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News Notes

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



A "post office" pumpkin was seen last Saturday in front of the Alto Pass Post Office. Many pumpkins were on display in the Union County village.

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Election Day on Tuesday turned wet, as heavy rain fell during the morning. There also might have been a rumble or two of thunder.

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Thank you to all of those who worked in any way in Tuesday's election.

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Did you feel it? A magnitude 3.7 earthquake occurred at about 10:45 p.m. last Saturday night near Steele in Southeast Missouri. Steele is about 116 miles south of Anna.

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At a special meeting Monday morning at the courthouse in Jonesboro, the Union County Board of Commissioners approved the posting of the county's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget. The county's new fiscal year begins Dec. 1. The balanced budget includes a $7.6 million general fund appropriation.

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The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' and boys' cross country teams are having an incredible season. A-J runners are headed to this weekend's state competition in Peoria. More on this to come.

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Last week, the A-JCHS Student Council partnered with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive at the high school. Thanks to the incredible generosity of students, staff and community members, 73 units of blood were collected.

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State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, welcomed an estimated 70 high school students from 14 schools to Mountain Dew Park in Marion Oct. 30 as part of his annual Student Advisory Council.

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Students Cameron Golladay, Eli Glasco, Grace Mowell and Elizabeth Hill represented Anna-Jonesboro Community High School at Sen. Fowler's student advisory council meeting.

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A meeting of the Village of Cobden Christmas in the Village committee is set for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, today. The meeting will be at Cobden Village Hall. This year, Christmas in the Village will include at parade at 5 p.m. on Dec. 7.

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Veterans Day parade scheduled in Anna

A Veterans Day tradition is set to continue in Union County.

This year's Veteran's Day parade in Anna is set for Monday, Nov. 11. The parade steps off at 11 a.m.

The annual parade is 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 features participants who are willing to show their patriotism and respect to veterans,

Businesses, organizations, clubs and groups traditionally have participated in the parade.

Complimentary chili and hot dogs will be served in the VFW hall to parade participants immediately following the parade.

Certificates will be distributed to winning entries at that time as well.

The post is located at 70 VFW Ln., just north of Anna, off old U.S. Route 51.

Veterans honored at ceremony in Alto Pass



Veterans were honored at a ceremony which was held last weekend in Alto Pass. The Alto Pass Area Veterans Memorial organization conducted the ceremony Saturday morning, Nov. 2. The ceremony took place at the Veterans Memorial in downtown Alto Pass. The ceremony honored the memory of area veterans, including those whose names have been recently engraved on the Veterans Memorial. The Alto Pass Area Veterans Memorial group is a non-profit organization which is responsible for creating and maintaining the Alto Pass Veterans Memorial.

Arts council conducting Raise the Roof campaign

Shawnee Hills Arts Council, SHAC, is conducting a Raise the Roof campaign to help support critical facility improvements.

SHAC owns three connected buildings in the downtown Anna area,

The buildings include one located at 117 W. Davie St. which is used for drama productions, one at 123 W. Davie St. which is used as an exhibit hall in front and a set building and workshop area in back and one at 125 W. Davie St., the former Anna City Hall, which is used for offices, classrooms, library, storage, a dance studio and future artists' studios.

SHAC strives to restore the buildings and keep each one safe for people to enjoy the various programs offered.

In June of this year, the center building roof was leaking and in need of replacement.

The roof was subsequently replaced at the cost of $110,087 in July and was paid within the month with grant funds, community support, various events and donations.

The next building needing repairs is the former city hall, which was built in 1894.

The Raise the Roof campaign's goal is to save the former city hall building. The goal is to raise $140,000 to repair the structure damage to the front of the building and replace the roof. Applications for various grants are being submitted and various events are being planned in support of the campaign.

In 1894, the city hall housed the police station, the fire station, jail, public school office and court room. In the 1950s, the University of Illinois, 4-H Center and Civil Defense had offices on the second floor.

In 2003, Anna City Hall moved to a new facility on Market Street. The former city hall stood vacant for five years. In 2008, the City of Anna sold the buildings to the Anna Arts Center (now known as the Shawnee Hills Arts Council) for $10.

SHAC welcomes the support of all for the campaign by attending various upcoming events. Donations also are accepted.

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

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Former city hall building

Shawnee Hills Arts Council, SHAC, is conducting a Raise the Roof campaign to help support critical facility improvements. The arts council owns three connected buildings in the downtown Anna area. One of the buildings formerly served as the home of Anna City Hall.

Coffman earns gold, silver medals at world competition

Master Heather Coffman recently won two gold medals and two silver medals at the WKU World Kickboxing and Karate Union World Championships in Rhodes, Greece.

Master Coffman, of Coffman's Martial Arts Academy in Anna, began the journey by qualifying for the USA team in Elizabethtown, Ky., in April.

She was only one of four women from across the country to be accepted as a competitor for her age bracket.

The next six months were spent preparing and training for the competition, under the skillful coaching of Grandmaster Robert Cutrell, founder of ChunJiDo and ChunJiDo International.

The tournament began with opening ceremonies on Oct. 21. Twenty-seven countries were represented by almost 2,000 competitors and their families.

On Oct. 22, pre-eliminations kicked off the four days of competition. Master Coffman placed either first or second in each of four events she participated in to advance on to the finals.

On Oct. 24, she competed in the finals on the main stage.

Master Coffman competed in Traditional Karate Kata against Mexico, Traditional Style Kata against Germany, Traditional Karate Weapons against England and Creative Weapons (No Music) against another USA team member.

Master Coffman shared that "the competition was intense and proved worthy of a world tournament."

The medals she earned at the world championships included:

Gold in Traditional Style Kata. Gold in Traditional Karate Weapons.

Silver in Creative Weapons (no music). Silver in Traditional Karate Kata.

The world medalist said that competing in Rhodes, Greece, "was a dream come true," adding that "it was more exciting to have to opportunity to represent the United States of America and the art of ChunJiDo."



World competitor

Master Heather Coffman competed for the United States at the recent WKU World Kickboxing and Karate Union World Championships in Rhodes, Greece. She won four medals at the world championships. Photo provided.

County election results

Tuesday, Nov. 5, was Election Day in Union County. Due to production and printing schedules, Tuesday's election results could not be included in this week's paper.

As of early Monday morning, 1,922 early voting ballots had been cast at the Union County clerk's office in Jonesboro. A total of 746 mail-in votes were reported.

The paper will post Union County election results online at www.annanews.com. Local election results will be printed in the next edition of the paper.

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Raise the Roof campaign

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Raise the Roof Events

Here's a look at the Raise the Roof schedule of events:

Art Exhibit

An exhibit featuring the art work of Onita Noffle is on display through Nov. 30.

Noffle embraces traditional rag rug techniques. She brings to that tradition new exploration of color and pattern made possible by increased availability of post-industrial and post-consumer fabrics. She makes pieces using antique looms. However, she also weave pieces on more modern looms.

The exhibit is open for viewing on Thursday and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Open Mic Event

An open mic comedy, spoken word and music event is planned from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Nov. 8. To reserve a spot, email zj.rowatt@gmail.com .

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. The cover charge is $5 at the door. Concessions available, Bring a favorite drink.

Salute to Veterans

A "Salute to Veterans: Celebration of Freedom" program with dinner and entertainment is set for 6 p.m. Nov. 9.

The Kitchen on Lafayette is catering the event. After-dinner entertainment will be presented by students from the Anderson Music Studio.

The event is free for veterans and for all active duty military personnel. All others are requested to donate $15.

More information is available by contacting Lee Hackney. An RSVP had been requested by Nov. 7.

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.

"Into the Woods"

Performances of the musical "Into the Woods" are set for Nov. 29-30 at 7 p.m., Dec. 1 at 2 p.m., Dec. 6-7 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 8 at 2 p.m.

"Into the Woods" features music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and a book by James Lapine.

The musical intertwines the plots of several Brothers Grimm fairy tales, exploring the consequences of the characters' wishes and quests.

Jaylyn Althoff is the director and Brad Stamp is the music director.

Tickets went on sale Nov. 3. Tickets can be purchased at the arts council from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets also can be obtained by contacting Lee Hackney.

Reinder 5K Run/Walk

A Reinder 5K Run/Walk is planned Saturday morning, Nov. 30. Participants are invited to wear their most festive Christmas running gear for the event.

Registration is available online at https://runtosucceed.com/reindeer5k.

Closing of Snake Road extended due to warm weather conditions

The U.S. Forest Service has extended the closing of the Snake Road near Wolf Lake in Union County.

The Forest Service announced in a news release that Forest Road No. 345, also known as Snake Road, is normally closed from Sept. 1 through Oct. 30 for reptile and amphibian fall migration.

Due to warm weather conditions, the road will remain closed through Nov. 15. Warm weather continued early this week in the region.

The Forest Service advised that all visitors must follow special site regulations for the LaRue Pine Hills/Otter Pond Research Natural Area throughout the year. Snake road is located in the research natural area.

Twice each year, in the fall and in the spring, the U.S. Forest Service/Shawnee National Forest closes Snake Road to help ensure safe crossing for several species of snakes and amphibians during this critical time of migration.

The 2.5-mile-long road is closed Sept. 1 through Oct. 30 to allow snakes and amphibians, some of them considered threatened and endangered in Illinois and the United States, to migrate from their summer habitat in the LaRue Swamp across the road to their winter habitat in the limestone bluffs.

The gradual, two-month migration event attracts people from across the country eager to witness the rich diversity of reptile and amphibian species along this single stretch of road.

About 66 percent of the amphibians and 59 percent of the reptiles known to occur in Illinois are found here.

Though the road is closed to vehicles, it is open to people traveling on foot.

Special regulations apply to the area. LaRue-Pine Hills/Otter Pond is a federally designated Research Natural Area and unauthorized collecting and handling of any of these species is prohibited under federal and state law.

