lot at 513 N. Main St. to Anna-Jonesboro Community High School and back.

Community members are invited to take part in the walk. Those who join the walk are asked to wear blue.

Diabetic resources will be on site at the clinic beforehand as well.

More information is available by contacting Rural Health community outreach coordinator Chase Hileman at 618-833-4471, extension 1081.

4,844 entries received for stage flag design

The Illinois Flag Commission received 4,844 entries during the six-week submission period that closed Oct. 18, Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias announced.

The Illinois Flag Commission plans to meet before the end of the year to select the top 10 designs.

Beginning in January, the public will have the opportunity to vote online for one of 10 new designs, or one of the three former flag designs, including the current state flag, the 1918 Centennial Flag and the 1968 Sesquicentennial Flag.

After a public feedback period, the commission will report its findings to the Illinois General Assembly by April 1, 2025.

The members of the General Assembly will vote on whether to adopt a new flag, return to a previous iteration of the flag or retain the current flag.

Ranger station office hours extended

The Shawnee National Forest in Southern Illinois receives some of its highest numbers of visitors during the shotgun deer hunting season in Illinois.

The U.S. Forest Service has announced that in order to better serve the higher volume of visitors, office hours are being expanded at the Mississippi Bluffs Ranger Station in Jonesboro. The ranger station is located at 521 N. Main St.

The first firearm season in Illinois is set for Nov. 22-24. The second season is Dec. 5-8.

The ranger station is scheduled to be open to the public five days a week, Monday through Friday, Nov. 15-22 and Dec. 2-6, with regular business hours planned from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The station is scheduled to be closed daily from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Jonesboro Library calendar

Jonesboro Public Library has scheduled special events during November.

The library is located at 412 S. Main St. in Jonesboro. Regular hours are scheduled from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

The November schedule of events includes:

Every Tuesday: all ages, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Play and Learn. Educational activities combined with creative play.

Every Wednesday: 3:30 p.m. Teen Club for those 13 years of age to 18 years of age. Painting rocks and playing Crime Files games.

Every Thursday: Homework Hangout. 3:30 p.m. All ages welcome. Assistance provided. Snacks served.

Every Friday: Adult craft. 3:30 p.m. Ages 18 and older. The library hosts and "Altered Books" workshop.

Saturday, Nov. 16: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Dungeons and Dragons. Ages 16 and older. Beginners welcome. Pizza provided.

Saturday, Nov. 23: Story time. 2 p.m. All ages welcome. The story "The First Thanksgiving" will be paired with a craft and snack time.

Saturday, Nov. 30: Adult book club. 3:30 p.m. Ages 18 and older. The club is reading "Legends and Lattes" by Travis Baldree.

A-J Women's Club meeting held

GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club met Monday, Nov. 4, at Shawnee Community College's extension center in Anna.



In the first row are, from left, Lillian Milam, who was celebrating her 90th birthday, and gave a devotion from Psalms, Barbara Bauer and Macky Cohen. In the second row are Cherry Connolly and Martha Ann Webb. In the third row are Suzie Kessler, Marie Samuel, Lila Schley, Jean Few, Jane Bauer (president of the club) and Martha Schwegman.



Sherry Haddick, Mark Haddick and Diane Steele, representing the Anna VFW, were guest speakers at the meeting. They demonstrated how to fold the American flag and told the meaning of each fold. Mark Haddick also talked about his service to the country in Vietnam and Desert Storm. The club thanked each of them and all of the nation's service men and women. Photographer Martha Ann Webb.

Obituaries

Geneva Merryman



Geneva Merryman, 90, of Cape Girardeau, and formerly of Olive Branch, died Monday, Nov. 4, 2024, at the Missouri Veterans Home in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

She was born on June 10, 1934, in Dorena, Mo., the daughter of Hubert and Dot Latomandeer Merryman.

She was a proud discharged veteran of the United States Navy. She received her bachelor's degree in St. Louis, Mo., and worked as a telemarketer in the insurance field.

She grew up in Dorena, Mo. She was of Catholic faith and attended St. Patrick Catholic Church in Cairo at one time. She loved cooking and old television shows like "Gunsmoke."

Survivors include two sisters, Margie Williams and Annie Rice; nieces Carol (Joseph) Ramage, Shelly (Robert) Britt and Penny Rice; nephews Mike (Penny) Merryman, Keith Merryman, Steve Williams, Jeff Williams, Tony Rice, Ty (Sue) Garrett and Shannon (Marvaline) Garrett; and several other relatives, including great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her four sisters, LaVelle Van-Houten, Betty Pearson, Vernell Owens and Dorothy Garrett; and one brother, Willard Merryman.

Crain Funeral Home

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms, with the Rev. Buddy Walls officiating.

Interment followed the funeral services at East Prairie Memorial Park in East Prairie, Mo.

Memorials can be made to East Prairie Memorial Park.

To view the obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family, visit www.crainsonline.com.

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms was in charge of arrangements.

Jack Davie Sensmeier



Jack Davie Sensmeier, 80, died Monday, Nov. 4, 2024, at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Evansville, Ind., with his family by his side.

He was born on April 28, 1944, in Anna, the son of Clifton and Antoinette Sensmeier.

He married Martha Sensmeier on Dec. 31, 1999.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Sensmeier; son Scott Sensmeier; daughter Janet (David) Childers; grandchildren Grace (Cody Gwaltney) Schroeder, William Sensmeier, Olivia (Kyle Clover) Schroeder and Emma Sensmeier; sister Karen (Charles) Cutrell; step-children Shelly (Tom) Pearl and Mindy Keene; step-grandchildren Kamryn Glasco, Kacey Pearl, Princeton Keene and Paisley Keene; nephews, cousins, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and daughter Julie Christine Sensmeier.

