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News Notes

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

An Easter sunrise service is planned Sunday, April 20, at the Cross of Peace on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass. The service is scheduled to begin at 6:30 a.m.

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A farewell gathering for Union County Clerk and Recorder Lance Meisenheimer is planned from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, today, in the community room at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

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Anna School District 37 is hosting special Blast Into Autism Acceptance Spirit Week activities this week.

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Fifth, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students in Anna School District 37 participated in a successful American Heart Challenge in February. During the Challenge, formerly known as Jump Rope for Heart, the students raised $2,005. Appreciation was voiced to all of the parents, students, family and friends who donated and contributed for the event. The school district reported that the Challenge's top fund-raisers were Jayse Wren, Henry Ruddick and Raelynn Bonner.

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On Friday, March 28, Anna Junior High School band and chorus members participated in the IGSMA State Organizational Contest in Marion. The band received an overall excellent rating. The chorus earned an overall superior rating.

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Anna School District 37 gives a big thank you to the Anna-Jo Garden Club for keeping the district's marquee and grounds looking fantastic Red and yellow tulips have been blooming.

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A Build Your Own Terrarium event is planned from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. April 5 to help support the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Marching Wildcats band. The event will be in the school's cafeteria and is being presented by Muddy Roots Collective.

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Cobden High School's prom king and queen are Thomas Coleman and Lindsey Windings.

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The horticulture class at Cobden High School went on a recent field trip to the greenhouses at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

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The Cobden High School Beta Club is planning to sponsor an Easter egg hunt on April 19 starting at 10 a.m. The egg hunt will be at the Cobden Community Park.

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An Easter egg hunt is set for 11 a.m. April 19 at the Dongola Ball Park.

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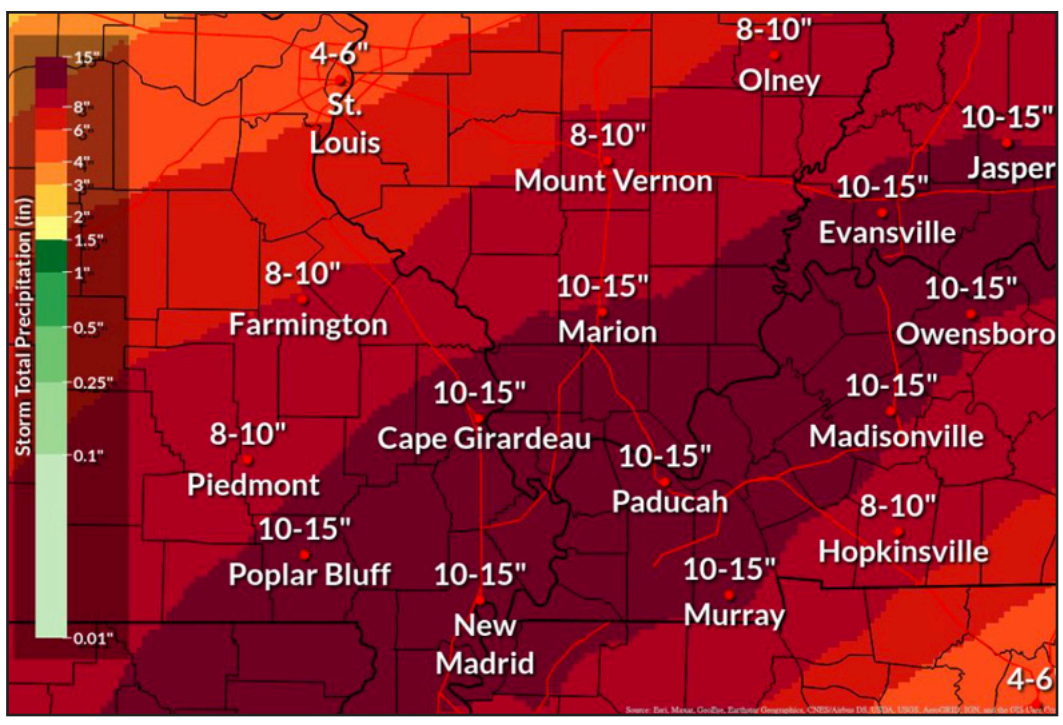
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Severe weather impacts region; severe thunderstorms occur

County could see 10 to 15 inches of rain



Possible rainfall totals

The National Weather Service office in Paducah posted a map on its website early this week which showed possible rainfall totals in the region for the period from Wednesday afternoon through Saturday night.

Parts of Southern Illinois (including Union County), Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky experienced another round of severe weather last weekend.

Tornado warnings and severe thunderstorm warnings were issued throughout the region last Sunday.

Two severe thunderstorm warnings were issued for Union County Sunday evening by the National Weather Service office in Paducah.

Severe weather was possible again on Wednesday. All severe weather threats were possible. Heavy rainfall and flooding also are in the forecast this week. The weather service was calling for the possibility of historically high rainfall amounts from Wednesday afternoon through Sunday.

Enhanced Risk Sunday

The region was under an enhanced risk for severe weather on Sunday. An enhanced risk meant that numerous severe storms were possible. Some longer lived storms, and a few intense storms, were possible.

The weather service office was advising Sunday afternoon that a "major severe weather event" was expected in the region.

Tornadoes, very large hail and damaging winds all were possible.

Tornado Watch

Union County was included in a tornado watch which was issued at 2:30 p.m. Sunday by the National Service's Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Okla.

Among the other Southern Illinois counties covered by the watch were Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Pulaski and Williamson. At the time the watch was issued, it was in effect until 11 p.m. Sunday.

Severe Thunderstorm Warnings

Union County was included in two severe thunderstorm warnings which were issued Sunday evening.

The first warning was issued at 5:43 p.m. Sunday. Areas covered by the warning included Union County, western Pulaski County and Alexander County in Southern Illinois and Scott County and Cape Girardeau County in Southeast Missouri.

At the time the warning was issued, severe thunderstorms were located along a line extending from 7 miles east of Daisy to near Bell City in Southeast Missouri, moving east at 55 miles per hour.

Union County was included in a second severe thunderstorm which was issued at 6:10 p.m. Sunday.

The warning included Union County, northern Pulaski County, Johnson County, southern Williamson County, southeastern Jackson County and north central Alexander County.

At 6:10 p.m., severe thunderstorms were located along a line extending from near Cobden to near Tamms, moving east at 55 mph.

Tornado Warning Issued

At 6:13 p.m. Sunday, a tornado warning was issued for Pulaski and Alexander counties in Southern Illinois, Ballard County in Western Kentucky and Scott County in Southeast Missouri.

The weather service reported that at 6:13 p.m., a confirmed large and extremely dangerous tornado was located over Olive Branch, or 10 miles east of Scott City, moving east at 55 mph.

"This is a PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS SITUATION. TAKE COVER NOW!" the weather service warned.

The weather service office reported Monday that an EF-1 tornado occurred shortly after 6 p.m. in Alexander and Pulaski counties. The tornado began near the Mississippi River at Commerce, Mo., and moved quickly to the east northeast.

The tornado had 105 mph winds, a track of 18.2 miles and a maximum width of 150 yards.

No deaths or injuries were

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Storm damage

A picture posted on the website for the National Weather Service office in Paducah via Nick Hausen showed storm damage at Century School in Ullin.