Burn ban lifted for county

A burn ban was lifted late last week for Union County. The ban had been issued by the county's fire chiefs due to very dry conditions in the county.

Meanwhile, a U.S. Drought Monitor update issued Thursday, Oct. 31, showed that Union County once again was experiencing abnormally dry conditions.

Similar conditions were reported for Jackson, Williamson, Johnson, Massac, Pulaski and Alexander counties.

Local weather observer Dana Cross reported that precipitation for the month of October in the Union County area totaled just 0.96 of an inch of rain.

Rainfall was recorded during the past week in the region. More rain was in the forecast for this week. Rain was falling Tuesday morning in Anna as the paper was going to press.

Iron pour set at SIU

The work and precision that go into making sculptures from cast iron molds will be highlighted when students in Southern Illinois University Carbondale's School of Art and Design's sculpture program host their free, annual fall cast iron pour, beginning at noon Saturday, Nov. 9.

The event will be at the SIU School of Art's Foundry Complex at 1520-1560 W. Pleasant Hill Rd. in Carbondale.

Those who attend the event will have the chance to create their own cast iron artworks on scratch blocks comprising resin-bonded sand used in making molds.

The pouring activity will continue until all the pours are finished. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, and guests are encouraged to bring their own chairs.

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Union County Historical and Genealogy Society's annual Christmas Shop in downtown Cobden got off to a successful start Saturday, Nov. 2. The shop is scheduled to be open on weekends through Saturday, Dec. 21.

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The Johnson County Historical and Genealogical Society plans to present a program titled "The Beginnings of the Shawnee National Forest" at 2:30 p.m. Nov. 17 at the Vienna Public Library.

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Scouting for Food drive dates include Bag Distribution Day on Nov. 16 and Bag Collection Day on Nov. 23.

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The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Marching Wildcats are planning to host a cookie decorating party with First "Class" Cookies at 10 a.m. Nov. 9 at Kiki's Coffeehouse in downtown Anna. The event is limited to 24 people.

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Cobden School's CYCA is conducting a food drive through Nov. 19. Donations of nonperishable food items will go to the Cobden Elementary School food pantry and to Bethany Village in Anna.

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Cobden School's Ed Rising Club attended Education Day at SIU last week.

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A Dental Safari visit is planned at the Cobden Schools on Dec. 4.

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The Cobden School student council sponsored Halloween costume contest. High school and junior high school winners were selected the categories and best group, best duo, most creative and scariest.

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Winners of a Cobden Junior High School Halloween writing contest included Parker McCann in 6th grade, Hailey May in 7th grade and Autumn Mosley in 8th grade. Each student received a Barnes & Noble gift card.

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Cobden School's ESL dance team is hosting a tamales fund-raiser through Nov. 13.

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The Cobden High School class of 2028 is planning to sell Thanksgiving produce boxes on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 23.

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Anna School District 37 notes that community members Troy and Ellen Schlenker made a generous donation of pumpkins. The donation meant that all kindergarten students had a pumpkin to paint.

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Sixth grade students in Anna School District 37 hung a bat house in the district's outdoor classroom.

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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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Performances of "Tarzan the Musical" at Shawnee Community College near Ullin are set for 9 a.m. and noon Thursday, today; 9 a.m., noon and 7 p.m. Friday; and 7 p.m. Saturday.

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The November Employee Excellence Award recipient at Shawnee Community College is executive director of public information and marketing Kevin Hunsperger.

Weather

High 81, low 35; 0.78 of an inch rain; October precipitation just 0.96 of an inch

Weather in the Union County area during the period of Oct. 29 through Nov. 4 remained mild.

Precipitation was recorded during the period. Rainfall totalled 0.78 of an inch.

Temperatures during the period ranged from a high of 81 degrees to a low of 35.

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

Tuesday, Oct. 29: high 81, low 62.

Wednesday, Oct. 30: high 80, low 64.

Thursday, Oct. 31: high 72, low 51. 0.74 of an inch of rain.

Friday, Nov. 1: high 63, low 40.

Saturday, Nov. 2: high 70, low 35.

Sunday, Nov. 3: high 78, low 51. 0.01 of an inch of rain.

Monday, Nov. 4: high 74, low 68. 0.03 of an inch of rain.

October Weather

The high temperature for the month of October was 87 degrees, which was recorded on Oct. 6. The average high for the month was 75.

The low for the month was 30, which was recorded on Oct. 17. The average low was 45.

Precipitation for the month totaled 0.96 of an inch of rain.

The most rain measured in a 24-hour period was 0.74 of an inch, which was recorded Oct. 31.

Precipitation for the year through the end of the month totaled 39.46 inches.

Fall & Christmas Bazaar
Anna United Methodist Church
111 Monroe St. Anna, IL
November 9, 2024, 9 AM to 1 PM
Many craft items and homemade baked goods will be on sale for you to enjoy this holiday season. Also, Annual Christmas Cookie Walk and Yard Sale.
Lunch will be served from 11 AM to 1 PM. MENU: Ham & Beans, Cornbread, Slaw, Drinks and Desert. Adults: $6.00 / Children $3.00
Veterans eat for FREE!
Hope to see you there!
All sales go to help our church.

You are invited to attend
REVIVAL MEETINGS
Mount Pleasant Mennonite Church
55 Cain Rd., Dongola, IL
Nov. 4-10, 2024 • 7:00PM
Evangelist: Bro. Glenn Auker (Mendon, MA)
Everyone Welcome
Information/Call-In (618) 833-8389

"The Preaching Pen"

Heavenly Crowns (part 4)

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 also a Rejoicing Crown. 1 Thessalonians 2:19 states, "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing?" Those at Thessalonica were being commended for waiting on the Lord to receive their crowns. Do we wait patiently for Jesus? Faithfully? 1 Peter 4:13. A big part of rejoicing is understanding how to deal with persecution, Matthew 5:11. Some think that persecution is a punishment from God, but that is just not right. If anything, persecution is a punishment from the world. Luke 6:23 reads, "Rejoice in the day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets." To attain our crown, we must remain vigil for Jesus.

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

22nd Annual Christmas Shop
117 S. Appleknocker, Cobden
November 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 29, 30
December 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21
Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. • Sunday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday afternoon by chance.
Sleds, trees, lights, wreaths, nativities, Dept. 56, Willow Tree, AnnaLee, Radko ornaments.
Sponsored by Union County Historical Society.
618-893-2567 or 618-893-2865

University of Illinois Extension 4-H Youth Development Educator Kristi Stout honored



Kristi Stout

University of Illinois Extension 4-H Youth Development Educator Kristi Stout has recognized recently for her outstanding work in the area of youth development by the Illinois Extension Professionals for Youth Education, IEPYE. Stout received the Search for Excellence in Teen Programming award.

The Search for Excellence in Teen Programming Award recognizes outstanding programs conducted for and with teen audiences.

Program accomplishments relative to scholarly and creative activities, teaching and/or research effectiveness, showing evidence or collaboration with others to help meet community teens' needs and strengthening the commitment to programs with teen audiences are all considered for the award.

The 4-H Teen Leaders as Teen Teachers and Mentors program seeks to ensure teens have supportive adults; teens are exposed to a variety of leadership and career development,youth participants have a teen mentor to build a relationship and it provides a 4-H experience to high school students.

In 2022-2023 alone, Stout had 117 teen leaders enrolled in the program. Each teen leader participated in community service and taught lessons to a minimum of 10 youths.

The program touched the lives of over 1,000 youth participants by giving them mentors and 4-H programming opportunities, while providing leadership opportunities to high school students and engaging them in the world's largest positive youth development organization, allowing them to gain leadership opportunities all before their high school graduation.

As a result, over 10 percent of participating teens receive county or state-level experience awards during their first year.

Overall, in Stout's tenure, 4-H Teen Leaders as Teen Teachers and Teen Mentors has reached over 10,000 youth in a positive youth development experience and highlighted 4-H as an option for all.

Stout is the Extension Educator for Alexander, Johnson, Massac, Pulaski, and Union counties for University of Illinois Extension.

She provides leadership to the 4-H Youth Development programs and youth initiatives.

Stout graduated from Southern Illinois University Carbondale with a bachelor of science degree in early childhood education and a master of science degree in education specializing in reading and literacy from Walden University.

Stout also obtained an additional master of science degree in educational administration from Southern Illinois University. She is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in organizational leadership from Grand Canyon University.

Stout was also an avid 4-H member. For more information about programs Stout and the 4-H Youth Development team provides, visit https://extension.illinois.edu/ajmpu.



Library hosts Native American author

Stinson Memorial Public Library in Anna hosted a presentation by Native American author Kim Sigafus of Freeport Saturday afternoon, Oct. 26. Sigafus is an award-winning Ojibwa author and speaker. Her presentation was titled "Singing Bird and the Importance of Native American Women in Illinois History." The free presentation highlighted the roles that Native American women played in shaping the history of Illinois, as well as the day-to-day-to-day lives of those women. Sigafus taught those in attendance words from the Ojibwa language. She brought Native American instruments, including drums, to show at the program. Those present learned how to use the instruments. The instruments were used to accompany the singing of "An Ojibwa Gratitude Song."

Help Stop Hate campaign launched

This article is by Amalia Houtmarch and the Medill Illinois News Bureau for Capitol News Illinois.

CHICAGO –With global tensions and an intensely partisan presidential campaign fueling division among Americans, Illinois is launching the Help Stop Hate program to combat the severe increase in hate crime throughout the state.

"We are here today to officially launch Help Stop Hate, a new resource that will help protect and empower victims and witnesses to incidents of hate through a free, confidential and multilingual service," Gov. JB Pritzker said at a Chicago news conference Wednesday, Oct. 30.