He graduated from Cobden High School in 1962. He served his country as second lieutenant in the National Guard for many years.

He had a long career in construction, owning his own construction business. Alongside his construction business, he also owned a lumberyard and farmed beef cattle.

He enjoyed spending time outdoors. After retiring, if he wasn't found outside working in his yard, you could find him in his shed working on various woodworking projects or having coffee each morning with his gang at Kiki's.

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Homes

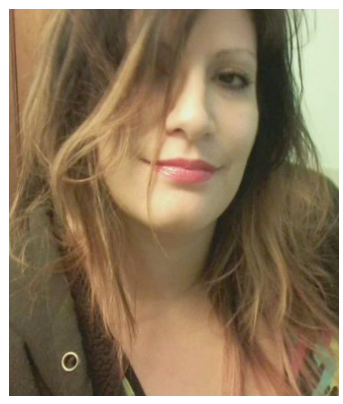
He loved to travel and he and his wife Martha went many miles on motorcycle rides or enjoying time during the winter months in Florida.

For years, he was a member of the Cobden Lions Club, A-J Elks Lodge 1641 and the Cobden Presbyterian Church.

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

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

Katheryn Ann Kerr



Katheryn Ann Kerr, 47, of Elco, died Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024 at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville, Ind.

She was born on Nov. 14, 1976, the daughter of Franklin and Loretta Davis Kerr.

She enjoyed arts and crafts and listening to her favorite music.

She is survived by her daughters, Azure Givans and Keshia Horton; sons Shuyler Kerr and Kadyn Smathers; sister Mary Kerr; and grandmother Cassie Kerr.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

No services will be held. The cremation of Katheryn Ann Kerr has been personally handled by the staff of Crain Funeral Home.

Crain Funeral Home

To view the obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family, visit www.crainsonline.com.

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms was in charge of arrangements.

View Obituaries Online at
annanews.com

Tim Bundren



Tim Bundren, 69, of Dongola, died Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024, at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Ky.

He was born on March 7, 1955, in Avon, Ill., the son of Hobert Lavern and Eris Janet Krahl Bundren.

He was married to Beth Hoehner Bundren and she survives.

Mr. Bundren worked at several places, including Caterpillar and Console and for American Coal Company. He retired from J&L Robinson Construction Company. He was a member of the Local 318 Union Hall for 32 years. He was a member of United Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; sons Chris Bundren, Brandon (Rauleana) Bundren and Justin (Danielle) Bundren; stepsons Ryan (Cassie) Miller and Ethan Miller; step-daughter Cyndi (Alex) Sellars; brothers Clyde Bundren, Marvin Bundren, Danny Bundren, Steven Bundren and Davie Bundren; and numerous grandchildren.

Crain Funeral Home

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Donna.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola, with Wes Johnson officiating.

Interment followed the funeral service at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Dongola.

To view the obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family, visit www.crainsonline.com.

Crain Funeral Home in Dongola was in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy Pauline (Strickland) Fleener



Dorothy Pauline (Strickland) Fleener passed away at her home in Cobden at the age of 74.

She was the daughter of Mearl (Garwood) Morales and Bud Strickland, born April 24, 1950, in Brownwood, Texas.

She married Larry Fleener on April 20, 1978, in Leavenworth, Kan.

She is survived by her sister, Patricia (Strickland) Christoper and her husband John Christopher of Guthrie, Okla., her sister Mildred Strickland of The Colony, Texas; as well as by her daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Jeremy Fuller; and the two faces that brought her the most joy, her grandchildren Rebecca and Nathan Fuller, who live in Millstadt.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Robert Strickland of El Paso, Texas, and twin infant brothers.

We know she will be reunited with them all and is especially glad to hug her Mom again through heavens's gates.

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Homes

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Randy Wright officiating. Interment immediately followed in the Anna Cemetery. Memorials can be made to Bethany Village in Anna.

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

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna was in charge of arrangements.

County Line News

(Mill Creek and Upper Elco) **By Suzan Harvel**

Moderately Slow Week...

It's been a moderately slow week. We've been blessed with rain and that's lifted the no-burn bans in a lot of areas. We are out of the drought though, so we appreciate every drop.

The weirdness of the weather is still enjoyable to me. We have azaleas blooming at the church and wisteria blooming in the back yard. I've even noticed trees budding out again.

With that "return to spring" notion, there seems to be a new crud going around. Several people at church have been laid up with it. Church was cancelled Wednesday night for that reason, too.

I'm not complaining about the milder temperatures, but it does make me a bit leery of what winter is stockpiling for us.

Deer Hunting

With the mild weather, deer hunting is in full swing and many folks are posting their bounty.

Congratulations...I think. I don't eat wild game because it tastes like, well, wild game. Everyone says they can fix it where it doesn't... sorry, but I've been suckered into that too many times to fall for it anymore. The same goes for fish…it tastes fishy, so I don't eat it.

My youngest daughter has also ruined any chances of me trying new beverages either. It's like of like hairdos…I'll stick with what I know works for me.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Mill Creek Baptist Church plans to host a community Thanksgiving dinner at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20. The traditional meal is open to all and we are suspending regular services for that meal. Please join us.

Mill Creek Baptist Church

Brother Bobby Richardson finished his sermons on the Book of Jonah this Sunday.