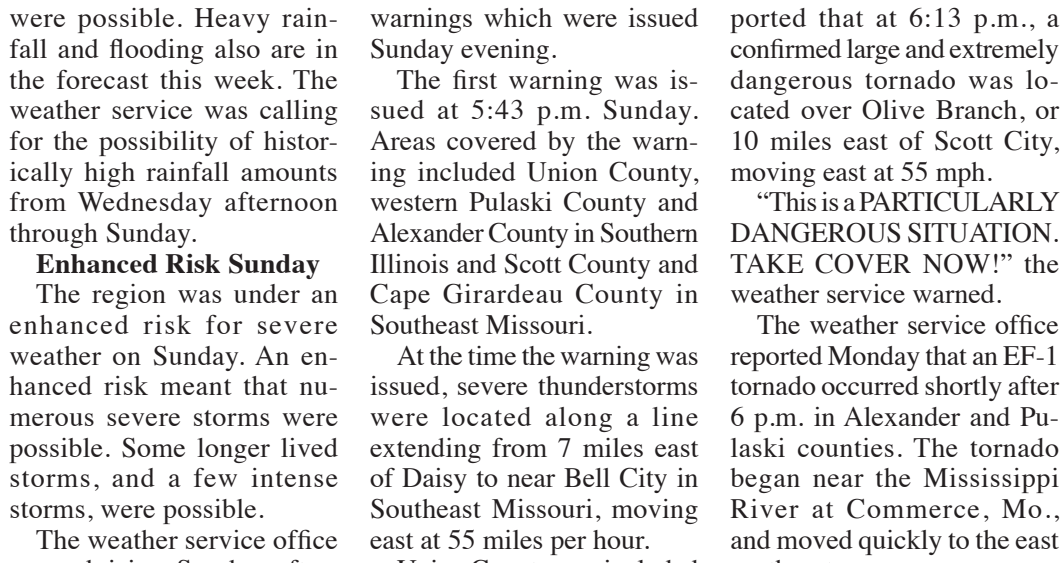
Sky clears after storms

The sky over Union County was starting to clear Sunday evening after severe storms swept through the area.



Damage at Shawnee College

The baseball field at Shawnee Community College near Ullin sustained significant damage in Sunday night's stormy weather. The photo is from a video shared on social media by the college.



'Tunes from the British Isles' to be presented

The PAST organization of Union County and Back Porch Company announce an upcoming concert. The local band Back Porch Company (pictured) will present "A Concert of Tunes from the British Isles" Sunday afternoon, April 6, at historic St. Anne's Church in Anna. The church is located at 507 S. Main St. Two performances are scheduled: one at 2 p.m. and one at 4 p.m. The same concert will be presented each time. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted for the benefit of the landmark St. Anne's Church. Parking will be available at nearby Stinson Memorial Library, which is about half a block away from the church. Photo provided.

Southern 7 announces 'Stop the Bleed' training sessions planned in area

Southern 7 Health Department's Medical Reserve Corps has announced April "Stop The Bleed" community training events which are scheduled in the region. The trainings are open to anyone 18 years of age and older.

The schedule for the community training events follows:

April 3: Century School, Ullin.

April 4. Massac County Farm Bureau, Metropolis, training to be held at Massac County Youth Fair community building.

April 7: Union County Farm Bureau, Jonesboro.

April 14: Arrowleaf Clyffe Cafe, Vienna.

April 21: Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Buncombe.

April 23: Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, Anna.

April 29: Pope County High School, Golconda.

All of the training sessions are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Southern 7 Health Department's Medical Reserve Corps was awarded funding to conduct "Stop The Bleed" community trainings in the lower seven Southern Illinois counties through April of this year.

The program is being coordinated through a partnership between the health department and the Regional Hospital Coordinating Center, who will provide the personnel to conduct the trainings. Participants who complete the free training will receive a "Stop the Bleed" starter kit.

"Stop The Bleed" training sessions last for an hour to an hour and a half, depending on student participation.

Each class will be limited to 25 participants age 18 and older. Pre-registration is required.

To register for an upcoming training, visit the Emergency Preparedness page at www.southern7.org or Southern 7 Health Department on Facebook.

Dates, times, and locations are subject to change without notice, the health department noted.

For more information, or to learn how to host a "Stop The Bleed" training, call Bobi Cavins at 618-634-2297, extension 971123.

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Child Abuse Prevention Month activities scheduled in county

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Special activities are planned in the Union County area to promote awareness about the importance of the observance.

Organizers note that Illinois residents make more than 230,000 calls to the Illinois Child Abuse Hotline each year, offer temporary safe haven for more than 18,000 children as foster families, including 52 children in Union County, and have provided permanent, loving homes for more than 19,000 children through adoption over the last decade.

Child abuse prevention advocates in Union County are encouraging residents of all ages to get involved in awareness and prevention activities during April in the hope of helping more children connect to resources which can help them.

In 2011, the Union County Child Abuse Prevention, UCCAP, planning committee was co-developed by WIBH Radio in Anna and the Children's Medical and Mental Health Resource Network, CMMHRN, to promote child abuse awareness and prevention.

The committee included county child advocacy agencies, healthcare providers, law enforcement, schools and businesses.

In 2019, Union County CAP expanded its support under Prevent Child Abuse, PCA, Illinois.

Today, the committee still includes its original members and many new participants who work together to improve the lives of abused and neglected children and their families in Union County.

"As we recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month, let us recommit ourselves to protecting the safety and well-being of our most vulnerable population," said Rachel Chruszczyk, Southern Region Prevention Specialist for Prevent Child Abuse Illinois, in a news release.

"By raising awareness and taking action, we can ensure that every child grows up in a safe and nurturing environment, free from the trauma of abuse. Let us work together to build a brighter future for our children."

Organizers noted that many family friendly events and activities are planned in April in Union County.

Proclamation Day Planned

On April 4 at 9 a.m., the 14th annual Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation Day is scheduled at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. The event is open to the public.

April 4 is also National Wear Blue Day. Everyone is invited to share photos on social media with #GoBlueIllinois to support PCA Illinois' #GoBlue campaign.

WIBH Radio's third Annual Warm Soles, New Hope Campaign to raise funds to buy new shoes for Southern Illinois children in need is underway. The deadline to donate is mid-May.

Community members can purchase a blue cookie through the #GoBlue awareness campaign at Davis Pastry in Anna.



'Blue Kids'

"Blue Kids" are on display in front of the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. They are helping to promote National Child Abuse Prevention Month awareness.

Arts council Raise the Roof event planned

Shawnee Hills Arts Council announces a Raise the Roof event is planned on April 4.

A Celebration of the Arts Cabaret will be presented starting at 6 p.m. at the arts council at 117 W. Davie St. in Anna.

The event will feature a dinner, local dance and drama talent, art work and the achievements of the arts center.

The event is being held to help raise funds for structure repair and roof replacement at the arts council's location in the original 1894 Anna city hall building.

More information is available by contacting Lee Hackney by phone at 904-625-1109 or by emailing vabchlee@gmail.com.

River to River Trail Society hike planned

A River to River Trail Society has announced its seventh public hike of the 2025 spring hiking season for April 12 at the Snake Road in Union County.

The hike is free and open to the public. This will be an easy hike out and back approximately 6 miles in length, with 4 hours of hiking time.

The leader of the hike can be reached at 618-694-7034 for more information.

Hikers are asked to meet at 10 a.m. at LaRue Pine Hills north parking lot.

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

News Notes

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Fling held Saturday, March 29, was a big success.

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Fourth grade students at Jonesboro went on a recent walking field trip to the Union County Courthouse. The school shared on social media that the students learned about the many jobs and responsibilities of those who work at the courthouse. On the way back, they stopped at Casey's for a snack.

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Lick Creek School's recent Grandparents Day celebration was a success.

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The Union County animal control program continues to welcome donations of pet food and financial resources.

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Enrollment for summer and fall classes at Shawnee Community College started on Monday, March 31.

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Shawnee Community College is joining in April's celebration of Community College Month.

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Shawnee Community College band and choir alumni are invited to perform at a spring concert which is planned Friday, May 9. Those who interested in performing can message the college or contact music director Lee Vanalstine.

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Practical nursing students and faculty at Shawnee Community College participated in the first Southern Illinois Educator Conference at SIU.

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An SIU Saluki Takeover Tour Southern Illinois chancellor's reception is planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 17, at Pizza Villa in Anna.

Severe weather

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reported as a result of the tornado. Numerous trees were uprooted or had their trunks snapped. Some buildings sustained roof damage.

A very large area of 70- to 90-mph straight line winds swept just south of the tornado and eventually overtook the twister as it moved into the New Grand Chain area, where damage consistent with 75- to 90-mph straight line winds continued sporadically into western Massac County.

Following Sunday night's severe weather, Century School District 100 at Ullin announced on social media that there would be no classes on Monday, March 31. School officials were assessing damage caused by Sunday's night's storms.

The Pulaski County Sheriff's Office reported on social media that several roads were closed due to damage caused by the severe weather.

Shawnee Community College was cleaning up after Sunday night's storm, which significantly damaged the college's baseball field on the main campus near Ullin. No injuries were reported.