According to the Council on American-Islamic Relations' Chicago branch, there has been a 196 percent increase in anti-Muslim hate crimes in Chicago since the Hamas attack on Israel on Oct. 7, 2023.

The Anti-Defamation League reports a 379 percent increase in antisemitic incidents since 2019 in Illinois.

"As governor of this great state, as a person, and as someone who has stood up against hate throughout my life, I am horrified by this trend. Horrified," Pritzker said.

This program was announced as hate crime incidents are at a record high since the FBI began collecting the data in 1991.

As a recent example, an Orthodox Jewish man was shot Saturday, Oct. 26, while entering a synagogue in West Rogers Park. Although the crime is still being investigated, the governor said he fears antisemitism is at play.

On Oct. 14, 2023, a 6-year-old Palestinian-American boy, Wadea Al-Fayoume, was stabbed to death by his landlord in a suspected hate crime.

"Please understand that at this moment, there are people gleefully working to empower our ugliest traits – bigotry, exclusion, vitriol, suspicion – all in the name of pure, unfettered hate," Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton said.

The Illinois Department of Human Rights and the state's Commission on Discrimination and Hate Crimes oversee the program. It allows people who have experienced hate crimes to go to IlStopHate.org or call 877-458-HATE and talk about the incident. They will be directed to a specialized resource based on the nature of the crime.

They can, for example, speak to professionals from their own communities, acquire help dealing with trauma or connect with resources that can provide additional safety measures. The victim can also report the crime to state or local police, who will investigate further.

The program will be funded by a $1.3 million grant over three years from the U.S. Department of Justice and through the IDHR's general funding. This assures Help Stop Hate will be a long-term resource, officials said.

According to Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul, the multifaceted approach will also support data collection on hate-motivated crimes, which are severely underreported.

Officials said data is inconsistent because some victims are reluctant to report hate crimes for various reasons.

Often, victims see hate crime as a part of daily life; they fear their concerns will be dismissed by law enforcement; or, as Stratton said, they don't trust the systems currently in place.

Jim Bennett, IDHR director, said a statewide study on hate crimes will be conducted in 2025.

One bill in the General Assembly would also seek to require law enforcement to undergo mandatory training on "crimes motivated by bias."

But that measure, House Bill 5368, was re-referred to the House Rules Committee in April, a procedural step that can often indicate a bill is a long way from passage.

According to the Movement Advancement Project, only 12 states mandate law enforcement to undergo training on identifying and fighting hate crimes, including crimes concerning sexual orientation or gender identity.

"At this moment in our history, when some are condoning hateful violence and rhetoric, I encourage Illinoisans to stand up against it, show up for your communities," Pritzker said.

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Lick Creek School names first quarter honor students

Lick Creek Elementary School has announced high honor roll and honor roll students for the first quarter.

High Honor Roll

Bella Lynn Cook, Kooper DuWayne Glasco, Elijah Alexander Dean Hall, Isabella Marie Mendez Fabery.

Paisley Jae New, Zane Alexander Nice, Hayes Matthew Pinnon, Daniel Austin Plott, Elias Carter "Eli" Houseman.

Payton Abigail Brown, William Xavier Brown, Jaylyn Michele Nice, Leah Frances Buchheit, Easton Blaine Corbit.

Hayden Paige Craft, Emilyn Jean Hunter, Cooper Scott Knueven, Millie Jolene Morris, Kaleb Aaron Stover.

Honor Roll

Madelyn Jo Coomer, Lawson Carter Duty, Tanner Hope Gerardi, Taylynn Faith Gerardi.

Braxton Ray Wayne Jordan, Jocelyn Colleen Lyon, Fredrich Wichmann "Fritz" Moberley, Emma Grace Schlenker.

Michael Christopher Schmidt, Brooklyn Rebecca Shipley, Liam Thomas Kinder, Rosaleigha Mendez Faberly.

Heinrich Wichmann "Henry" Moberley, Taylor Marie Baker, Bentley Drew Cobb, Ayla Kree Corbit, Owen Cache Corbit.

Ryan Christopher Houseman, Kayleigh Elizabeth McMahan, Jet Allen Newman, Maggie Dawn Roach, Abigail Renee Thorn.

Camden Wesley Knueven, Zander Michael Sullens, Lilliah Mariska Hoehner, Eli Gale Christian Huff, Emma Lynne Hutchason.

Jonesboro School announces first quarter honor students

Jonesboro School announces first quarter honor roll students.

8th Grade, High Honors

Lindyn Eudy, Levi Hill, Allison Leek, Kynlee Needling, Smith Wilson.

8th Grade, Honors

Hayden Lewis, Trent Miller, Clara Mix, Scarlet Myers, Gabby Newberry, June Williams.

7th Grade, High Honors

Arianna Black, Addison Ebberts, Eli Fehrenbacher, Hank Goss, Peyton Harvel, Gavin McFadden.

7th Grade, Honors

Colton Barnhart, Jaycee Clutts, Olive Kaeding, Clareisa Lyons, Ryley Nance, Emme Stewart.

6th Grade, High Honors

Charlie Barlow, Jayden Benefield, Eli Cohen, Creighton Todd, Lawson Ury, Kaitlyn Zimmerman.

6th Grade, Honors

Knox Harris, Nolan Newberry, Conner Pind, Kadence Poe, Aiden Shepard, Collin Staples, Emery Wheeler, Madi Wilkins.

5th Grade, High Honors

Zella Baggott, Mahayla Dukes, Landon Hill, Emma Lambdin, Jayda Mayes, Lillian Newberry, Kheaton Rains, Adelle Sherrill, RJ Turner, Kamiya Velasquez, Dylan Walker, Sam Warden.

5th Grade, Honors

Jackson Jordan, Bentley Tollison, Nora Wheeler, Ben Williams.

River to River Trail Society hike planned

A River to River Trail Society public hike is planned Nov. 9 at Cove Hollow Cedar Lake in Jackson County.

The hike is free and open to the public. This will be a moderate loop hike approximately 5 miles in length, with three hours of hiking time.

The leader of the hike can be reached at 708-471-7500 for more information.

Hikers are asked to meet at 10 a.m. at the Cedar Lake Trail Head.

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

Mock debates conducted

Seniors in teacher Jamie Nash-Mayberry's two government classes at Cobden High School have conducted mock presidential debates.

Over the course of a unit which was being studied, students learned about finding credible sources and then researched and presented to one another how the actual candidates felt on the issues.

Government class who portrayed the presidential candidates included Eden Kaszubski as Donald Trump, Chauncy Hilliard as Kamala Harris, Kevin Hernandez as Donald Trump and Sophie Barnhart as Kamala Harris. Some students portrayed Secret Service agents.

Ranger station hours extended for shotgun deer season in Illinois

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 of 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.

Forest information, rules and regulations and digital maps are available on the Shawnee National Forest's website at www.fs.usda.gov/shawnee.

The Forest Service shared in a news release that extending customer service hours during the hunting season will allow visitors the option to stop in and purchase paper maps, America the Beautiful Interagency Recreation passes and ask specific recreation questions.

Other Shawnee National Forest office locations include the forest headquarters in Harrisburg and the Hidden Springs Ranger Station in Vienna.

Those offices will continue to serve the public Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed daily from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.).

During the week of Thanksgiving all offices will be closed Nov. 28-29 for the holiday.

Jonesboro Public Library hosts November activities

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.

Saturdays, Nov. 9 and 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.

Rural Health planning to host diabetes awareness walk in Anna

Nov. 14 is World Diabetes Day and once again, Rural Health Inc. is planning to host a community awareness walk for the occasion.

At noon that day, 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.



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News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A morning worship service was held Sunday, Nov. 3.

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

A message titled "God is a Sovereign God" was brought by Pastor Wright. Scripture was from Jonah.

The pastor brought a message from scriptures in Leviticus at the Sunday evening service.

Birthday: Esten Parks, Nov. 6.

Sunday, Nov. 10

Breakfast, 9 a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Morning service, 10:35 a.m. Evening service, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 13

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.

Thursday, Nov. 14

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

Sunday, Nov. 17

Missionary service/poverty dinner, 6 p.m. No need to bring food.

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.

Open house set at wildlife sanctuary near Golconda

The public is invited to an annual open house planned at War Bluff Valley Wildlife Sanctuary at 228 Bushwack Rd. near Golconda on Saturday, Nov. 9.

Sponsored by Illinois Audubon Society's Shawnee Chapter, there will be activities ongoing throughout the day and into the evening.

At over 500 acres, War Bluff Valley Wildlife Sanctuary is one of Illinois Audubon Society's largest wildlife sanctuaries.

The day is scheduled to begin with the society's second Saturday Stewardship activities starting at 9 a.m.

At 1 p.m., those who are interested can hike to War Bluff Stone Fort, weather permitting. The hike is described as moderate to strenuous. Those who want to go on the hike are advised to dress for the weather and to wear appropriate footwear.

The hike will be followed by a chili cook-off, hot cider and camaraderie around the campfire or woodstove.

The event is free and open to the public, everyone is welcome, but the society asks that pets be left at home.

An opportunity to explore the wildlife sanctuary with easy walking is planned from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The chili cook-off is set for 5 p.m. Chili can be brought in a crockpot or a pot to warm on a stove. All the fixings will be provided, as well as fresh local cider and a campfire. Bring a ladle, something to drink and table service. Contributions of chili are not required, but also not discouraged.

Directions to War Bluff Valley Wildlife Sanctuary: Take Route 146 north of Golconda 3.5 miles, turn left onto Bushwack Road (look for the brown binocular sign). Follow Bushwack Road about 2.2 miles to the sanctuary entrance on the right; watch for the Illinois Audubon Sign. Bushwack Rd turns into a gravel road and crosses a low water ford...don't give up... just keep going.

For more information, contact ShawneeChapterIAS@gmail.com or call 618-534-7870.