As mentioned last week, chapter 4 is where Jonah reveals his jealousy against Nineveh's salvation. Jonah was happy enough when he personally was blessed.

Brother Bob reminded us that we need to remember to love all of God's work, even when it doesn't benefit us.

Prayer List

Those added to the prayer list are the family of Frank Bowman, who passed away; Glenda and Jim Morrow, who have been ill; Lula Belle Tripp, who is having her second eye surgery this week; Barbara Layman, who is undergoing health issues and possible surgery; and Harold Richardson, who has been feeling ill.

We are thankful that Brother Bobby and Melody Richardson are feeling better.

News from

Anna First Baptist Church

Anna First Baptist Church met for worship on Sunday, Nov. 10, after Sunday School.

Pastor Lupe greeted everyone in the sanctuary and those joining on the church's live stream. He opened the service with prayer.

Announcements were read. Prayer was said over the prayer list.

Marie Holan did the call to worship, which was about the "Priesthood of the Believer."

The worship team led in the singing of "The Old Rugged Cross," "Living Hope" and "Graves Into Gardens."

Pastor Lupe's sermon was titled "Taking for Granted." Scripture was from 1 Thessalonians and Proverbs.

The sermon shared that "taking God's blessings for granted can lead to a hardened heart, where gratitude fades and entitlement takes root.

"When we overlook God's provision, we risk forgetting His role in our lives, becoming spiritually distant and self-reliant.

"This lack of appreciation can cause us to lose sight of God's grace, diminishing our sense of purpose and gratitude.

"Ultimately, taking blessing for granted distances us from God, making it harder to recognize His love, guidance and presence in our lives."

Sunday School for all ages meets at 9 a.m. each Sunday morning.

The church's worship service starts at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday. Children's church is offered for the younger age group.

The church has a youth program which meets at 6 p.m. each Wednesday. The church has a prayer time at 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

The church has a bus which runs for all of its programs and services. Information is available by calling the church's office during the day.

First Baptist Church is located at 409 Morgan St. in Anna. Office hours are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The church's phone number is 833-5416. The church's website is www.annafirst.org.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A morning worship service was held Sunday, Nov. 10.

Announcements were given by Jessica Elkins. Music was led by Pastor Randy Wright and the worship team.

A message titled "I am a Soldier" was brought by Pastor Wright. Scripture was from 2 Timothy and 1 Chronicles.

The pastor brought a message from scriptures in 1 John and Matthew at the Sunday evening service.

Birthdays: Meranda Wright, Nov. 12; Scoty Thompson, Nov. 13.

The church's sympathy and prayers are extended to Jennifer, Jeremy, Rebecca and Nathan Fuller in the loss of their loved one, Dorothy Fleener, on Nov. 3. Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Randy Wright officiating.

Thursday, Nov. 14

NDI board meeting at 6 p.m. Church board meeting at 7 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 17

Breakfast, 9 a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Morning service, 10:35 a.m. Missionary service/poverty dinner, 6 p.m. No need to bring food.

Wednesday, Nov. 20

A Wednesday night service is planned at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. A youth group meeting is planned at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

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.

Union County Fixin's

By Suzan Harvel

White Chocolate Melt-Aways

No idea who gave it to me, but it's a good one for the holidays

1 cup unsalted butter, at room temperature

1 egg

3/4 cup confectioners' sugar

2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour

Pinch of salt

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

12 ounces white baking chocolate, chopped (or white melting disks)

2/3 cup assorted nonpareils or decorating candies, if desired

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Beat butter in medium-size bowl until creamy. Beat in egg. Add sugar, flour, salt and vanilla. On low speed, beat until well blended.

Put dough into a cookie press, fitted with 1-inch sawtooth ribbon disk. Press into long strips on ungreased baking sheet. With floured knife, score strips every 2 inches.

Bake for 6 minutes, until just browned at edges. Cut cookies at score line; cool on rack in pan.

Melt chocolate in small heat proof cup over simmering water; or microwave for 2 minutes on high. Stir until smooth.

Spread 1/2 teaspoon melted chocolate on underside of cookie; top with another cookie, flat sides together. Repeat with remaining cookies.

Refrigerate 5 minutes to set. Place nonpareils in dish. Dip 1/2 inch of end of cookie in remaining chocolate (reheat if needed), then into nonpareils. Place on waxed paper and refrigerate to set.

Legislator grateful for support

Southern Illinois' representative in Congress won reelection by a wide margin in the Nov. 5 general election.

U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill., represents Illinois' 12th Congressional District. Union County is in the district.

Bost released the following statement regarding his general election victory:

"The polls are closed and I am thrilled to announce we have won our race by a wide margin!

"This election was about standing up for our shared conservative values with a message that resonated in every corner of our district. Southern Illinoisans will continue to form a unified front in the fight for our families and ensure that our constitutional rights are protected.

"Tracy and I cannot thank you enough for all of the support. It is the honor of a lifetime to be your conservative fighter in Washington, D.C."

Turkey bingo planned at Cobden church

Turkey bingo is planned Wednesday evening, Nov. 20, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden.

Games will be played in the church's parish hall. The church is located at 101 N. Centennial St.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo starts at 6 p.m. Twenty-five games will be played. Cards are $7 each, two for $12 or five for $30.

Complimentary desserts will be served during intermission.

Shawnee Hills Arts Council to host upcoming events

Shawnee Hills Arts Council, SHAC, is planning to host several upcoming events.