The high winds tore the roof off the visitors' dugout, damaged the outfield fence and damaged a newly installed scoreboard.

The college shared on social media that there was no word on the dollar amount of the damage or how long the damage will delay home games from being played.

A rooftop air handling unit was also damaged. Some downed tree branches are around campus. None of the college's extension centers sustained damage. One of the centers is located in Anna.

Potentially Very Dangerous Weather Pattern

The weather service reported early this week that a very active and potentially very dangerous weather pattern was expected to set up by Wednesday and continue into this weekend.

A significant severe weather event was expected during the day on Wednesday and continuing into Wednesday night. The entire region faced an enhanced risk for severe thunderstorms.

The potential for severe thunderstorms was expected to linger into Thursday across most of the region.

Heavy rainfall was expected to begin Wednesday afternoon, with numerous rounds of heavy rain continuing into the first half of this weekend.

Significant rainfall totals are expected to cause widespread flash flooding and river flooding.

Widespread Significant Flooding, Flash Flooding is Expected

The weather advised early this week that confidence was high for a prolonged period of heavy rainfall beginning Wednesday afternoon and continuing through Saturday night.

Numerous rounds of heavy showers and thunderstorms could produce up to 15 inches of rainfall through the period in some parts of the region.

The entire region is expected to receive at least 7 to 10 inches of rain from Wednesday afternoon through Saturday night. Ten to 12 inches is likely over most of the region. Isolated higher amounts are possible.

A map posted online by the weather service showed that much of Union County could see 10 to 15 inches of rain.

Significant and potentially life-threatening flash flooding is expected. Flooding will also develop across many of the region's rivers.

The amount of rain which is expected to fall will cause flooding in areas that do not normally flood and that may have never flooded before, the weather service warned.

Details about the timing and placement of the heaviest rainfall and flash flooding threat were going to be fine tuned as the event approached, the weather service reported.

People living in the region were advised to continue to monitor the latest forecasts for updates.

Flood Watch Issued

By early Monday afternoon, the weather service had issued a flood watch for parts of Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky. Union County is included in the watch area.

"Historically high forecast rainfall amounts will heighten the risk of flash flooding and flooding Wednesday through Sunday," the weather service stated.

The flood watch was set to go into effect Wednesday afternoon and continue through Sunday morning.

Flash flooding and flooding caused by excessive rainfall is expected. Multiple rounds of locally heavy rainfall are possible.

"Preliminary projections of up to one foot of total rainfall over parts of the area is not out of the question," the weather service warned.

Excessive runoff may result in flooding of rivers, creeks, streams and especially low-lying and flood-prone locations. Creeks and streams may rise out of their banks.

"You should monitor later forecasts and be alert for possible Flash Flood and Flood Warnings. Those living in areas prone to flooding should be prepared to take action should flooding develop," the weather service advised.

Commissioners fill county clerk, recorder officeholder vacancy



Animal control facility

The new Union County animal control facility, which is located along Kaolin Road between Anna and Cobden.

The filling of an elected officeholder vacancy was on the agenda at last week's regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was Friday morning, March 28, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Union County Clerk and Recorder Lance Meisenheimer had previously announced that he will be stepping down from his duties. His last day in office will be April 4. The county board accepted his resignation at a special meeting held on March 17. He is planning to begin a new job.

The county board approved a resolution last Friday morning which formally filled the vacancy created by the resignation.

The resolution appointed Stephanie Cox of Anna as the new county clerk and recorder. Meisenheimer had recommended that Cox be appointed as his successor.

The appointment is effective April 5. The new clerk and recorder will serve until the office is filled in the county's 2026 general election. Cox is leaving a post as vice president at Anna-Jonesboro National Bank.

Cox is a Republican. Meisenheimer is a Republican, so the person named to fill the vacancy created by his resignation had to be affiliated with the same political party.

In other business at Friday morning's meeting:

The commissioners approved the reappointments of four members to the Union County Hotel Operators' Occupancy Tax Board. Those reappointed to the board included Ken Pinnon, Wendy Winkelman, Lyle McDowell and Regina Morrison.

Membership on the six-member board includes two Union County hotel owner/operators, two at-large members representing county companies or organizations, a representative (or designated representative) of the county board (provided that person is not serving on the Southernmost Illinois Tourism board) and the executive director of the Southernmost Illinois Tourism Board (or the director's designated representative). Pinnon and Winkelman are owners; McDowell and Morrison are at-large representatives.

The county board approved the reappointment of David McMahan as a Shawnee Valley Water District commissioner.

The county board also approved the reappointment of Ron Thompson and the appointment of Nedom Bowen as Lick Creek Water District commissioners.

An update was shared about Union County animal control program facilities. An open house at the program's new facility is planned. The old facilities have been removed.

Undefeated lady Wildcats softball team remains a dominant force in the region



Craig homers

A-J junior Kansas Craig hits a home run from the lead off position in the first inning to go up 1-0 against the Plano Reapers in a home game on Friday, March 28.

The Lady Wildcats continue their unbeatable streak in a series of games last week, earning big wins both home and on the road against teams from across the region.

A-J traveled to Vienna for a 19-0 shut out victory against the Eagles on Tuesday, March 25.

Jayci Needling, Kansas Craig, Jayda Shepard and Ruby Yates all racked up home runs in the game. Jayci Needling went 3-for-4 with 4 RBIs and 1 home run. Kansas Craig hit her fifth home run of the season while going 2-for-3 with 3 RBIs.

Ruby Yates batted 1.000 on the day, going 3-for-3 with 3 RBIs and a home run. Jayda Shepard hit 1-for-3 with 1 RBI off of a home run.

Saide Cross and Emma Craig contributed 2 RBIs a piece, while Ariana Turner and Olivia Scheafer contributed 1 RBI a piece. Freshman Lera Hoehner earned 3 stolen bases in the game, bringing her season total to 6.

Senior Ruby Yates pitched 4 shut out innings in the win, allowing no base runners and striking out 4. The victory marks her third win for the season.

A-J crossed the Mississippi on Wednesday, March 26, for a 22-1 victory over the Scott City Rams from Missouri.

The game marked a career milestone for two A-J players. Junior Kansas Craig scored her 100th career run in the game. And senior Ariana Turner hit her 40th career home run.

A-J seniors Ruby Yates and Ariana Turner both hit a home run in the game. Ruby Yates went 1-for-5 with 2 RBIs off of her third home run of the season. Turner went 2-for-4 and 2 RBIs off of her second home run.

Jayci Needling and Kansas Craig had big games at the plate too, with Needling batting 5-for-5 with 5 RBIs and Craig going 5-for-5 with 3 RBIs off of 4 doubles. Sadie Cross went 2-for-4 with 4 RBIs. Jayda Shepard and Emma Craig each contributed 2 RBIs a piece.

Freshman Macayla Nance got the win for the Lady Wildcats, pitching 5 innings allowing 1 hit, 1 run and 4 walks with 10 strikeouts.

A-J kicked off a stretch of home games against Plano on Friday, March 28. A-J won big against the Reapers with the score of 12-2.

Four A-J players hit home runs in the game: Jayda Shepard, Ariana Turner, Ruby Yates and Kansas Craig.

Shepard his 2 home runs in the game, going 2-for-3 with 3 RBIs. Ariana Turner went 1-for-3 with 3 RBIs off of a home run. Ruby Yates went 1-for-2 with 2 RBIs and 1 home run. And Kansas Craig went 2-for-4 with 1 RBI off of her home run.

Sophomore Emma Craig went 2-for-4, batting in 2, and Jayci Needling went 3-for-4 with 1 RBI.

Ruby Yates got her 4th pitching win for the season, allowing 1 earned run off of 5 hits and 0 walks with 7 strikeouts.

The Lady Wildcats finished the week with a 18-6 win over Herrin on Saturday, March 29.

Kansas Craig hit her 7th and 8th home runs for the season, batting 4-for-4 with 4 RBIs and 2 doubles. Jayda Shepard had a big game as well, batting 3-for-4 with 5 RBIs and 1 home run, and sophomore Olivia Scheafer hit 4-for-4 with 3 RBIs and 2 doubles.

Freshman Molly Roach earned 2 RBIs, going 1-for 3. Ariana Turner and Emma Craig each earned an RBI as well.