Check out The Gazette-Democrat online at **annanews.com**

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THE RAVAGES OF WAR



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Today all is quiet on the beach at Normandy; waves have long ago washed away the blood and the roar of tanks and guns has given way to the roar of the sea. But the memories of these things are forever etched in our history. Wars have begun and ended in many places throughout the world during the last century, yet memories never end for those men and women who were present in the horrors of combat. Memories never end for the families of those who were lost or ruined. This Veterans' Day let us pray that the peace of god that passes all understanding will quiet the hearts and minds that still rage from the ravages of war.

Daily Bible Readings

Psalm 121	Psalm 122	Psalm 124	Psalm 125	Psalm 126	Psalm 127	Psalm 128

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BUSINESS

CHRISTMAS SHOP: 117 So. Appleknocker Dr., Cobden. Weekends; November 2nd thru December 21st. Saturdays 9-4, Sundays 1-4. Radko Ornaments, LED Lights, Trees, Dept.56. 618-893-2865. 46-1p, 47-2g

NOTICE

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

BID NOTICE: The Saint John's Cemetery Board will be accepting bids for mowing and weed eating the Cemetery property for 2025, until December 30, 2024. Season runs from April 1st through October 30, 2025. Cemetery needs to be mowed as needed, weed eat around stones and clean grass off of stones. Please send bids to John Mowery, 880 Sweet Potato Rd., Dongola, IL 62926. If you have any questions, call 618-559-3957. 47-48g

PUBLIC NOTICE

**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.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp.

Karen L. Bernhard,
Independent Executor of the Estate of
John W. Shewmaker
Casey L. Twomey
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8221-947676

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://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.

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.

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**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:
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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 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.

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).

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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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All income-eligible households can apply for LIHEAP assistance

All income-eligible Illinois households can now apply for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, LIHEAP, to support with utility bill assistance for natural gas, propane and electricity.

Applications expanded Nov. 1 and will be accepted through Aug. 15, 2025, or until funds are exhausted.

With $226 million in funding from the Help Illinois Families Program, support is being provided to thousands of income-eligible households.

"I highly encourage all eligible families to apply and get the assistance they need to stay warm this winter," Gov. JB Pritzker said in a news release.

The energy bill assistance program offered through Help Illinois Families will provide $226 million to eligible families to assist with natural gas, propane, electricity bills and furnace assistance.

"LIHEAP is critical to helping families across Illinois receive the assistance they need to ensure reliable access to energy utilities," Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, DCEO, director Kristin Richards said. "DCEO is committed to providing information and resources to support Illinois families with their energy utility needs."

As of Nov. 1, all income-eligible families can apply for assistance by visiting helpillinois-families.com or by visiting their local agency.

For Union County residents, assistance is available through the Shawnee Development Council Inc. Information is available by calling 618-634-2201. The agency's website is www.shawneedevelopment.org.

Families can also call 1-833-711-0374 for assistance in 30 languages.

LIHEAP provides one-time payments directly to energy service providers on behalf of recipients.

While the amount of support varies based on the needs of individual families, last year over 333,000 households received LIHEAP, with an average of over $724 per household.

Beginning this year, LIHEAP customers of Ameren Illinois, Nicor Gas, North Shore Gas and Peoples Gas will also receive a monthly discount on their natural gas bill through the new Low Income Discount Rates. Visit https://www.powerbilldiscount.com/ for more details.

All families who meet the qualifications and provide proper documentation will receive support until funding is exhausted.

Families who earn up to two times the federal poverty level are eligible to receive support through LIHEAP.

Last year's LIHEAP funding, which was available from October 2023 through August 2024, provided assistance to 333,738 households.

County Line News

(Mill Creek and Upper Elco)

By Suzan Harvel

Busy Time of Year

Fall has arrived and everyone seems busier than ever. Of course, it's that time of year when everyone has more to do and plan for.

Community events are gearing up towards Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Business, religious, educational and social organizations are also making plans, as well.

There is always something going on; so check events online, check the library, check out the downtown businesses and you'll find something geared towards what interests you, or reasons to try something new.

Soup, Chili Supper

Mill Creek Baptist Church had its annual soup and chili supper with a silent auction this past Saturday evening and did quite well and garnered a lot of laughter.

There were a lot of spectacular baskets and yummy desserts that were auctioned off.

The meal was also excellent, but this is the first year that they had only one pot of chili brought. There were numerous pots of soups, stews and ham and beans, but only one chili, and that was brought by a guest.

Oh well, there were ample desserts, also, so everyone had their fill and then some.

Meeting Postponed

The Village of Mill Creek had to postpone its monthly meeting due to conflicts with board members having other obligations, and therefore not enough were in attendance to vote on pending business.

The next board meeting is set for 7 p.m. Nov. 19.

PAST Meeting

The members of PAST of Union County met Tuesday, Oct. 29.

Plans were discussed on the upcoming PAST House luncheons. The luncheons are scheduled Dec. 5-7 and Dec. 11-14 at the PAST House in Jonesboro. The cost is $25 per person. Contact Linda Hileman 618-697-1870 for reservations.

A window display was also finalized and will start being placed at the event center at John A. Logan College in Carterville on Nov. 6.

St. Anne's Church in Anna is scheduled to host Back Porch Company on Dec. 1 at 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

New name badges were distributed to those present.

The next meeting is planned at 6 p.m. on Nov. 26.

Mill Creek Baptist Church

Brother Bobby Richardson led Mill Creek Baptist Church in a second sermon from the book of Jonah on Sunday and it covered chapters two and three.

The message was about the time Jonah was in the whale and his return to shore and finally doing what the Lord asked of him. Next week, the book of Jonah will be finished with a message about how Jonah, who should have been humbled and pleased, gets all bent out of shape because God spared Ninevah. Some people are hard to please.

Prayer List

Added to the prayer list are the family of Rosie Cates in her passing.

Also added for health and strength: Ashley Sullins, Cheryl Davis, Jerry Cobb, Mary Powles and Chris Vellella, who has had his surgery moved to December.

Praise reports were heard for Debbie Thorton, who is doing much better in her battle with cancer; Charlotte Fears announced they had a new great-granddaughter, Whitney Bowen; and my grandson, Godfrey, who gave his life to Christ and that's always a praise.

Union County Fixin's

By Suzan Harvel

Holiday Cinnamon-Cranberry Punch From Betty Crocker

1/2 cup water

1/3 cup red cinnamon candies

1/4 cup sugar

1 can (46 ounce) pineapple juice, chilled

1 bottle (2 liter) Cranberry Sprite, chilled

Ice cubes

1 cup fresh or frozen (thawed) cranberries (if desired, place on festive skewers)

Cinnamon sticks.

To make syrup: In 1-quart pan, mix water, candies and sugar. Heat to boiling over medium-high heat, stirring constantly.

Reduce heat to medium-low, simmer uncovered until candy is dissolved. Stirring constantly.

Cool completely, about 30 minutes. Then refrigerate all ingredients until chilled.

In a punch bowl, add the chilled mix syrup mixture and pineapple juice. Stir in the chilled 2-liter of Sprite.

Serve over ice.

Garnish with cranberries and cinnamon sticks, if desired.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Nov. 3, Pastor Perry Williams spoke in the morning service. His message addressed "the morals our country should embrace. God's people should choose wise and experienced men as leaders. We are to pray for all our leaders." Scripture was from Deuteronomy, 1 Timothy and other selections.

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. The brother and sister duo of Lucas and Isabel Tehandon sang the song "You're a Good, Good Father" as a special.

Men's and women's Bible studies were scheduled at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4.

Women on Mission plan to meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, today.

The LLL senior adult group plans to have a monthly meeting and potluck meal at 11 a.m. Thursday, today.

A chili/soup cook off contest youth fund-raiser is planned at 5:30 p.m. Friday.

Birthdays: Tom Smith, Nov. 3; Erica Goines, Nov. 7; Judy Hancock, Nov. 8; Dalton Anderson, Molly Jones, Nov. 9.

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.



Halloween health fair

For the third year, health care providers and local first responders gathered Wednesday evening, Oct. 30, to participate in the annual Night of the Living Health Fair hosted by Rural Health Inc. in Anna. The theme of this year's event was "the tiki party of terror." Costumed kiddos from the region were given candy and other treats from a variety of participants. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

News from

Anna First Baptist Church



Pastor, wife

The Rev. Lupe and Yadira Lopez were honored Sunday with a meal and cake after church at Anna First Baptist Church for Pastor Appreciation Month. Photographer Martha Ann Webb.



Dinner served

A potluck dinner was served Sunday after church at Anna First Baptist Church for Pastor Appreciation Month for Rev. Lupe and Yadi Lopez. Cissi Cuthbertson, Menda Cash, Jean Denny and Marie Holan served the meal. Photographer Martha Ann Webb.

Anna First Baptist Church met for worship on Sunday, Nov. 3.

Pastor Lupe greeted everyone in the sanctuary and those watching on the church's live stream.

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

The call to worship was on the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Prayer was said.

The worship team led in the singing of "There is Power in the Blood," "Days of Elijah" and "How Great is Our God."

Pastor Lupe's sermon was titled "Out of Touch." Scripture was from Revelation and 2 Peter.

The sermon shared that "being called to evangelism during an election season reminds us that our message is timeless, transcending political divides and shifting priorities.

"In this atmosphere, evangelism focuses on sharing the hope and peace found in Christ, offering an anchor beyond any temporary leadership.

"While society debates candidates and platforms, we bring a message of eternal significance that speaks to people's deeper needs and longings.

"Ultimately, our calling is to elevate God's kingdom, where love, grace and truth govern beyond the reach of ballots and campaigns."

After the service, the church family joined together for the Lord's Supper.

The church then had a potluck luncheon in honor of Pastor Lupe and his family for Pastor Appreciation Month. The church is thankful for him.

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.