The arts council is located in the 100 block of West Davie St. in Anna.

For more information about the events, contact Lee Hackney with the Shawnee Hills Arts Council by calling 904-625-1109 or email:vabchlee@gmail.com.

Here's a look at the schedule:

Paint a Wooden Nativity Scene

The community is invited to come and paint a wooden Nativity scene to take home for Christmas.

The activity is set for 6 p.m. Nov. 14 and 10 a.m. Nov. 16.

The cost is $15 for the Nativity set and paint supplies. Only 15 sets are available.

Those who want to attend are asked to RSVP by contacting Lee Hackney.

Music Recital

"Summertime: A Recital of Music by British and American Composers for Cello and Piano" is set for 2 p.m. Nov. 17.

The recital will be performed by Dr. Sara Edgerton on cello and Paul Thompson on piano.

The program will feature piecesd by such composers as George Gershwin, Edward Elgar and Paul McCartney.

Edgerton is retired from teaching at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau. She has performed throughout the United States and in Europe and China. Thompson, her husband, is a music instructor at Southeast Missouri State University. He has performed in the United States, England and China.

Ticket prices are $10; $5 for students and those ages 12 and under.

Short Story/Poetry Night

A Short Story/Poetry Night and pizza event is set for 6 p.m. Nov. 18.

Tom Caldwell will lead a discussion about "The Most Dangerous Game" by Richard Connell.

The story is available online at https://www.btboces.org/Downloads/1_The%20Most%20Dangerous%20Game%20by%20Richard%20Connell.pdf.

Those who want to attend are asked to RSVP by calling or texting Caldwell by Nov. 17 at 1-217-994-3449.

History of Illini topic of program

A presentation titled "The Illini in Southern Illinois" is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, today, in Carbondale.

The program is being presented by the Sierra Club's Shawnee Group.

Regional historian Kay Ripplemeyer-Tippy will present the program at the Carbondale Township meeting room.

The meeting room is located at 217 E. Main St. in Carbondale. Entrance is through the back from the Monroe Street parking lot.

The program will focus mostly on the 1700-1800 time period. The time was marked by the final decline of all Native American tribes still in the Illinois Country, as well as the American Revolution and the Northwest Ordinance.

The speaker will draw on accounts of the Illini's extensive marital relationships with the French in the Illinois Country.

Ripplemeyer-Tippy's ancestor, Michel Danis, a French-Canadian and Illlini Indian man, was an interpreter between the Illini and the French.

Television Listings

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Sports	Bang (HD)	(4:00) College Basketball (HD)	(5:25) "Movie"	My Brilliant Friend	★★★ "The Giver" ('14)	(5:55) "3:10 to Yuma" ('07) Russell Crowe. (R)
:30			Local		TBA	Bang (HD)					
7 PM	9-1-1 *"Hotshots"* (HD)	Marriage	Hell's Kitchen (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	To Be Announced *Info unavailable.*	Bang (HD)		Big City	Franchise	"Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit"	
:30		Ghosts				Bang (HD)		Big City	Somewhere		
8 PM	Doctor Odyssey (HD)	(:01) Matlock (HD)	Crime Scene Kitchen	Law & Order: SVU		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	The Penguin	"The Hole in the Ground" ('19)	"The Dead Don't Hurt" ('24) Vicky Krieps. (R)
:30						Bang (HD)		TBA			
9 PM	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	Elsbeth (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*	Organized Crime (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Kiff	(:11) ★★★ "Dune: Part Two" ('24, Science Fiction) Timothée Chalamet.		
:30						Bang (HD)		TBA			
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	"Coach Carter" ('05) Samuel L. Jackson. (HD)	Law & Order: SVU *Sex crimes.* (HD)	Wizards		"Under the Silver Lake" Andrew Garfield. (R)	(:10) "Shooter" ('07, Thriller) Mark Wahlberg.
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)				Wizards			
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (HD)			Wizards			
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night				Wizards			

THURSDAY

7:00pm

MAX Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit ★★½ (2014, Action) Chris Pine, Kevin Costner. A young, covert C.I.A. analyst takes a turn as a spy in an increasingly breakneck mission when he uncovers a Russian plot to destroy the American economy. PG-13

8:00pm

ABC Doctor Odyssey "Oh, Daddy!" The crew aboard The Odyssey prepares for Gay Week; Max, Avery and Tristan deal with issues surrounding their relationships; Captain Massey's brother arrives. TV14 (HD)

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	To Be Announced *Info unavailable.*	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	(5:57) "Trap" ('24) Josh Hartnett.	"The A-Team" ('10)	"Good Will Hunting" ('98) Robin Williams. (R)
:30						Bang (HD)		Big City			
7 PM	Shark Tank (HD)	S.W.A.T. (HD)	Rescue: HI-Surf (HD)	Night (HD)		★★★★ "Thor: Ragnarok" ('17) Chris Hemsworth. (HD)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (HD)	"Movie"		"Homefront" ('13) Jason Statham.	
:30				Night (HD)					(:45) The Penguin *"Little Thing"*		★★★★ "Saving Private Ryan" ('98, Drama) Tom Hanks. (R) (HD)
8 PM	(:01) 20/20 *Investigative news.* (HD)	Fire Country (HD)	College Football *UCLA Bruins at Washington Huskies from Husky Stadium* (Live)	Dateline NBC *Investigative news.*			Law & Order: SVU	Primos		(:41) "Outlaws" ('19) Ryan Corr.	
:30		Blue Bloods (HD)			TBA			Primos	Real Time with (HD)		
9 PM					To Be Announced *Info unavailable.*	(:36) "Black Adam" ('22, Action) Dwayne Johnson. (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Primos	FL Man	"Quarantine" Jennifer Carpenter.	
:30								Chibiverse	Real Time with (HD)		
10 PM	Local	Local		Local			Law & Order: SVU	Big City			"True Grit" ('10) (HD)
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)				Big City	FL Man	"Daughter"	
11 PM											
:30	Nightline	Midnight	Local	Late Night							