Pitcher Ruby Yates picked up another win, giving up 6 runs (0 earned) off of 4 hits and 0 walks with 8 strikeouts.

Also on Saturday, A-J faced Steeleville, picking up a 3-2 win. Play was shortened due to rain, but not before Ariana Turner hit a walk-off home run to end the game.

A-J remains undefeated and at the time of printing is currently 10-0 for the season. The Lady Wildcats were scheduled in games at home against Murphysboro and Goreville on Tuesday and Wednesday. Their next scheduled tame is away against Massac County on Thursday, April, 3.



100 Runs

A-J junior Kansas Craig reached another major career milestone on Wednesday, March 26, earning the 100th run of her career. A week ago, Craig reached another achievement with the 100th hit of her career.



40 home runs

A-J senior Ariana Turner hit her second home run of the season during a 22-1 victory over Scott City on Wednesday, March 26. With the hit, Turner reached a career achievement, marking the 40th home run she's hit for Anna-Jonesboro

Shawnee softball team beats Dongola

The Shawnee softball team has defeated the Dongola Lady Demons in conference play in Dongola on Friday, March 28 by the score of 5-3.

The win puts Shawnee's record at 3-2 for the season with a record of 1-0 in the South Egyptian conference.

Freshman Lillie Griffin lead Shawnee in offense, going 3-for-4 with 1 RBI off of 1 double and 2 triples. Emma Young went 1-for-3 contributed 1 RBI, and Avery Stegle went 2-for-4 with 1 RBI and 3 stolen bases.

Abigail Lang got the lone earned run for Dongola, batting 1-for-4 with 1 RBI. Kali Short, Kinley Lingle and Bricley Lang each contributed a hit for the Demons.

Sophomore Addilyn Clark got the win for Shawnee, pitching 7 innings, allowing 1 earned run off of 3 hits and 6 walks with 12 strikeouts.

Abigail Long pitched 7 innings for Dongola, giving up 3 earned runs off of 7 hits and 3 walks with 4 strikeouts.

Dongola's record stands at 1-3 this season. They were scheduled to play at Cobden on Tuesday, April 1. Their next game is set for Friday, April 4 at Elverado.

Shawnee was set to play at home against Century on April 1. Their next game is scheduled for Friday, April 4 at Egyptian.

Wildflower walks set at Giant City

Spring wildflower walks are planned at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

Walks are scheduled Saturday, April 5, Saturday, April 12, and Friday, April 18. Each walk is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The walks will be on the park's Trillium Trail. The trail is one of the most diverse spring wildflower trails in Southern Illinois.

The park interpreter will lead the free walks, which are open to the public.

Registration is required. To register, or for more information, call the Giant City State Park visitor center at 618-457-4836.

Worship at Kornthal

Worship at Kornthal will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Palm Sunday, April 13th. The service will feature special music. Kornthal is located 2.5 miles south of Jonesboro, just off Illinois 127.

Spring Gospel Meeting
Anna Church of Christ
104 Nile Street, Anna, Illinois 62906
April 13 - 16, 2025

Lessons

April 13 9:30 a.m.: Contemplating Psalm 23
April 13 10:30 a.m.: Set Your Mind on Things Above
April 13 1:30 p.m.: 5 Steps to Devil-proofing Your Life
April 14 7:00 p.m.: The Greatest Story Ever Told
April 15 7:00 p.m.: Justified
April 16 7:00 p.m.: You Need Endurance



Adam Cozort, Speaker

Adam Cozort has been preaching for over 20 years. He has preached full-time for congregations in Virginia, Georgia, Mississippi, and Illinois. He is the author of 8 books and the Substack page "Adam's Bible Studies." Currently, he serves as a deacon at the Wetumpka Church of Christ in Wetumpka, AL. He continues to preach, speak on Lecture series, and conduct Gospel Meetings. He and his wife, Shearisa, have 5 sons between the ages of 9 and 18.

Join us each day for these thought-provoking topics!

Cobden softball team starts spring season with 2-2 record

The Cobden softball team played 3 games in a row last week, winning 1 and losing 2.

The Lady Appleknockers started the season with 4 games on the road against Webber, Meridian, Pope County and Trico.

After a win on opening day against Webber on March 17, Cobden racked up a big win in their second game against Meridian on March 26.

Natalie Franklin lead the team on offense, batting 3-for-4 with 3 runs and 3 RBIs on 2 doubles. Abby Pitts, Alivia Kilkatrick and Madge Stevens each contributed an RBI a piece.

Abby Pitts got the pitching win, throwing for 7 innings with 0 earned runs off of 2 hits and 2 walks with 14 strikeouts.

The Lady Appleknockers received their first loss of the season in an away game against Pope County on Thursday, March 27.

Natalie Franklin lead the team on offense, batting 1-for-3 with 2 RBIs. Madge Stevens and Abby Pitts each earned and RBI as well.

Freshman Abby Pitts pitched 6 innings for Cobden, allowing 4 earned runs off of 9 hits and 1 walk with 6 strikeouts.

Cobden suffered another big loss the next day to Trico on Friday, March 28. Junior Natalie Franklin got the only hit for the Appleknockers in the first inning, and senior Emma Roberts scored the single run for the game.

Freshman Abby Pitts pitched 4 innings for Cobden, allowing 7 earned runs off of 7 hits and 8 walks with 3 strikeouts.

At time of printing, Cobden is 2-2 for the season, with a 1-0 record in conference play. Cobden was scheduled to play Dongola at home on Tuesday, April 1. The Lady Appleknockers' next game is scheduled for Saturday, April 5 against Zeigler-Royalton.

Family and Friends of Shirley Harvel
Join us in a Celebration of her
90th Birthday on Saturday, April 5th
from 1-3 PM
At the Mill Creek Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall
For a Dessert Reception
No gifts, cards appreciated!

Spring trout fishing season slated to open

The 2025 Illinois spring trout fishing season is scheduled to open Saturday, April 5, at 58 ponds, lakes, and streams throughout the state.

Spring trout fishing locations in Southern Illinois counties include:

Jefferson County

Mount Vernon Game Farm Pond.

Johnson County

Ferne Clyffe State Park Lake.

Massac County

Fairgrounds Pond, Fort Massac State Park.

Randolph County

Derby Lake, World Shooting and Recreational Complex, Sparta.

An early opportunity at select trout sites, the spring catch-and-release fishing season, opened Saturday, March 22.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, advised that no trout can be kept during the catch-and-release period, but anglers can keep trout after the opening of the regular season beginning April 5. The daily harvest limit for each angler is five trout.

The Illinois Catchable Trout Program receives funding support by those who use the program through the sale of inland trout stamps.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources stocks more than 80,000 rainbow trout each year in bodies of water where trout fishing is permitted during the spring season.

An additional 80,000 trout will be stocked for the fall trout season, which begins in October.

For the 2025 spring trout season, no trout could be taken from any stocked sites starting March 15 and continuing through the season opening at 5 a.m. April 5.

Anyone attempting to harvest trout before the legal harvest season opening will be issued citations, IDNR advised.

For information about all site regulations, IDNR said that anglers should contact individual sites that will be stocked with catchable-size trout. Not all sites are open for trout catch-and-release season and not all sites open at 5 a.m. opening day.

The spring trout season offers opportunities for families to get outdoors and enjoy fishing. Resources are available online for taking youth fishing.

All anglers, including those who intend to release fish caught before April 5, must have a fishing license and an inland trout stamp unless they are younger than 16, blind or disabled, or are an Illinois resident on leave from active duty in the armed forces.

Fishing licenses and trout stamps can be purchased by using a credit card online. Visit ifishillinois.org for more information on trout seasons and other Illinois fishing opportunities.

Obituaries

Cynthia Jean "Jeannie" Haynes



Jeannie Haynes, 68, of Anna, went home to her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

She was born Dec. 31, 1956, in Cape Girardeau, the daughter of Gene R. and Bonnie (Martin) Haynes.

Jeannie is survived by her son, Brad (Panisa) Rhymer of Fairfield, Calif.; mother, Bonnie Haynes (Luther Fear) of Anna; siblings, Steve (Jody) Haynes of Marion, Cathy (Anthony) Spinazola of Cobden, David (Ana) Haynes of Cape Girardeau, John (Sandra) Haynes of Olive Branch, Miss., and Angie (Bill) Milner of Walnut Hill; numerous nieces and nephews; other relatives and many dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Gene R. Haynes; son, Christopher Rhymer, and nephew Jayden Castaneda.