Obituaries

James Michael (Jim) Helm



James Michael (Jim) Helm of Dongola returned to God on Nov. 2, 2024, while in hospice care at the Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Jim was a proud 1965 graduate of Dongola High School. He attended Southern Illinois University Carbondale and graduated from the School of Business in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He always kept up in touch with fellow members of his business fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi.

After graduation, Jim was employed in public accounting, as well as private industry. Jim worked for several years in Du Quoin and Carbondale before beginning his career in 1978 at Electric Energy Incorporated, a power-generating plant in Joppa. He began work at Electric Energy as an accountant. In 1985, Jim became an officer of the company with his promotion to secretary-treasurer. In 2009, he was named Director of Business Services and oversaw the departments of accounting services, management services and human services.

Jim held a 23-year membership in the Edison Electric Institute's Taxation Committee and traveled throughout the Unites States to participate in committee meetings.

Jim served as an adjunct instructor for Shawnee Community College as an accounting professor and was named the Union County Alumnus of the Year in 2008 by the Union County Hospital Association where a community member is saluted who has made significant contributions to Union County.

His retirement hobbies included operating his farm and tax service. He was an avid waterfowl hunter and loved hunting at his property, Bryley Ridge Farm.

Jim is survived by his wife, Christine Earnhart Helm and his daughter, Dr. Paige Helm (John) Maginel; his two grandchildren, Henry James Maginel of Dongola and Bryce Helm Massey of Anna; his one sister, Jennifer Helm Flowers of Austin; and a brother-in-law, Kenton (Beverly) Earnhart of Dongola.

His nieces and nephews include Dr. John Van (Stacy) Earnhart, Justin (Lori) Earnhart, as well as Adrienne (Brett) Jacobsen of Atlanta and Alison (Greg) Blake of Austin. Great-nieces and nephew are Alyssa, Lauren, Nicole, Will, Presley, Cate and Claire.

He was a member of Maple Grove Baptist Church and was looking forward to a great reunion with his mother, Anita Brown Helm, who preceded him in death on October 16, 1987.

Services for Jim were Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 1:30 p.m. at Crain Funeral home in Dongola, with his beloved nephew Dr. John Earnhart officiating.

Interment followed the funeral service at St. John's Cemetery near Dongola.

Memorials may be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital in his memory as they provided wonderful care for him as a child.

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.

Millicent Louise Casper Hankla



Millicent Louise Casper Hankla, 96, of Anna, Illinois, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2024.

Millie was born on March 12, 1928, the daughter of Glendon D. Casper and Helen E. Brown Casper of Anna, Illinois.

She and Donald Hankla were married on Aug. 27, 1946. They both graduated with Master's Degrees from Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

She and Don built a family as they both grew their careers. Millie worked as a mathematician and educator following Don's Conservation Professional career with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

After leaving Anna-Jonesboro, they spent their next 35 years living in New Hampshire, North Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Oregon and Florida. On retirement, they returned to her home place north of Anna in 1987.

Millie was a gifted mathematician, singer, teacher, counselor, gardener and tireless advocate for women and children, and was active in her church and community wherever they lived and worked. She was a leader nationally in women's organizations of the Presbyterian Church and later was an instrumental leader in establishment of Bethany Village-Family Crisis Resource Center in Anna. In 2008, Millie received an "Inspiring Women of Achievement" recognition from SIU Carbondale for her volunteer work.

As her three children like to say, "We had the best Mom!"

She is survived by children David (Lisa), Elizabeth (Sam) and John; grandchildren Peter (Sophia), Molly (Kyle), Daniel Hershey and David Hershey (Alison); great-grandchildren Braeden, Maeve, Fiadh and Bronwyn; and her brother, Thomas Casper.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father; brothers Robert and Glendon; sister Patricia; and husband Donald.

There are no funeral plans at this time. Contact Tom Casper at email tom.casper63@gmail.com if you would like more information.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice or to a local women's and children's shelter, such as Bethany Village in Anna, Illinois.

View Obituaries Online at annanews.com

Wayne L. Douglas



Wayne L. Douglas, 86, of Anna, died Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2024, at his home, surrounded by his family.

He was born on April 24, 1938, in Karnak, the son of Claud C. and Birdie Bunch Douglas.

He married D. Darlene Eiselmeirer on May 1, 1960, in Cape Girardeau. They shared over 64 wonderful years together.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene Douglas; daughter Tanya (Ted) Womick; grandsons Tyler (Sara) Hess and Jacob (Allie) Hess; step-grandchildren Jeremiah (Jodi) Womick and Jessie (Herman) Wells; great-grandchildren Liam and Holden Hess; step-great-grandchildren Jack Womick, Sophia and Blake Wells; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter Lisa Hess; brothers and sisters-in-law Clyde (Opal) Douglas, Raymond (Doris) Douglas and Clark (Laura) Douglas; and sisters and brother-in-law Lillian Douglas and Delphia (Steve) Hill.

Mr. Douglas was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Anna. He retired from Boilermakers Local 363 in March of 1998 after 30-plus years. He was a lifetime member of Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge No. 1641.

He loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them. He enjoyed turkey hunting and loved music and dancing. If you've been to Kiki's to listen to Steve and Eric, you've surely seen Wayne and Darlene dance.

Graveside funeral services for Wayne Douglas were at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3, at the Anna Cemetery, with Pastor Jason Holden officiating. Inurnment followed.

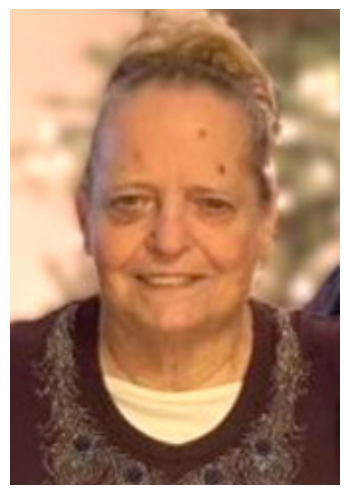
A celebration of Wayne's life will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge, 427 E. Jefferson St., Anna.

Memorials can be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, the Alzheimer's Association or the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

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

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

Rosemary M. 'Rosie' Cates



Rosemary Cates, 75, of Cobden, went home to her Lord and Savior Friday, Oct. 25, 2024.

She was born on Nov. 16, 1948, in Cobden, the daughter of Leslie and Mary Ann Dangbar George.

She married Robert C. "Bob" Cates on July 5, 1977. He preceded her on Sept. 29, 1988.

She is survived by her sisters, Charlene Holderfield and Pauline (James) Dillow, all of Cobden; nieces and nephews Karen (Rob) Robinson of Jonesboro, Ernie Holderfield and Mark Jones, both of Cobden, Gregory (Jill) Wright of Salem, Sarah (Jeremy) Parker of Murfreesboro, Tenn., Kristine (Robert) Benak of Trenton, Cynthia (Joshua) Easton of Cobden, Connie Coryell of Granite City, Shannon Suarez of Saint Robert, Mo., and Larry George of Cobden; numerous great-nieces and nephews; brother-in-law L.G. Wright of Salem; cousins; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bob Cates; siblings Eldon Ray George, Henry George, Edith Farris, Shirley Jones, Sally Wright and Mitchell George; and several nieces and nephews.

She graduated from Cobden High School in 1966 and then went on to get her LPN license. She worked early on at the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna, Union County Hospital in Anna and Fellowship House, where she retired.

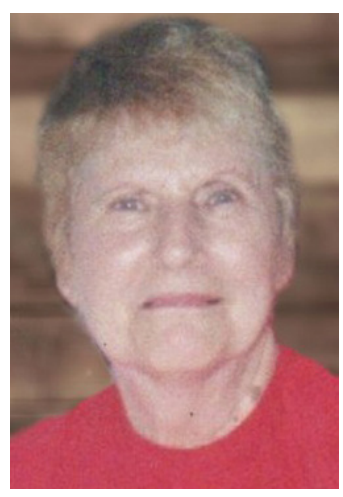
She was a faithful member of the Apostolic Lighthouse Church in Cobden for many years. She will be remembered for her love and compassion for others; she was incredibly generous and giving to anyone in need. She enjoyed doing needlecraft, especially making snowflakes during the winter season.

Funeral services were at noon Friday, Nov. 1, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden, with the Rev. Joe Jones officiating. Interment was in Casper Cemetery near Anna.

Memorials can be made to the Apostolic Lighthouse Church. To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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

Hazel M. Reichrath



Hazel M. Reichrath, 88, of Anna, died Thursday, Oct. 31, 2024, at Integrity Healthcare of Anna.

She was born on Jan. 7, 1936, the daughter of George and Julia Flick.

She married John L. Reichrath in 1960. He preceded her in death on Dec. 22, 1988.

She is survived by her son, Gary Reichrath of Milford, Del. She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; daughter Vicky Chamness; three sisters and three brothers.

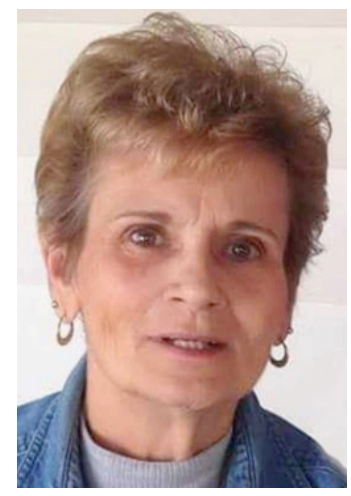
For many years, she worked as a certified nurse's assistant at Union County Hospital in Anna.

Graveside funeral services for Hazel Reichrath were at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4, at the Anna Cemetery, with the Rev. Mark Goins officiating. Interment followed.

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

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

Shelby Kay Rushing



Shelby Kay Rushing, 77, of Dongola, died Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2024, at her home.