FRIDAY

7:00pm

TBS Thor: Ragnarok ★★★★ (2017, Adventure) Chris Hemsworth, Tom Hiddleston. While Thor is held captive, he is forced into in a gladiatorial competition against Hulk and must prevent Asgardian civilization from being destroyed by Hela. PG-13 TV14 (HD)

8:00pm

PARSHO Saving Private Ryan ★★★★ (1998, Drama) Tom Hanks, Matt Damon. A squad of soldiers risk their lives to locate a private whose brothers were killed in combat so that he can return home as the last surviving son. R (HD)

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Scoreboard	Postgame	Coll. Ftbl	Big Ten	To Be Announced *Info unavailable.*	Year Without Santa	(3:30) IMSA WeatherTech Sports Car Championship (HD)	(5:15) "Movie"	(4:50) "Her" ('14) (HD)	"Renegades" ('18)	"Man Stand." ('96) (R)
:30	(:37) College Football *"Teams TBA"* (Live) (HD)	Local	Extra (HD)	College Football *"Teams TBA"* (Live) (HD)							
7 PM		To Be Announced	College Football *"Teams TBA"* (Live) (HD)			"The Wizard of Oz" ('39) Judy Garland. (HD)		"Movie"	★★★ "Dune: Part Two" ('24) Timothée Chalamet. (PG-13)	"Criminal" ('16, Crime) Kevin Costner. (HD)	★★★½ "Looper" ('12, Action) Bruce Willis. (HD)
:30		48 Hours (HD)						(:45) Kiff			
8 PM											
:30											
9 PM		48 Hours (HD)			(:15) To Be Announced *Info unavailable.*	(:15) "The Polar Express" ('04) Tom Hanks.	9-1-1 (HD)	(:10) Kiff		(:54) "Parasite" ('19, Drama) Song Kang-ho.	★★★½ "The Wolf of Wall Street" ('13, Crime) Leonardo DiCaprio. (HD)
:30								(:35) Kiff	(:48) The Penguin *"Little Thing"*		
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs *Local info.*	The Floor (HD)	Local			9-1-1 (HD)	Kiff			
:30				Saturday Night Live (HD)				Kiff			
11 PM	Local Programs					★★½ "Fred Claus" ('07)	9-1-1 (HD)	Big City	Franchise	"The Art of Self" ('19)	
:30			Local					Big City	FL Man		

SATURDAY

7:00pm

TBS The Wizard of Oz ★★★½ (1939, Fantasy) Judy Garland, Frank Morgan. When a tornado tears through a small farm in Kansas, a cheerful girl and her dog are transported into a colorful world of magic and mystery. NR TV G (HD)

8:54pm

MAX Parasite ★★★★ (2019, Drama) Song Kang-ho, Lee Sun-Kyun. Chaos erupts between a street-smart family and a wealthy family when a parasitic interloper jeopardizes their symbiotic relationship. R (HD)

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Home Videos (HD)	NFL (Live)	Burgers	Football America (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	★★ "Office Party" ('16)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	"Dune: Part Two" ('24) Timothée Chalamet.	(5:04) "Ted 2" ('15) (R)	"GoodFellas" ('90)
:30		60 Minutes (HD)	Krapopolis					Big City			
7 PM	(:01) "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny" ('23) Harrison Ford.		Simpsons	(:15) Sunday Night Football *Cincinnati Bengals at Los Angeles Chargers (Live) (HD)*	Sports	★★★ "Elf" ('03, Holiday) Will Ferrell. (PG) (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	★★★ "Ice Age" ('02) Ray Romano.		"50/50" Joseph Gordon-Levitt. (R)	Special Ops: Lioness
:30			Universal		Football Scoreboard						
8 PM		Tracker *"Trust Fall"*	Burgers		30 for 30 *"Stolen Gold"* (HD)		Law & Order: SVU	Wizards	Dune: Prophecy		Dexter *"Resistance"*
:30			Krapopolis								
9 PM		The Equalizer (HD)	Local Programs			★★★ "Elf" ('03, Holiday) Will Ferrell. (PG) (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Wizards	Franchise	(:41) "Inherent Vice" ('14, Crime) Joaquin Phoenix. (HD)	Dexter (HD)
:30								ZOMBIES	Somewhere		
10 PM	Local Programs *Local info.*	Local Programs	Local Programs		Sports		Law & Order: SVU	ZOMBIES	Last Week		★★★½ "Scream VI" ('23) Melissa Barrera. (HD)
:30				Local Programs *Local info.*	SportsCenter with Scott (HD)			ZOMBIES	(:50) Dune: Prophecy		
11 PM		Local Programs	Local Programs			"Four Christmases"	Law & Order: SVU	Big City		"The Revenant" ('16)	
:30								Big City			

SUNDAY

7:00pm

TBS Elf ★★★ (2003, Holiday) Will Ferrell, James Caan. A man raised by elves at the North Pole is sent to New York to find his father, who is on Santa's naughty list for being heartless. PG TVPG (HD)