Jeannie was a member of the New Beginnings Church in Anna.

Early in her working career she worked for Wal-Mart in Anna and later was a home health care aide.

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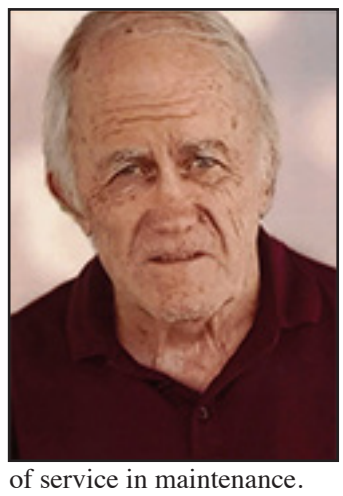
She was always helping others in need and very generous with her time. Jeannie was an avid animal lover, involved with various animal organizations. She enjoyed baking and tending to her flowers in the garden.

Funeral services were on Monday, March 24, 2025 at the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna with Pastor Lonnie Lewis officiating. Interment was in the Casper Cemetery.

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

Rendleman and Hileman Funeral Home in Anna in charge of arrangements.

Rodney Lynn "Rod" Petty



Rodney Lynn "Rod" Petty, 70, of De Soto, went home to his Lord and Savior on Sunday, March 23, 2025.

He was born July 12, 1954 in Carbondale, the son of Louis T. and Mary Imogene (Bittle) Petty. He married Brenda Schoolcraft, and to this union had two daughters. He later married Theresa Davis in 2021.

Rod is survived by his wife, Theresa Davis of De Soto; daughters, Christina and husband Chris Pratt and Cherrie Houglan and fiancé, James Massey all of Carbondale; grandson, Alexander Houglan of Carbondale; first wife, Brenda Schoolcraft of Carbondale; siblings, Eddie and wife Della Petty of Anna, Steve Petty of Herrin and Kevin Petty of St. Genevieve, Mo; many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; former wife, Pamela Petty and sister-in-law, Patty Petty.

Rod was a member of Dutch Ridge Baptist Church in Pomona for many years. He was a devout Christian, dedicating his life to serving his Lord. He was retired from the U.S.

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Postal Service after thirty years of service in maintenance.

Rod loved his family dearly. Family time was very special to him and always looked forward to get-togethers.

He was an avid musician, and he loved music and playing various instruments. Rod will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Funeral services were on Friday, March 28, 2025 at the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden with Reverends Cliff Waller and Paul Hicks officiating. Interment followed in the Alto Pass Cemetery.

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

Rendleman and Hileman Funeral Home in Anna in charge of arrangements.

Timothy Suhling



Timothy Suhling, 63, of Jonesboro, formerly of Shipman, passed away Saturday, March 29, 2025 at the Deaconess Illinois Union County Hospital of Anna.

He was born Aug. 20, 1961 in Collinsville, the son of David and Peggy (Edwards) Suhling. He shared 21 wonderful years with his wife Diane (Upchurch) Suhling.

Timothy is survived by his wife, Diane Suhling; beloved pets, Pork Chop, Monster, and Squirrel; numerous nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Todd Suhling, and beloved pets, Penny and Poncho.

Known to many as the "toy man," Timothy had a talent for crafting wooden toys and furniture. He took pride in his workshop, especially using his own sawmill to cut lumber for different projects. He loved the woods. Timothy enjoyed fishing, hunting, and anything outdoors.

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Graveside services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 4, at the Jonesboro Cemetery. Interment will immediately follow.

Family and friends may gather from 1 p.m. until the service time at 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 4, 2025 at the cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Envelopes will be available at the cemetery and the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home.

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

Rendleman and Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro in charge of arrangements.

Barbara Ann Nance



Barbara Ann Nance, 89, of Carbondale, passed away Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at Manor Court in Carbondale.

She was born on Dec. 11, 1935, in Saline County, the daughter of Gene and Hazel (Harbinson) Clark.

She married George Johnson on April 8, 1955. She later married Kenneth Nance on May 9, 1997. He preceded her in death on May 25, 2024.

Barbara is survived by her children, Georgia Jackson, Rhonda Hughey and Randall (Sandy) Johnson; step-children, Elaine (Jay) Ross and Dennis (Diane) Nance; grandchildren, Lora Jackson, Kyle (Amy) Hughey, Kelly Snyder and Marshall (Andrea) Snyder; step-grandchildren, Jennifer (Jim) Colacecchi, Jason (Audra) Ross, Melanie (Darrel) Hartline, Courtney Ross, Brandon Nance, Tasha Edwards, Steven Nance and Jon Nance; great-grandchildren, Savannah, Adalee, Jasmine, Toby, Tyson, Lily, Audrey (Toby), Samuel and Storme; step great-grandchildren, Brianna (Daniel), Faith, Chloe and Braden; great-great grandchildren, Charlotte, Ruthie, Troy, Kyler, Everly and Eliza; brothers, Gerald (Carol) Lackman, Fred (Barbara) Lackman and Calvin (Tommie) Lackman; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents; step-sons, Kenny and Faron Nance; step great-grandson, Noah Ross-Cheatham; sister, Betty McDonnough and brother, Coy Lackman.

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Barbara was a member of the Makanda Baptist Church. She and Kenneth greatly enjoyed attending church as well as the music jam in Ullin.

She loved entertaining and cooking, both at home and work. For many years, she was the deli manager at National Foods in Carbondale. Later she worked as a housekeeper for the Harry L. Crisp family in Marion.

Funeral services for Barbara Ann Nance were held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at Rendleman and Hileman Funeral Home in Anna with Rev. Cliff Waller officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery in Makanda.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Makanda Baptist Church. Envelopes are available at Rendleman and Hileman Funeral Home.

To visit Barbara's memorial page and leave online condolences for her family, please visit the Rendleman and Hileman Funeral Home website at rendlemanhilemanfh.com

Rhonda Denise Hernandez-Sanchez



Rhonda Denise Hernandez-Sanchez, 64, of Parksley, Va., passed away Tuesday, March 11, 2025, in Onancock, Va.

Born on July 17, 1960, in Anna, Rhonda was the daughter of Teddy Earl and Wilma Holderfield. Rhonda and her family lived in Cobden for most of their lives.

She found her true calling when she started her family. She had five girls and loved them with every ounce of her heart. And once her grandbabies were born, her life was complete.

Rhonda hosted most holidays and loved to bake and cook for her family. Her brownies and macaroni salad tasted like a little piece of heaven to her daughters and grandchildren.

She moved to the Eastern Shore of Virginia in 2005 to help take care of her grandchildren. Not soon afterwards, the rest of the family followed suit.

Always a lover of horses, Rhonda was in her element when the family would take mini trips up to Chincoteague Island. With Garth Brooks blasting on the radio and laughter in the car, they made memories that will last a lifetime.

Rhonda was creative and enjoyed cross-stitch and creating paint-by-number horse paintings. With "The Ranch" or "Little House on the Prairie" on the television, Rhonda sat in the living room and patiently made every grandchild his or her own blanket, until the numbers of grandchildren far exceeded two dozen—and then she would make the trip to Walmart and buy the blanket.

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Rhonda was the rock of the family. Always sweet and attentive, her daughters knew they could rely on her to make a bad situation better or just lend a hand. She was the best mom, wife, sister and grandmother that anyone could ever ask for.

Rhonda is survived by her husband of almost 18 years, Jose Hernandez-Sanchez; daughters, Amanda Garcia, Jennifer Borjas, Ashley Hernandez, Natalia Cruz, and Kimberly Aguilar; sister, Lisa Holderfield-Hubbs; brother, Vincent Roberts; many, many sweet grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; nieces, Misty and Brandi Holderfield; and many extended family members and friends.

She was predeceased by her parents, Teddy Earl and Wilma Holderfield.

Funeral services were on Friday, March 21, 2025 at the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden with Rev. Carl Dillow officiating. Interment followed in the Cobden Cemetery.

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

Rendleman and Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden in charge of arrangements.