She was born on Nov. 13, 1946, in Dongola, the daughter of Charley B. and Agnes M. Brust Johnson.

She married Kenneth Rushing on Jan. 26, 1963. She and Kenneth enjoyed 57 years together. He preceded her in death on Feb. 26, 2020.

She is survived by her children, Penny (Randy) Hindman of Anna and Edwin (Cindy) Rushing of Dongola; grandchildren Rebecca (Thomas) Corbit, Remington Hindman, Journee Rushing, James Calvin Jones, Austin Rider and Taylor Rushing; great-grandchildren Brinley, Natilyn, Easton, Ayla and Owen Corbit; brother Charles (Kelly) Johnson; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and her beloved companion, Pearl.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; son Michael Rushing; grandson Jordan Michael Houston; sister Louetta Houseman; and brother, David Johnson Sr.

She worked at the Florsheim Shoe Factory in Anna and later owned and operated Kay's Euro Tan in Dongola. She enjoyed sewing and quilting before being limited by her diminishing eyesight. Kay was sweet but stubborn and she fiercely supported her family. She especially enjoyed her grandchildren.

Funeral services for Shelby Kay Rushing were at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Wesley Johnson officiating. Interment followed in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Dongola.

Memorials can be made to Pay it Forward-Union County (Angel Tree).

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

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

Robert M. 'Bob' Hansil



Robert M. "Bob" Hansil, 66, of rural Dongola (the Wetaug community) passed away Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024, at 11:29 p.m. at his home.

He was born on Sept. 17, 1958, in Greenville, S.C. He was the son of Jewell Joseph Hansil and Mary Anita Baumheuter Hansil.

On Sept. 11, 1981, he was united in marriage to Teresa L. Wright in Dongola. She survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mary Ann (Cody Heern) Hansil of Jonesboro; a son, Raymond Joseph (Sarah Agne) Hansil of Jonesboro; grandchildren Austin Klasner, Kiersten (Dalton Gore) Wright, Megan Wright, Bryan Wright, Alexis Hansil, Jenifer Hansil, Hartley Hansil and Trinity Tellor; a great-grandson, Jaxon Gore; a brother, Raymond (Donna) Hansil of Valrico, Fla.; as well as nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by twin infant granddaughters Paisley and Teagan Hansil; a brother and sister-in-law, William and Paula Hansil; nieces and nephews.

Throughout his working career, he installed and painted radio towers, as well as painting water towers. He was also a very talented automotive mechanic.

He was an amateur (Ham) radio enthusiast. His call sign was KB9MQH. He spent many hours on the radio "scouring the planet for intelligent life." He also enjoyed automobile racing.

A private service honoring the life of Bob Hansil was held Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 5:30 p.m. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Enloe Clemmons officiated.

To share a memory of Bob or to leave an online message of condolence for his family, visit www.baileyfh.com.

Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna was in charge of arrangements.

Open house set at wildlife sanctuary near Golconda

The public is invited to an annual open house planned at War Bluff Valley Wildlife Sanctuary at 228 Bushwack Rd. near Golconda on Saturday, Nov. 9.

Sponsored by Illinois Audubon Society's Shawnee Chapter, there will be activities ongoing throughout the day and into the evening.

At over 500 acres, War Bluff Valley Wildlife Sanctuary is one of Illinois Audubon Society's largest wildlife sanctuaries.

The day is scheduled to begin with the society's second Saturday Stewardship activities starting at 9 a.m.

At 1 p.m., those who are interested can hike to War Bluff Stone Fort, weather permitting. The hike is described as moderate to strenuous. Those who want to go on the hike are advised to dress for the weather and to wear appropriate footwear.

The hike will be followed by a chili cook-off, hot cider and camaraderie around the campfire or woodstove.

The event is free and open to the public, everyone is welcome, but the society asks that pets be left at home.

An opportunity to explore the wildlife sanctuary with easy walking is planned from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The chili cook-off is set for 5 p.m. Chili can be brought in a crockpot or a pot to warm on a stove. All the fixings will be provided, as well as fresh local cider and a campfire. Bring a ladle, something to drink and table service. Contributions of chili are not required, but also not discouraged.

Directions to War Bluff Valley Wildlife Sanctuary: Take Route 146 north of Golconda 3.5 miles, turn left onto Bushwack Road (look for the brown binocular sign). Follow Bushwack Road about 2.2 miles to the sanctuary entrance on the right; watch for the Illinois Audubon Sign. Bushwack Rd turns into a gravel road and crosses a low water ford…don't give up…just keep going.

For more information, contact ShawneeChapterIAS@gmail.com or call 618-534-7870.

Lawyer in the Library sessions scheduled in area communities

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.

Sessions are scheduled at libraries which include:

Anna: Stinson Memorial Public Library, 618-833-2521. Attorney Gene Turk, Nov. 20, noon to 2 p.m.

Carbondale: Carbondale Public Library, 618-457-0354. Attorney Christine Hines, Nov. 14, noon to 2 p.m. Attorney Gene Turk, Nov. 20, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Olive Branch: Dodge Memorial Public Library, 618-776-9200. Attorney Julian Valdes, Nov. 7 and Nov. 21, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Quarterly sessions are scheduled at locations which include:

Mounds: Mounds Public Library, 618-745-6610. Attorney Julian Valdes, next quarterly session scheduled Dec. 14, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Vienna: Vienna Carnegie Public Library, 618-658-5051. Attorney Julian Valdes, next quarterly session scheduled Dec. 20, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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.

Television Listings

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Sports	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	My Brilliant Friend	**"Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai"** John Tormey. (R)	(5:00) ★★★½ **"Heat"** ('95, Crime) Al Pacino. (HD)
:30			Local		TBA	Bang (HD)		(:25) **"Movie"**			
7 PM	9-1-1 (HD)	Marriage	Don't (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	To Be Announced *Info unavailable.*	Bang (HD)	**"Movie"**		Franchise		
:30		Ghosts				Bang (HD)			Somewhere		
8 PM	Doctor Odyssey (HD)	(:01) Matlock *"Claws"*	Ramsay's Food Stars	Law & Order: SVU		Bang (HD)		Wizards	Penguin		★★★½ **"The Wolf of Wall Street"** ('13, Crime) Leonardo DiCaprio. (HD)
:30						Bang (HD)		Wizards Waverly (HD)	(:50) **"Janet Planet"** ('24, Drama) Zoe Ziegler.	(:46) ★★★ **"Homefront"** ('13) Jason Statham. (R)	
9 PM	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	Elsbeth *"Elsbeth's"*	Local Programs *Local info.*	Found (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)					
:30						Bang (HD)		Wizards			
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	**"Legally Blonde"** ('01) Reese Witherspoon.	**"Movie"**	Miraculous			**"The Gambler"** ('14)
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)				Miraculous	(:45) **"Love Lies Bleeding"** ('24)	(:27) ★½ **"Whose Streets?"** ('17)	
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (HD)			Bluey			
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night				Bluey			

THURSDAY

8:00pm

PARSHO The Wolf of Wall Street ★★★½ (2013, Crime) Leonardo DiCaprio, Jonah Hill. Corruption and fraud encapsulate the life of a nefarious New York stock broker in the late '80s as he pursues the American dream with excess and affluence. R (HD)

8:46pm

MAX Homefront ★★★ (2013, Action) Jason Statham, James Franco. A former DEA agent trying to escape his troubled past tries to take down a sociopathic drug lord and his illegal trade after going into retirement. R

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8, 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)	(4:30) **"Movie"**	(:20) **"Movie"**	**"Resurgence"**	**"Dim Sum Funeral"**	**"3:10 to Yuma"** ('07)
:30						Bang (HD)			**"MaXXXine"** Charley McCain. (R)		
7 PM	Shark Tank (HD)	S.W.A.T. (HD)	Accused (HD)	Place		**"Central Intelligence"** ('16) Kevin Hart. (HD)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (HD)			**"The Color Purple"** ('23, Musical) Fantasia Barrino. (HD)	**"The Dead Don't Hurt"** ('24) Vicky Krieps. (R)
:30				Lopez vs.							
8 PM	(:01) 20/20 *Investigative news.* (HD)	Fire Country (HD)	College Football *Iowa Hawkeyes at UCLA Bruins from Rose Bowl* (Live) (HD)	Dateline NBC				Wizards Waverly (HD)	(:08) The Penguin		
:30		Blue Bloods (HD)			TBA	**"Walking Tall"** Dwayne Johnson.	Scare	**"Movie"**	Real Time with (HD)	**"Fruitvale Station"**	(:10) **"The Hateful Eight"** ('15, Western) Samuel L. Jackson. (R) (HD)
9 PM					To Be Announced *Info unavailable.*		(:31) Hysteria!				
:30									FL Man		
10 PM	Local	Local		Local		(:33) **"Central Intelligence"** ('16)	Scare	Big City	Real Time with (HD)	**"Parasite"** ('19) Song Kang-ho. (R)	
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)			(:12) The Anonymous	Big City			
11 PM								Big City	FL Man		
:30	Nightline	Midnight	Local	Late Night							

FRIDAY

7:00pm

TBS Central Intelligence ★★★ (2016, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Dwayne Johnson. A geek-turned-lethal CIA agent recruits an accountant who used to be the most popular athlete in his high school to save the U.S. spy satellite system. PG-13 TV14 (HD)

9:10pm

PARSHO The Hateful Eight ★★★½ (2015, Western) Samuel L. Jackson, Kurt Russell. A group is forced to find shelter from a blizzard at a stagecoach stopover on a mountain pass, where they encounter betrayal and deception. R (HD)