8:00pm

FOX Bob's Burgers "Colon-ly the Dronely" Linda is forced to takes Teddy to pick up Kathleen from her colonoscopy; the kids plan an elaborate prank when the school sets up a filming drone. TVPG (HD)

MONDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	To Be Announced	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Wonderful	"Unstoppable" ('10)	★★★ "Forgetting" ('08)	(5:00) ★★★½ "Heat" ('95, Crime) Al Pacino. (HD)
:30						Bang (HD)		Big City			
7 PM	(:15) Monday Football *Houston Texans at Dallas Cowboys* (Live)	Neighbor.	9-1-1: Lone Star	The Voice *Hopefuls coached.* (HD)	(:15) To Be Announced *Info unavailable.*	Bang (HD)	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Primos	Dune: Prophecy	"Date and Switch" Quinn Lord.	
:30		Poppa's				Bang (HD)		Primos			
8 PM		NCIS *"Heartless"* (HD)	Rescue: HI-Surf (HD)			Bang (HD)		Wizards	Franchise		Special
:30						Bang (HD)		Wizards	(:40) Dune: Prophecy	(:32) "Dicks: The Musical" ('23)	(:45) Killing Eve (HD)
9 PM		Neighbor.	Local Programs *Local info.*	Brilliant Minds (HD)		Dad (HD)		Jessie			
:30		Making of				Dad (HD)		Jessie	Somewhere		"The Dead Don't Hurt" ('24) Vicky Krieps. (R)
10 PM	(:15) Local	Local		Local	(:15) TBA	Dad (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Kiff	(:20) Dune: Prophecy	(:59) "Sisters" ('15, Comedy) Tina Fey. (HD)	
:30	(:50) Jimmy Kimmel Live (HD)	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD)		Kiff			
11 PM			Local Programs			Dad (HD)	Race *Alaska race.*	Bluey			
:30		Midnight		Late Night	Sports	Dad (HD)		Bluey	FL Man		"Zack Miri"

MONDAY

7:00pm

CBS The Neighborhood "Welcome to the Neighborhood, Daphne" Marty and Courtney bring their new baby back from the hospital, where Calvin is surprised to learn that Marty plans to take paternity leave. TVPG (HD)

8:45pm

PARSHO Killing Eve "Sorry Baby" When intelligence suggests a mole's existence, Eve goes on her first surveillance operation; Villanelle is sent to England to eliminate an intelligence officer. TV14 (HD)

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	CFP Rankings Show	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	★★½ "The Three Musketeers" Logan Lerman.	★★ "I, Frankenstein"	"Gladiator" ('00) (HD)
:30						Bang (HD)		Big City			
7 PM	Dancing with the Stars *"Semi-Finals"* (HD)	FBI *Protect America.*	Murder Small	Medical	To Be Announced *Info unavailable.*	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City		★★ "Hitman: Agent 47" ('15) (HD)	Bad Behaviour (HD)
:30				Night (HD)		Bang (HD)		Big City			
8 PM		FBI: International	Accused (HD)	The Voice (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Night Is Not Eternal	(:37) ★★½ "Under the Silver Lake" ('19) Andrew Garfield.	
:30						Bang (HD)		Big City			
9 PM	(:01) High Potential	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs *Local info.*	Defying Gravity: The		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Hamster			"The Divergent Series: Allegiant" ('16) (HD)
:30						Bang (HD)		Hamster	Franchise		
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Family	Law & Order: SVU	Raven Home	(:06) Night Is Not Eternal		
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)		Family		Raven Home			
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (HD)	Family	Law & Order: SVU	ZOMBIES		(:57) "Free Fire" ('17)	"Set It Off" ('96) (HD)
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night		Family		ZOMBIES	Somewhere		

TUESDAY

7:00pm

PARSHO Bad Behaviour After bumping into a former classmate, a struggling writer feels haunted by the distressing memories of the year she spent enrolled at a boarding school. (HD)

8:37pm

MAX Under the Silver Lake ★★½ (2019, Mystery) Andrew Garfield, Riley Keough. When a man meets a mysterious woman in his apartment's swimming pool, he embarks on a journey to discover the truth behind her disappearance. R

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	TBA	Bang (HD)	SVU (HD)	Big City	"Janet Plan"	"The Lobster" ('15)	(4:50) "Shooter" ('07)
:30					(:43) To Be Announced *Info unavailable.*	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	(:50) Dune: Prophecy		
7 PM	The 58th Annual CMA Awards (HD)	Survivor (HD)	The Masked Singer	Chicago Med (HD)		All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite		Big City		"Parasite" ('19, Drama) Song Kang-ho. (HD)	★★★½ "Inglourious Basterds" ('09, Drama) Brad Pitt. (HD)
:30							Law & Order: SVU	Big City			
8 PM		The Summit *"Necessary Evils"*	(:02) The Floor (HD)	Chicago Fire (HD)				Big City	Surveilled		
:30							Law & Order: SVU	Big City			
9 PM			Local Programs *Local info.*	Chicago P.D. (HD)	(:05) To Be Announced *Info unavailable.*	Family		Hamster		(:13) ★★½ "Killing Them Softly" ('12) Brad Pitt.	"Faster" ('10) Dwayne Johnson.
:30						Family		Hamster			
10 PM	Local	Local		Local		Family	Law & Order: SVU	Raven Home			
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)		Family		Raven Home	Somewhere		
11 PM			Local Programs			Family		ZOMBIES	(:06) Surveilled	"The Revenant" ('16)	"Eyes Wide Shut"
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night	SC (HD)	Family	SVU (HD)	ZOMBIES			

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm

PARSHO Inglourious Basterds ★★★½ (2009, Drama) Brad Pitt, Mélanie Laurent. In WWII, a special unit composed of Jewish-American soldiers violently attacks and kills members of the Third Reich to instill fear in their regime. R (HD)

9:13pm

MAX Killing Them Softly ★★½ (2012, Crime) Brad Pitt, Richard Jenkins. After a robbery is committed against the Mob during a poker game, a professional enforcer named Jackie Cogan is contracted to investigate the heist. R

Opinion and Commentary

Who to call in farm crisis? Many resources available

By Phyllis Coulter, FarmWeek

The stress of an illness, injury or tight farm finances is daunting, but there are resources to help.