Mary Jo Butler



Mary Jo Butler, 91, of Dongola, died on Sunday, March 16, 2025 at SIH Hospital in Herrin.

She was born July 29, 1933 in Perks, the daughter of Clarence and Opal Mae (Price) Christian. She married Wayne Lee "Smokie" Butler on Jan. 31, 1975 in Vienna. He preceded her in death on July 26, 2021.

Mary Jo was a member of the Gospel Assembly Church in Anna and Maple Grove Baptist Church in Perks.

She worked tirelessly for almost forty years at Choate Mental Health, dedicated to the residents that she cared for. Mary Jo had a strong work ethic; she was loved and admired by many who knew and worked with her. She was a change maker, serving as an advocate for those who could not speak for themselves.

Mary Jo enjoyed taking motorcycle trips with her husband Wayne. They often took weekend getaways, trips to the Carolinas to visit family, up the Eastern seaboard, and a memorable 3-week trip out west visiting many points of interest.

She loved their farm, caring for the animals, attending farm sales and auctions, and was an avid gardener. Mary Jo, more than anything, loved her family and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Mary Jo is survived by her daughter and son in law, Regina and Daniel Osman of Anna; sister, Ruby Mish of Panama City, Fla.; grandchildren, Josh and Kelly Osman of Fort Mill, S.C., Liza Osman of Anna; great-grandchildren, Tyler Osman of Sikeston, Mo., Jackson Osman of Fort Mill, S.C., Noah Wayne Pollard of Dongola and Evanne Osman of Anna; bonus great granddaughters, Megan Rule and Kiley Coates; and step-daughter, Glenna Miller.

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES

She was preceded in death by her parents, first husband, Caroll Leon Hight, her beloved son Michael Leon Hight and brothers, Gene and Glenn Christian, and loving sister Marjorie Loudean Herren.

A service to celebrate the life of Mary Jo Butler was held Thursday, March 20, 2025 at Rendleman and Hileman Funeral Home in Anna with Rev. Gaylon Holden officiating. Interment was in the American Legion Cemetery in Dongola.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association or to the American Lung Association envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

The family would like to thank the dedicated caregivers who loved and cared for both Wayne and Mary Jo during the past several years, as well as the dedicated and loving staff of Reflections Memory Care in Carterville.

"The world changes from year to year, our lives from day to day, but the love and memory of you shall never pass away."

Leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

Rendleman and Hileman Funeral Home in Anna in charge of arrangements.

Patricia Faye Lingle



Patricia Faye Lingle passed away on March 17, 2025, at her home with her loved ones by her side.

Patricia was born to Kathleen (James) Maddox and Byron Maddox on May 4, 1936.

Kathleen later married Herbert Modglin, who became Patricia's father. Pat married James (Jeff) Lingle, March 21, 1959, near Alto Pass. Theirs was a marriage of 66 years that everyone dreams of, but few get to experience.

Pat received her Master of Science degree from SIUC and taught biology at Murphysboro High School until she retired. After retiring from teaching, she worked at the SIU School of Medical Research.

Pat and Jeff enjoyed their retirement by spending winters in Naples and back home golfing, camping, always planting trees and flowers, and going out with friends.

Pat is survived by the love of her life, Jeff. She is also survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Deborah and Jim Nash; sisters-in-law Sarah Barnhart and Carolyn Lingle; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Richard (Rick) and Ruby Lingle; nieces and nephews, Jamie Nash-Mayberry, Jean Modglin, Carol Clary, Mary Nash-Swink, Mike Barnhart, Cindy Elledge, Chuck Barnhart, Carla Lovell, Jay Lingle, Dana Grover, David Lingle, Christina Housewirth, Becky Bartelsmeyer and Philip Lingle.

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She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers-in-laws Bill Barnhart, John Lingle and Earl Lingle, and her sister-in-law, Patsy Lingle.

The family would like to publicly thank the magnificent caretakers who have been there through these last few months, Tammy Schemonia, Brittney Howell, Marilyn Mathew, Carol Clary, and Suzie Murray. We also would like to thank Hospice of Southern Illinois, nurse Cheryl Skaggs.

Funeral services for Patricia Faye Lingle were held on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at Rendleman and Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden.

Interment followed in the Alto Pass Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to P.A.W.S., St. Francis Community Animal Rescue, Union County Democrats or the Alto Pass Cemetery. Envelopes are available at Rendleman and Hileman Funeral Home.

To visit Pat's memorial page and leave online condolences for her family, please visit the Rendleman and Hileman Funeral Home website at rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

View Obituaries Online at

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Shawnee names third quarter honor roll students

The Shawnee School District at Wolf Lake has announced the third quarter honor roll students:

Seniors, high honors: Gracie Davisson, Noah Mayberry and Jaeda Qualls.

Seniors, honors: Savannah Andrews, Alaina Charles, Mallory Follis, Jackson Rendleman and Tim Shackles.

Juniors, high honors: Alana Davis, Cindy Price and Emma Young.

Juniors, honors: Raylyn Phelps and Daisy Taylor.

Sophomores, high honors: Peyton Clymore and Sereniti Medford.

Sophomores, honors: Haleigh Charles, Adyson Choate, Addilyn Clark, Nick Dallas, Emma Neilson and Madalyn Schuster.

Freshmen, honors: Saphyre Beasley, Eliza Ford, Eva Ford, Lillie Griffin, Aryana Heisner, Berkli Holtman and Emma Neilson.

8th grade, honors:Joseph Willmore.

7th grade, high honors: Murphy Wilson.

6th grade, honors: Malorie Buskohl and Titan Cobin.

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Sunday's sermon was "The Good Portion," the main scripture was Luke 10:38-42.

The selected scripture is the account of Jesus visiting in the home of his friends Martha, Mary and Lazarus.

The sermon stated:

"Jesus knew He that was not going to be on Earth much longer and He wanted to spend as much time with his friends as possible."

"Hospitality was and still is important in Jewish culture. Martha was busy getting the house in order and food read to serve."

"Mary was visiting with Jesus and the others; she had chosen to increase her relationship with God through Christ - the good portion."

"Martha was upset that Mary was not helping with the duties of hosting guests."

"Martha approached Jesus to urge Mary to help with the work. Instead, Jesus urged Martha to draw closer to Him instead of worrying about being a gracious hostess."

In closing, Bro. Easton asked "Are we a Mary or a Martha? Are we more concerned with physical needs versus spiritual needs? How can we witness of Jesus to others if we aren't in a close relationship to Him?"

Aldi and Vodra Gerard took up the morning tithes and offerings.

Our Elder for April is Karen Vaughn.

Camp Ground Church invites everyone to join them during Holy Week: Palm Sunday, April 13, and Easter Sunday, April 20, both at 10 a.m., and Good Friday evening, April 18.

They will also be hosting their annual community egg hunt and wiener roast on Saturday, April 19 beginning at 5 p.m.

Camp Ground Church invites anyone who does not have a church home to join them in study and worship any Sunday.

Fellowship and coffee are at 9:15 a.m., followed by Bible study for all ages at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship at 10:30 a.m.

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

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Weekly Scripture Reading

Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm
30	31	33	34	40	41	42

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The City of Anna is accepting applications for part-time pool lifeguard positions. Pay Rate is minimum wage. American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification is highly desirable, candidates must pass pre-employment background check. Ne Lifeguards must complete a pre-requisite swim prior to Lifeguard training. Applications will be available for interested candidates at Anna City Hall or online at cityofanna.org. Please return employment application to the Human Resources Department at Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street Anna, IL 62906 or by email to mmcreynolds@cityofanna.org. **EOE.** Applications must be received no later than April 7, 2025.

Help Wanted: Shawnee Community College is looking for full and part-time Custodian for their Ullin Campus and The Massac County Extension Center. For more information, please Call 618-634-3200 Ext. 3436. 6-17gp

Job opening: Anna Methodist is seeking part time secretary. Candidates are to be proficient in Microsoft Office including Word, Excel, and Power Point. Hours Tuesday-Thursday. 8am to noon, with flexibility in the schedule. Please submit a resume to United Methodist Church Anna, PO Box 607, Anna, IL 62906. Or email-Anna.methodist@myyahoo.com. Or stop by church during office hours to fill out an application. 16-17g

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BID REQUEST

BID FOR MOWING: The Village of Mill Creek will be accepting bids for mowing and weed eating our park and around the Post office for this year, 2025. Must provide proof of insurance. Season runs from April 1 through September 2025. Park and around Post Office needs to be mowed as needed, weed eat around apparatus and rocks. Please send bids to Village of Mill Creek, P.O. Box 23, Mill Creek, IL 62961. If you have any questions, call the Village at 618-697-3884 and leave message. 16-17gp

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Village of Cobden will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cobden Village Hall for the purpose of consideration of the proposed Budget for fiscal year 2025-2026.