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Scoreboard	Postgame	Coll. Ftbl	Pregame	To Be Announced *Info unavailable.*	★★ **"Office Party"** ('16)	(4:00) **"Movie"**	Big City	(5:22) **"Sorority"** ('16)	(5:19) **"50/50"** ('11) (R)	(5:40) **"We Were Soldiers"** ('02) Mel Gibson.
:30	(:37) College Football *"Teams TBA"* (Live) (HD)	Local	Extra (HD)	College Football *Florida State Seminoles at Notre Dame Fighting Irish* (Live) (HD)				Big City			
7 PM		To Be Announced	College Football *"Teams TBA"* (Live) (HD)			**"Four Christmases"** ('08) Vince Vaughn. (HD)	**"Movie"**	**"Movie"**	**"Unstoppable"** ('10, Thriller) (HD)	**"Ted 2"** ('15, Comedy) Mark Wahlberg. (HD)	
:30											★★★½ **"Inglourious Basterds"** ('09, Drama) Brad Pitt. (HD)
8 PM		48 Hours (HD)						ZOMBIES	(:40) The Penguin		
:30								ZOMBIES		★★★ **"Forgetting Sarah Marshall"**	
9 PM		48 Hours (HD)			(:15) To Be Announced *Info unavailable.*	★★ **"Office Christmas Party"** Jason Bateman.		ZOMBIES	Franchise		
:30								ZOMBIES	FL Man		
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs *Local info.*		Local			**"Movie"**	Big City	(:27) **"Trap"** ('24) Josh Hartnett.	(:47) **"Dicks: The Musical"** ('23)	(:35) **"The Girl in the Pool"** ('24)
:30			The Floor (HD)	Saturday Night Live (HD)		**"Chocolate Factory"**		Big City			
11 PM	Local Programs		Local					Big City			
:30											

SATURDAY

7:00pm

HBO Unstoppable ★★★ (2010, Thriller) Denzel Washington, Chris Pine. An expert engineer and a novice conductor race to stop a runaway, poisonous train from crashing and causing a catastrophe in a large town directly in its path. PG-13 (HD)

8:56pm

MAX Forgetting Sarah Marshall ★★★ (2008, Comedy) Jason Segel, Kristen Bell. A man escapes to a Hawaiian resort to get away from his ex-girlfriend, but he discovers that she and her new, rock star boyfriend are visiting the same place. R (HD)

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Home Videos (HD)	NFL (Live)	Burgers	Football America (HD)	(5:00) To Be Announced	**"Four Christmases"**	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	(:12) The Penguin	(:02) The Knick (HD)	**"Gladiator"** ('00) (HD)
:30		60 Minutes (HD)	Krapopolis					Big City			
7 PM	(:01) ★★★ **"Mrs. Doubtfire"** ('93, Comedy) Robin Williams. (PG-13)		Simpsons	Sunday Night Football *Detroit Lions at Houston Texans from NRG Stadium* (Live)	To Be Announced *Info unavailable.*	**"Christmas Vacation"** ('89) Chevy Chase.	Law & Order: SVU	**"Movie"**	(:05) The Penguin	★★½ **"Paranormal Activity"** ('09)	Special Ops: Lioness
:30			Universal								
8 PM		Tracker (HD)	Burgers				Law & Order: SVU		The Penguin		Dexter (HD)
:30			Krapopolis					Wizards		★★½ **"Paranormal Activity 2"** ('10)	
9 PM		Yellowstone (HD)	Local Programs			**"Christmas Vacation"** ('89) Chevy Chase.	Law & Order: SVU	Wizards	Franchise		Dexter
:30								(:35) Kiff	Somewhere		(:50) ★★★ **"Shooter"** ('07, Thriller) Mark Wahlberg. (R) (HD)
10 PM	Local Programs *Local info.*	Local Programs	Local Programs		Sports		Law & Order: SVU	Kiff	Last Week	★★½ **"Paranormal Activity 3"** ('11)	
:30				Local Programs *Local info.*	SportsCenter (HD)			Kiff	(:50) The Penguin *"Little Thing"*		
11 PM		Local Programs	Local Programs			★★ **"Office Party"** ('16)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City		**"Paranormal"**	
:30								Big City			

SUNDAY

7:01pm

ABC Mrs. Doubtfire ★★★ (1993, Comedy) Robin Williams, Sally Field. A divorced, out-of-work voice-over artist disguises himself and applies for a job as his ex-wife's housekeeper so he can spend time with his children. PG-13

9:00pm

TBS National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation ★★★½ (1989, Comedy) Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo. Members of an eccentric family try to create the perfect holiday by inviting all their relatives over for a long visit, but the plan turns into a disaster. PG-13 TV14 (HD)

MONDAY NOVEMBER 11, 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	Big City	**"Dune Pt. 2"**	(5:06) **"Criminal"** ('16)	**"Saving Private Ryan"** ('98) Tom Hanks. (HD)
:30						Bang (HD)		Big City	(:47) The Penguin *"Little Thing"*		
7 PM	To Be Announced	Neighbor.	9-1-1: Lone Star	American Ninja Warrior *Endurance course.*	(:15) To Be Announced *Info unavailable.*	Bang (HD)	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	**"Movie"**		★★½ **"88 Minutes"** ('08) Al Pacino.	
:30		Poppa's				Bang (HD)					Special
8 PM		NCIS *"In From the"*	Rescue: HI-Surf (HD)			Bang (HD)			My Brilliant Friend		
:30	TBA					Bang (HD)		(:25) Kiff		(:48) ★★★½ **"The Revenant"** ('16, Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio. (R) (HD)	(:45) Killing Eve (HD)
9 PM	To Be Announced	NCIS: Origins (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*	The Wall (HD)		Dad (HD)	The Anonymous (HD)	Kiff	(:10) The Penguin		**"The Hurt Locker"** ('09) Jeremy Renner. (HD)
:30						Dad (HD)		Kiff			
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	(:15) TBA	Dad (HD)	(:15) 9-1-1 (HD)	Wizards Waverly (HD)	(:20) My Brilliant Friend (HD)		
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD)		Bluey			
11 PM			Local Programs			Dad (HD)	Race *Alaska race.*	Bluey			
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night	Sports	Dad (HD)			Somewhere	**"Dark Skies"**	**"Iwo Jima"**

MONDAY

7:00pm

MAX 88 Minutes ★★½ (2008, Thriller) Al Pacino, Alicia Witt. A college professor helps to put a serial killer on death row, but on the day of the execution he receives a phone call saying that he will die in 88 minutes. R TVMA

8:45pm

PARSHO Killing Eve "Don't I Know You?" Villanelle murders a Chinese colonel at a kink clinic in Berlin; while Eve and Bill find some promising leads, Villanelle enjoys their proximity to each other. TV14 (HD)

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12, 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	(5:15) **"Movie"**	(5:48) The Penguin	(5:19) **"50/50"** ('11) (R)	**"The Girl in the Pool"** ('24) (HD)
:30						Bang (HD)					
7 PM	Dancing with the Stars *"Night 8"* (HD)	FBI *Protect America.*	Murder Small	St. Denis Medical		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Wizards	**"Bodies Bodies Bodies"** ('22) (R)	★★½ **"The Sum of All Fears"** ('02) Ben Affleck.	**"Breathe"** ('24) Jennifer Hudson.
:30						Bang (HD)		Wizards			
8 PM		FBI: International	Accused (HD)	To Be Announced		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Wizards			
:30						Bang (HD)		Wizards	Franchise		
9 PM	(:01) High Potential	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs *Local info.*	The Wall (HD)	To Be Announced *Info unavailable.*	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	ZOMBIES	Somewhere	(:04) **"Taken"** ('09) Liam Neeson.	(:05) **"Insurgent"** ('15) Shailene Woodley. (HD)
:30						Bang (HD)		Kiff	My Brilliant Friend		
10 PM	Local	Local		Local		Family	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie			
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)		Family		Jessie	(:46) The Penguin *"Little Thing"*	(:36) **"Machete"** ('10) Danny Trejo.	
11 PM			Local Programs			Family	Law & Order: SVU	Bluey			**"Scream VI"** ('23) (R)
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night	Sports	Family		Bluey			

TUESDAY

7:00pm

NBC St. Denis Medical A woman must choose between her daughter's school play and a situation in the Emergency Department; a woman spends limited funds on a new mammography machine. (HD)

9:01pm

ABC High Potential "One of Us" As Morgan gives Ava a tour of the police department, friends of a recently convicted man storm the premises and hold the precinct hostage. (HD)

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 13, 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	Bang (HD)	SVU (HD)	(5:10) **"Movie"**	(:17) **"The Hangover"** ('09) Bradley Cooper.	★★½ **"Wall Street"** ('10)	**"My Cousin Vinny"**
:30						Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU				
7 PM	The Golden Bachelorette (HD)	Survivor *Deserted island.* (HD)	The Masked Singer	Chicago Med (HD)	To Be Announced	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite		Wizards		★ **"Black Christmas"** ('19) (HD)	★★★★ **"GoodFellas"** ('90, Crime) Robert De Niro. (R) (HD)
:30							Law & Order: SVU	Wizards			
8 PM	Elementary	The Summit *"The Snowline"* (HD)	(:02) The Floor (HD)	Chicago Fire (HD)	To Be Announced			Primos	Breath of Fire		
:30							Law & Order: SVU	Big City		★★½ **"The Amityville Horror"** ('05)	
9 PM	What Would You Do?		Local Programs *Local info.*	Chicago P.D. (HD)	TBA	Family		Wizards	Franchise		
:30					To Be Announced *Info unavailable.*	Family	Law & Order: SVU	Wizards	(:31) Breath of Fire		★★★½ **"Unforgiven"** ('92) Clint Eastwood. (HD)
10 PM	Local	Local		Local		Family		Wizards		**"Cabin Fever"** ('03) Rider Strong.	
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)		Family	Law & Order: SVU	Wizards	Breath of Fire		
11 PM			Local Programs			Family		Big City			
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night		Family	SVU (HD)	Big City	Penguin	**"Cabin"**	**"Talk to Me"**

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm

PARSHO GoodFellas ★★★★ (1990, Crime) Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta. A young man goes from boy to man under the guidance of a violent crime ring in New York, gaining wealth and power while confronting suspicion and violence. R (HD)

8:30pm

ABC Abbott Elementary "The Deli" The district tasks Ava with addressing other principals; Melissa, Barbara and Jacob fight the gentrification when the neighborhood deli is forced to close. TVPG (HD)

Opinion and Commentary

Distracted driving in Illinois

'One Road. One Focus' campaign launched

Kicking off national Teen Driver Safety Week, which was Oct. 20-26, Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias announced his office is spearheading a multifaceted campaign to raise awareness about the dangers of distracted driving.