The resources for farmers in crisis webinar offered by the University of Illinois Agricultural Safety and Health Program and farmdoc on Oct. 15 highlighted a few such services.

Farm Rescue

Based on the principle of farmers helping farmers, Bill Gross, a UPS pilot who grew up in rural North Dakota, created Farm Rescue, a nonprofit organization.

Today, 600 volunteers in 49 states come to help farmers with equipment or labor in nine Corn Belt states, including Illinois, when a crisis arises, said Terry Johnston, farm rescue development officer.

The injury, illness or death of a farmer, a sick child, a family member getting cancer treatment or a natural disaster are reasons to call for help, he said.

To nominate someone, to get help or to inquire about volunteering, visit the website farmrescue.org.

AgrAbility

AgrAbility helps enhance the quality of life for farmers and ranchers with injuries or disabilities, said Haley Jones, Illinois AgrAbility program coordinator with the Illinois Extension. The program helps farmers safely do their work and reduces barriers to continuing with their livelihood.

Farmers or seasonal workers suffering from circumstances as varied as arthritis, a spinal cord injury, a chronic condition, hearing loss, respiratory impairment or an amputation, can qualify for free services.

On request, AgrAbilty staff conducts a free on-the-farm assessment and recommends equipment or assistive devices or provides education to help.

The National AgrAbility Toolbox, a public website, has information on 1,000 tools and devices at agrability.org/toolbox.

Helplines and Hotlines

Josie Rudolphi, a University of Illinois occupational and environmental health professor, said resources are available to farmers in a crisis by email, texting or telephone.

The suicide and crisis lifeline at 988 is a hotline. "It is a huge relief that it is a three-digit number now," she said of the easier-to-remember number. People can text, call or chat 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Concern Line, a helpline started by Iowa University Extension during a farm crisis, offers legal, financial and disaster resources at 800-447-1985.

The Farm Aid Farmer Hotline has specific hours of 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The caller is assigned a specific case worker to help them over time. The contact number is 800-327-6243.

The Illinois Mental Health Voucher Program for Ag Producers allows ag producers and their families to get free help from a certified mental health professional through the Illinois Extension program. Email Kacie Hulshof for information at khulshof@illinois.edu.

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Letter to the editor

Garden club voices appreciation

To the editor,

The Anna-Jo Garden Club would like to thank Gary Dahmer for being a great liaison between the City of Anna and our club.

Gary was always willing to help us in our endeavors to make the city a more beautiful place for our citizens and coordinated a lot of improvements that the city and our club made to the Anna-Jo Garden Club Park.

He also helped ease our workload at the Anna City Park. Requests from us were met with a cheery smile and a reply of "Let me see what I can do."

We wish him well in whatever endeavors he chooses next and want to thank him and his crew at the public works department for all their hard work in keeping Anna's green spaces gorgeous.

Sincerely, Nancy Kucera, president of the A-J Garden Club, nd 29 other members

Lick Creek Fall Festival set

A Fall Festival is planned Saturday, Nov. 16, at Lick Creek School. The festival is being presented from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. by the Lick Creek School PTO.

Funds raised by the festival will be used for classroom needs, field trips, family needs and much more.

Festival activities will include games, a car crash presented by Clark and Son Salvage, cow patty bingo presented by the PTO, hair tinsel and facepainting presented by the Beta Club and a "Lick Creek Jail" presented by the Lick Creek basketball team. Prices for each activity vary.

Auctions are scheduled. A dessert auction and a silent auction will go from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. A live auction is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

A bake off will feature two age divisions: pre-kindergarten to 3rd grade and 4th grade to 8th grade.

A talent show will be presented from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. by the Lick Creek dance team.

Food will be served. The menu will include barbeque or fish dinners for $12 and barbeque sandwiches for $4. The dinners will come with two sides, dessert and a drink.

A raffle with special prizes also will be part of the festival.

Geology hike set at Giant City

The geology of Giant City State Park near Makanda will be featured at upcoming program. "Giant City Rocks!" is planned from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16. The event is free. Geologist Joe Devera will lead a hike on the 1-mile-long Giant City Nature Trail.

Giant City State Park is known for its spectacular rock formations. Those who go on the hike will learn how the rocks were formed and the kinds of rocks they are. For more information, or to register for the program, call 618-457-4836.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

One lucky chipmunk...monkeys on the loose...

They did it again. The Dueling Pianos guys. Just as their float passed by during Monday's Veterans Day parade in Anna, they started playing "Don't Stop Believin'" on their mobile keyboards.

As I have mentioned several times over the years, "Don't Stop Believin'" has a special place in my heart. Once again around midday Monday, I heard the song...closed my eyes for just a moment ('cause taking pictures with my eyes closed is not easy) and was transported back to a journey along Harrodsburg Road in Lexington, Kentucky, on a hot and sunny August day in 2006...