After such hearing, the proposed Budget, as presented or as revised after the Public Hearing, shall be passed without any further inspection, notice or hearing. Copies of the tentative budget will be available at the Village Hall beginning April 7, 2025. The hearing is open to the public.

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 10, 2024, the Sheriff of Union County will at 9:00 AM on April 16, 2025, at the Union County Courthouse, Front Door Entrance Lobby, 309 West Market Street, JONESBORO, IL, 62952, sell at public in-person auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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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 this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Chris Iaria, QUINTAIROS, PRIETO, WOOD & BOYER, P.A., 111 W MONROE ST., STE 700, Chicago, IL, 60603, (312) 566-0040. Please refer to file number IL-006025. E-Mail: il.foreclosure@qpwblaw.com

8221-951493

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF, VS. GERALD NORDGREN, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF JESSICA SMITH A/K/A JESSICA GRACE GORE, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; JIMMY GORE; JIMMY GORE, AS NEXT FRIEND OF D.S., A MINOR; JIMMY GORE, AS NEXT FRIEND OF P.S., A MINOR; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JESSICA SMITH **A/K/A JESSICA GRACE GORE, DEFENDANTS. NO. 2024 FC 9 111 LINCOLN STREET ANNA, IL 62906 JUDGE PRESIDING JUDGE NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT**

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PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, CITY OF ANNA, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 8 IN WILLIAM MANEES ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ANNA; THENCE NORTH 9 DEGREES 10' EAST A DISTANCE OF 3.835 CHAINS (253.11 FEET) TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF LINCOLN STREET AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREES 20' EAST A DISTANCE OF 2.81 CHAINS (185.46 FEET); THENCE SOUTH 84 DEGREES 35' WEST A DISTANCE OF 1.13 CHAINS (74.58 FEET); THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREES 20' WEST A DISTANCE OF 2.81 CHAINS TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE LINCOLN STREET; THENCE NORTH 84 DEGREES 35" EAST ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 1.13 CHAINS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THE TRACT CONTAINING 0.3 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

TAX NO. 05-20-03-583

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 111 Lincoln Street
Anna, IL 62906

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The Judgment amount was $75,458.63.

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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# 24-18649IL

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 OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF CHERYL A. WRIGHT, DECEASED. NO. 2025-PR-30 IN PROBATE

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of CHERYL A. WRIGHT, of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 7, 2025, to APRIL D. HILL, of 509 S. Green St., Anna, IL 62906, whose attorney is ELLE J BASLER, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses in open Court or other evidence, as provided by Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ICS 5/6-21.)

You also have the right, under Section 5/8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ICS 5/8-1), to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within six (6) months after admission of the Will to probate.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, Par. 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 ni the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before September 20, 2025, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, 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 attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: March 13, 2025.
APRIL D. HILL
CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC
ELLE J. BASLER
ATTORNEY FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR
205B N. MAIN ST.
ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906
PHONE: 618-833-2220
ARDC# 6345426
8221-951434

REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY - JONESBORO, ILLINOIS

WM CAPITAL PARTNERS 68, LLC

Plaintiff,

-v.- 2024 FC 12

LARRY D CLOVER JR, WM CAPITAL PARTNERS 68 LLC, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Defendant

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 10, 2024, the Sheriff of Union County will at 9:00 AM on April 16, 2025, at the Union County Courthouse, Front Door Entrance Lobby, 309 West Market Street, JONESBORO, IL, 62952, sell at public in-person auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 5045 STATE RT 3 NORTH, WOLF LAKE, IL 62998

Property Index No. 14-00-11-426-C

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $27,888.20.

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and 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.

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Poshard Foundation makes donation

The Poshard Foundation for Abused Children have made a donation in the amount of $1500 to the Salem Food Pantry in Jonesboro.

The Salem Food Pantry serves families in Union County and is located behind the AJ National Bank in Jonesboro and is open on Tuesdays from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Send Classified Ads and Legal Notices to classifieds@annanews.com

SIU plans to host wide range of summer camps, programs

A diverse assortment of camps and programs are planned this summer by Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

SIU's Events and Outreach, Touch of Nature Outdoor Education Center and Saluki Athletics are coordinating a vast array of camp experiences.

The university also offers assorted personal and professional development options for adults through hundreds of continuing education online courses.

This year's camp schedule boasts a wide array of academic, athletic, art, music, outdoor and nature camps for children from 1st grade through high school. Along with popular favorites, the lineup boasts some exciting new offerings.

SIU's Recreational Sports and Services plans to host two R.E.C. Sports Kids Camps for the first time this summer, with one session June 9-12 geared toward grades 1-5 and another June 23-26 for grades 6-8.

Young people in grades 6-8 from the Carbondale, Cobden and Murphysboro school districts who meet specific income qualifications can attend two new grant-funded science, technology, engineering, art and math, STEAM, camps this summer. STEAM for All: Girls camp is June 9-13 and STEAM for All: Boys camp is June 23-27.

The Nursing Career Camp made a quiet debut in 2024, and it's planned again this summer June 24-26, giving older high school students the opportunity to explore the possibilities of a career in the life-saving profession.

There are many other camps that offer a glimpse into what the future may hold, career-wise.

Several different aviation camps give participants the chance to explore careers as pilots, mechanics, weather observers, air traffic controllers and aircraft designers.

The Involving Girls in STEAM Camp, which admits all genders, explores science, technology, engineering, agriculture and mathematics, and there are camps for accounting, for unearthing history through archaeology, for gamification, for pathways to Saluki medicine and much more.

The popular Lego camps, including Lego MindStorm, Lego Engineering and WeDo Robotics Lego camps will all be back, with a variety of sessions for grades 1-5.

Likewise, the Challenge to Excellence camp, a longtime favorite that melds drama, biology, math, art, psychology and other factions to promote higher-level thinking skills and creativity, is back with separate sessions for grades 7-8 and 9-12.

The Saluki Opportunities Awareness Residency, SOAR, program is SIU's innovative career development initiative for minority high school students. The goal of the July 20-26 camp is boosting the enrollment of underrepresented student groups attending college and majoring in accounting.

High school and community college students participating in the Young Writers' Conference, set for June 17-18, will hone their prose and poetry writing skills under the guidance and direction of experienced, published authors.

And that's far from all. The SIU Student Center's Craft Shop offers a big array of art camps appealing to all tastes and ages. Participants can draw comic books, have fun with fiber, sew stuffed animals and even create their very own themed set of dinnerware with clay.

Individuals and groups of various ages can enhance their musical skills at summer music camps. Options include piano camp for grades 5 through college, high school band and junior high band. Also, high school drum major and individual or squad color guard and percussion camps.

Saluki Athletics is offering a full slate of sports camps and clinics, too. New this year is a free soccer skills clinic for the community from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. April 14; young people in grades 1 through 9 can participate. There are numerous other baseball, soccer, football, swimming, track and field camps in the coming months for various ages.

Touch of Nature, SIU's experiential learning center located alongside the Shawnee National Forest, plans to host a session of its acclaimed EDventure camp this summer.

During the Embrace Your Inner Critter camp June 16-21, campers ages 5-10 will become emerging naturalists as they explore the great enchanting forests and discover the creatures and mysteries that lie therein with engaging activities, interactive lessons, free play and adventures galore.

All of the summer camp options and register online at camps.siu.edu. Additional camps and more details are continually being added.

Organizers note that SIU's camps are led by professionals who are experts in their fields. Saluki students assist with some camps.

For additional information about any of the Events and Outreach adult programming, visit the website, call 618-536-7751 or email conference-services@siu.edu.

Weather

43 mph winds recorded Sunday evening; high temperature for week 81 degrees, low 36

Damaging winds which topped 40 miles per hour were reported Sunday evening, March 30, in the Union County area.