The office's "One Road. One Focus" campaign, specifically geared toward educating teen drivers about the consequences of distracted driving, includes a new requirement for teens to watch a video that details the consequences of dangerous driving behaviors during their learner's permit phase before they receive their driver's license.

The office is also partnering with Illinois State Police, ISP, and Illinois Department of Transportation, IDOT, to identify areas prone to crashes and designate them as Distracted Driver Corridors throughout the state.

Launched by the National Highway Traffic Safety Authority, NHTSA, Teen Driver Safety Week reinforces young drivers' understanding of the impact of their behind-the-wheel decisions. According to NHTSA data, drivers 15-34 are most likely to be distracted at the time of fatal crashes.

"Decisions made behind the wheel impact all road users, whether that's other drivers, passengers, pedestrians, bicyclists or the families waiting at home for their loved one's safe arrival," Giannoulias said in a news release. "The mentality of valuing a text message over lives is completely unacceptable. We're committed to changing behaviors to make Illinois roads safer and to save lives."

Giannoulias is partnering with Brenda Protz, a Springfield woman who lost her 14-year-old daughter Jenna in a distracted driving incident that also took the lives of three others, including her daughter's best friend and her paternal grandparents. A young driver, charged with aggravated use of an electronic communications device and improper lane usage, crossed a median causing the crash.

"Distracted driving is a nationwide epidemic. My daughter Jenna and her friend Holly were only 14 when their lives ended," Protz said. "I have made it my mission to try and save the lives of others by spreading awareness about the different types of distracted driving, and what those actions can do to a family."

The office is also working with stakeholders, including IDOT, ISP and road safety advocates like Chicago-based Bike Lane Uprising.

"Every year, ISP troopers issue thousands of citations and warnings for distracted driving. Despite this, our troopers still respond to hundreds of crashes, many the result of distracted driving," ISP director Brendan F. Kelly said. "ISP will continue to work with Illinois Secretary of State Giannoulias and the campaign to combat distracted driving."

"Improving safety, eliminating crashes and saving lives requires a team effort," said Stephane B. Seck-Birhame, IDOT's bureau chief of safety programs and engineering. "We know distracted driving is a problem across all age groups, but with teens, in particular. We look forward to working with all stakeholders on potential solutions as we strive to drive down the number of fatalities on Illinois roads to zero, the only acceptable number."

"Vulnerable road users like bicyclists and pedestrians are being killed and injured at disproportionately high rates as a result of distracted driving, rising to the level of a public health crisis," said Christina Whitehouse, founder of Bike Lane Uprising. "We welcome the Illinois Secretary of State's initiatives to address this issue and we urge other governmental agencies to explore additional opportunities to make our roadways safer."

Along with the video that teens will be required to view while in their learner's permit phase, other initiatives include:

Partnering with IDOT and the Illinois General Assembly to declare new safety corridors in areas that have experienced a spike in crashes related to dangerous driving behaviors, including distracted driving. Signage in the corridors would alert drivers of the increased risk. Ohio introduced a similar measure, resulting in 30 percent fewer traffic crashes and 31 percent fewer injury crashes since the corridors were created in 2018.

Collaborating with ISP to identify and coordinate Illinois Secretary of State Police patrols to enforce distracted driving laws in high-volume crash areas. The office will build on existing partnerships with law enforcement related to Scott's Law and DUI enforcement.

Working with members of the Illinois General Assembly to create a grant program for law enforcement agencies to combat distracted driving and target initiatives geared towards their own community needs.

Partnering with state's attorneys to boost the revocation of driving privileges of individuals who have caused great bodily harm while charges are processed.

Commentary

Sign needs to go

The longer it stands the more upset I become – the huge, obnoxious electric billboard on the Jonesboro Square needs to come down.

The wonderful history of the square is diminished by this structure. And, the future redevelopment of the square is doomed.

A beautiful new city hall, a remodeled banking facility and a prestigious funeral home are now in the shadow of this monster.

No fault to the advertisers on the billboard. It is a good bang for the buck. As you travel around the square the message comes right into the vehicle with you.

Who would want to enjoy the fountain and park area with such a distraction?

The current city fathers gave permission for the billboard's erection. Now it is time to admit a mistake was made and correct the problem. – Jerry L. Reppert

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Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

A bunch of monkeys could have written this...



A fox...taking it easy...right in town...one of several recent sightings of the critters...can't be sure if it's the same one every time...



A frog paused long enough between hops in a creek bed at the Trail of Tears State Forest for a picture or two...

Oftentimes, the column that was "supposed" to happen does not. This was one of those weeks...

I thought about maybe turning the column over to Bob, or maybe a bunch of monkeys. Maybe you've seen something about the idea that given enough time, like about a trillion years or so, a bunch of monkeys sitting at a keyboard could type the works of William Shakespeare.

But then, I happened to read that a couple of mathematicians in Australia determined that the idea of monkeys typing Shakespeare was much ado about nothing.

Bob, of course, has better things to do than type a column. And since there are not very many monkeys around here looking for writing jobs, I was stuck with doing the column. Oh, well, not much difference between yours truly and a bunch of monkeys...

Before we go any further, yours truly is going to take a bit of a "break." As you know (well, I hope you know), Daylight Saving Time (sadly) came to an end last weekend. We once again got to "fall back," meaning that we turned back our time pieces one hour.

My time pieces include an old wrist watch which was acquired at an auction many years ago. It's a "smart" watch... only in the sense that it shows me the correct time, the day of the week and date. Well, it does all of those things when the battery is still working.

Changing from Saving Time to Standard Time meant that we got back an hour of sleep that we lost last spring. I suppose that was worth something.

Heading back to Standard Time also meant that it get dark and hour earlier than what we had been seeing. Which meant that it was dark by about 5:30 p.m. Monday. I was able to get in my daily walkabout shortly before the night time world had settled in completely. I'm pretty sure I'll be carrying a flashlight with me for upcoming walks after about 5 o'clock or so... After my walk, I finished this gem. Still no monkeys to help out...

The time change also meant that I needed to get in one of my Sunday evening drives on Sunday afternoon. Worked out well. Spent some time, once again, walking through a creek bed at the Trail of Tears State Forest. In my shirt sleeves. On the third day of November. Go figure.

Meanwhile...

Didn't want you to miss another exciting...

Critter Sighting (and Sounds) Update...

Bugs. Chirping and making other bug sounds. On the third night of November. Yup. Just does not seem right.

A little frog hopping around in a creek bed. Yup. Sunday afternoon at the state forest. Didn't see many other critters in the creek bed, unless you count the ones that lived about 350 million years ago.

A lady bug hitching a ride on my front windshield. Yup. The bug landed on the windshield when I was leaving the state forest last Sunday afternoon. And, somehow, it managed to hang on for about five or six miles.

A fox. In a yard nearby. Again. Yup. Saw the critter one day last week. Just to play it safe, I kept a hedge between the fox and myself.

A great blue heron in a creek bed. Yup. Sunday afternoon. Just outside of metropolitan Mountain Glen.

Enough for now. I'm hoping that what I was going to write about this week gets done next time. We shall see...



Some of this year's autumn colors...sassafras leaves at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro.



Folks who know how such things happen could probably explain the one dark leaf among a cluster of green leaves which yours truly saw at the Trail of Tears State Forest last Sunday afternoon.

Veterans Day service set at Vienna library

A Veterans Day service is planned on Nov. 11 in Vienna. The service to honor area veterans is set for 11 a.m. on the lawn of the Vienna Carnegie Public Library. In the event of inclement weather, the program will be held in the community room at the library.

The service is sponsored by the Daniel Chapman Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, NSDAR.

The keynote speaker is scheduled to be Brandon McKinney. He is a history/government teacher at Vienna High School. McKinney served with the Illinois Army National Guard from March 2001 through March 2010 and was deployed in Operation Noble Eagle and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Patriotic music will be provided by Mason Montgomery and his daughter, Marica Wells. The NSDAR chapter noted that Mason Montgomery has generously dedicated many years to providing music for local events, revival leadership, gospel music and special services. Marica Wells is a music arranger and publisher. She serves as a pianist at Big Creek Baptist Church.

SIU plans to commemorate Veterans Day with annual vigil

Southern Illinois University Carbondale plans to publicly commemorate Veterans Day with an annual vigil at the flagpole on the corner of South Normal Avenue and West Grand Avenue, near the center of the SIU campus.

This year's Nov. 11 Veterans Day event marks the 43rd anniversary of the flagpole vigil, which began in 1981. The event honors SIU and Southern Illinois veterans who served their country in the U.S. armed forces.

SIU Air Force and Army ROTC programs, in partnership with SIU Veterans Services, are coordinating this year's vigil, which begins at 6 a.m. at the Old Main Flagpole, just south of Woody Hall.

ROTC cadets will stand silent vigil throughout the day, changing shifts every 15 minutes, until noon. At 11 a.m., members will hold a wreath-laying ceremony at the flagpole. The ceremony closes with the playing of taps by the SIU Trumpet Studio.

The mine sweeper YMS-84, the first U.S. Navy vessel built for World War II in Illinois, was launched on March 3, 1942, in the Chicago River.