Special memories...they're what life is all about...

Meanwhile...

Have you seen any of the "Planet of the Apes" movies? They came to mind while a simple minded journalist (that would be me) was attempting to conjure up a column for this week.

We'll come back to the apes right after our weekly Critter Sightings (and Sounds) Update...

Chipmunk scurrying across a country road...barely escaping an opportunity to join the Flat Squirrel Society. Yup. Not quite sure how the little critter managed to make it safely across the road, but it did.

A hawk (well...I think it was a hawk) calling in an evening sky colored in pastels. Yup. This past Monday evening. Bob and I were sitting on the porch swing. The raptor was calling somewhere off to the east...not all that far away.

Turtles basking in warm November sunshine. Yup. One afternoon last week during a visit to the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro. I wonder if they're as confused, and grateful, for the recent warm November weather as are some of us critters that are supposedly higher on the evolutionary ladder...

Butterflies also basking in warm November sunshine. Yup. Sunday afternoon. After I had gone for a walk. Without a jacket.

Fox wandering through the backyard. Or any nearby yard for that matter. Nope. Not this week. I did, however, hear an interesting story about a fox that calls our neighborhood home. Perhaps we'll share that story another time...

Meanwhile...

Speaking of critters, I stumbled across a couple of interesting stories online during the past week...

One involved a raccoon that fell from a ceiling in the terminal at LaGuardia Airport in Queens, New York. The critter was reported to have been captured and then released outside the airport. Whereupon the raccoon caught a flight to the Midwest and ended up on our front porch one night last week, seemingly unconcerned about our attempt to convince it to find someplace else to visit.

And there were the 43 monkeys which managed to escape from a research facility in South Carolina. They probably spent months...maybe years...planning for their escape.

Fortunately, for the good of all of humanity, 25 of the loose monkeys had been caught as of early this week. I'm guessing their simian cohorts are probably lying low...hanging out with some desperado raccoons or armadillos or possums...or maybe that bear that was spotted a while back in Southern Illinois. The bear had to go somewhere, right?

Truthfully, I'm guessing the monkeys are plotting to take over the planet. That's why I asked if you had seen any of the "Planet of the Apes" movies. Now is the time to be prepared... just in case a bunch of monkeys show up on the loose in Union County... Can't help but thinking of those words Charlton Heston declared in the first "Planet of the Apes" movie back in the day...



If technology allowed for such things, you would get to hear the squirrel I saw atop the remains of a tree voicing its extreme displeasure...



...about the cat that was lurking on the ground directly below...

Lawyer in Library session planned at Stinson

A Lawyer in the Library session with attorney Gene Turkey is planned from noon to 2 p.m. Nov. 20 at Stinson Memorial Public Library in Anna. Information about the program is available by calling the library at 618-833-2521.

Each month at local public libraries in the First Judicial Circuit in Southern Illinois, volunteer attorneys are working to help self-represented litigants through the Lawyer in the Library program.

Organizers of the program note that with locations across the Southern Illinois region, free legal advice is available nearby.

The Lawyer in the Library program provides patrons needing help with a legal issue an opportunity to sit down with an attorney for a private, one-on-one, approximately 20-minute session, to receive advice or help with legal documents.

There is no fee, but preregistration is required at most locations.

On the date of a session, those seeking assistance are advised to check in at the library registration desk and bring paperwork pertaining to their legal question or situation, if applicable. The program may be limited to one visit per patron.

More information about the program, as well as preregistration to speak to an attorney, are available by contacting one of the participating libraries.

Those involved with the program voiced their appreciation to the following for their support:

Chief Judge William J. Thurston, First Circuit judges and circuit clerks, volunteer attorneys, library directors, library program coordinators and other library staff members.

Each Lawyer in the Library program is initially launched with a Self-Represented Litigant/Access to Justice Improvement Grant, ATJ Grant, funding through the Access to Justice Division, Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts.

The programs continue with each volunteer attorney coordinating with the library and the Office of the Chief Judge, Brenda Sprague, executive assistant to the chief judges and ATJ Grant coordinator. www.firstcircuitil.org.

Pumpkin contest winners named

University of Illinois Extension's AJMPU Unit has announced the winners of a 4-H pumpkin decorating contest. The contest was open to 4-H members.

The AJMPU Unit includes Alexander, Johnson, Massac, Pulaski and Union counties.

The contest winners, by age categories, were shared on social media and included:

Ages 6-7

Most creative: Madilyn Hudson, Highland Cow.

Cutest: Alex Guijon, Scary Frankenstein Monster.

Scariest: Parker Quetermous, Killer Smile.

Ages 8-10

Most creative: Liberty McClellan, Pumpkin Braces.

Cutest: Aadyn Maupin, Snail.

Scariest: Sophie Murray, Jack o' Lantern.

Ages 11-13

Most Creative: Drake Penrod, 3 Peas in a Pod.

Cutest: Maggie Roach, Ghost.

Scariest: Levi Pierce, Scary Frankenstein.

Ages 14-16

Most creative: Bonnie Russell, Beetlejuice! Beetlejuice! Beetlejuice!

Cutest: Tiffany Richardson, Have a Foxy Halloween!

Scariest: Caleb Pierce , Scary Vampire.

Age 17-18

Most Creative: Katelyn Schultz, Snoopy.

Cutest: Kendyl Sparks, Love, Ghost.

Scariest: Tracy Simpson, Nightmare Before Christmas.