Temperatures during the period of March 25-31 ranged from a high of 81 degrees to a low of 36.

Precipitation for the period totaled 0.72 of an inch of rain.

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

Tuesday, March 25: high 67, low 43.

Wednesday, March 26: high 68, low 40.

Thursday, March 27: high 78, low 39.

Friday, March 28: high 81, low 55.

Saturday, March 29: high 71, low 63. 0.25 of an inch of rain.

Sunday, March 30: high 79, low 57. 0.47 of an inch of rain. Damaging winds; gust of 43 mph reported at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 31: high 57, low 36.

March Weather

The high temperature for the month of March was 82 degrees, which was recorded on March 14. The average high for the month was 66.

The low for the month was 21, which was recorded on March 2. The average low was 39.

Precipitation for the month totaled 2.49 inches.

The most rain measured in a 24-hour period was 1.07 inches, which was recorded March 15.

A trace of snow was recorded on March 20, the first day of spring.

Precipitation for the year through the end of the month totaled 10.32 inches.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

The morning worship service was held at 10:35 a.m. on Sunday, March 30.

Announcements were given by Jessica Elkins.

The worship service was led by Pastor Wright and the worship team.

The message "The Great Commission" was brought by Pastor Wright from Matthew 28:19-20.

A baptismal service was held with Irene Berry being baptized.

Following the morning service the ballot for the 2025-2026 church officers was approved by the members of the church with the annual election being held on April 27.

The evening service was canceled due to the threat of severe weather in our area.

Sunday, April 6

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

Wednesday, April 9

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, April 10

NDI board meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. with a church board meeting at 7 p.m.

Friday, April 18

Good Friday Passover meal at 6 p.m.

Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday. Make Easter a day to remember this year by: finding Jesus in The Sanctuary, an Easter egg hunt following the service and a family photo booth for making memories.

Saturday, April 26

Teen party from 6 to 10 p.m.

Sunday, April 27

Annual church elections will be held with voting from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. before Sunday school and after morning worship until 12:30. All active members 15 or older may vote.

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.

News from

Anna First Baptist Church

Anna First Baptist Church met for worship on Sunday, March 30.

Pastor Lupe greeted everyone in the sanctuary and on the church's live stream of the service on YouTube.

The call to worship was on evangelism and missions. "As My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Scriptures were taken from the Book of John.

The worship team led in three songs, "Victory in Jesus," "10,000 Reasons" and "Battle Belongs to You."

Pastor Lupe's sermon was titled "A View From the Above." His sermon was taken from the Book of Revelation, Chapters 4 and 5.

Highlights included Revelation 4 and 5 depicting a glorious vision of God's throne in Heaven, where He is worshiped by Heavenly beings. Chapter 4 emphasizes God's holiness and sovereignty. In Chapter 5, the focus shifts to the Lamb, Jesus Christ, who alone is worthy to open the sealed scroll, signifying His authority and redemptive work. This powerful scene highlights both the majesty of God and the Victory of Christ, as all creation joins in worship.

Mission trips will be taken in July to Mexico.

Yard sales will be held April 4 and 5 at 409 Morgan Street.

Candlelight services will be held on Good Friday at 6 p.m. on April 18.

Easter Service will be held on Sunday, April 20 at 10:15 a.m.

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

The church's worship service for adults and children's church start at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday.

The church has a prayer time at 6 p.m. on Wednesday. The church has a youth program which meets 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. The church's phone number is 833-5416.

The church's Facebook page is Facebook.com/AnnaFirstBaptistChurch.

The church's email is fbcanna409@gmail.com.

The church is available to all in need of help, in person or over the phone, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, **UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS CAUSE NO. 2025TX4** TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS (AND IF DECEASED, TO THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES), AND TO THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND TO ALL INTERESTED DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES THEREOF, INCLUDING AMONG OTHERS ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES- COLLECTIONS, ILLINOIS DEPT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPT OF HEALTHCARE & FAMILY SERVICES (PUBLIC AID) GENERAL COUNSEL AND UNION COUNTY CLERK, UNION COUNTY TREASURER, UNION COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY, CITY OF JONESBORO AND CITY OF ANNA, AND TO OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED IN THE PARCELS HEREINAFTER NAMED:

Parcel Number	Owners/Parties Interested	Cert Number	Street Or Common Address
05-30-04-071-	MURRAY, ELISE	2021-00047	306 S. MAIN ST.
05-30-04-071-	CALDWELL, MORGAN	2021-00047	306 S. MAIN ST.
06-25-04-846-	EARNHART, JUSTIN T	2021-00059	124 FRONT ST.
06-25-04-846-	GOINS, TONI GAILA	2021-00059	124 FRONT ST.
06-25-04-846-	U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	2021-00059	124 FRONT ST.
08-50-06-311-	SHIPLEY, JIMMY I HEIRS AND DEVISEES	2021-00080	7850 STATE RT 146 W
08-50-06-311-	SHIPLEY, JASON HEIR	2021-00080	7850 STATE RT 146 W
08-50-06-311-	SHIPLEY, BRAD HEIR	2021-00080	7850 STATE RT 146 W
08-50-06-311-	SHAWNEE VALLEY UTILITIES	2021-00080	7850 STATE RT 146 W
14-00-07-555-	ODUOLA, KAREN	2021-00095	206 JOHN ST.
14-00-10-710-	NOLAN, TRACY	2021-00154	BRIDGE ST.
14-00-11-735-	SMITH, JOHN PAUL JR	2021-00166	OFF CROWELL HEIGHTS LOOP
14-00-11-735-	MIDLAND FUNDING LLC RA: MIDLAND PORTFOLIO SERVICES, INC.	2021-00166	OFF CROWELL HEIGHTS LOOP

TAKE NOTICE THAT THE ABOVESAID PARCELS WERE SOLD ON FEBRUARY 15, 2023, FOR GENERALTAXES FOR THE YEAR 2021 AND PRIOR YEARS, AND THAT THE PERIOD OF REDEMPTION FROM SUCH SALE EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 8, 2025. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT A PETITION FOR ORDER DIRECTING ISSUANCE OF TAX DEEDS HAS BEEN FILED IN THE ABOVESAID CAUSE AS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED PARCELS BY UNION COUNTY, AS TRUSTEE, AND THAT ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 AT 11:00 AM [COURTROOM 1], SAID PETITIONER WILL APPLY FOR AN ORDER THAT A TAX DEED ISSUE AS TO EACH ABOVESAID PARCEL NOT REDEEMED ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 8, 2025. /S/ UNION COUNTY AS TRUSTEE, PETITIONER.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK
ADDRESS: 309 W MARKET ST ROOM 116, JONESBORO, IL 62952-1239
TELEPHONE: (618) 833-5711

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, **UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS CAUSE 2025TX5**: TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS (AND IF DECEASED, TO THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES), AND TO THE ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE, ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL, ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE VEHICLE SERVICES AND UNION COUNTY CLERK, UNION COUNTY TREASURER, DITECH FINANCIAL LLC CORP AGENT: C T CORP SYSTEM, RITHM CAPITAL, UNION COUNTY STATES ATTORNEY, AND TO OCCUPANTS AND UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED IN THE PARCELS HEREINAFTER NAMED:

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02-005-	JERRELL, RICK	2022-90002	845 HUMMINGBIRD RD
02-005-	ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK	2022-90002	845 HUMMINGBIRD RD
04-017-	CHAIREZ, CIRO	2022-90004	550 WRIGHTS CROSSING RD
04-121-	WALKER, MARY	2022-90005	WATER VALLEY RD
04-273-	PEARSON, RICHARD	2022-90007	395 PEARSON
05-408-	BAILEY, KATHLEEN	2022-90009	785 TOLLGATE RD
05-458-	MCCAIN, HELEN	2022-90010	129 ASHLAR ST
05-458-	MCCAIN, WILLIAM R	2022-90010	129 ASHLAR ST
06-191-	TINGLEY, THOMAS G	2022-90014	29 PUSH LANE
06-191-	TINGLEY, VICHIAN	2022-90014	29 PUSH LANE
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Illinois State Police welcome new troopers

The Illinois State Police on March 28 welcomed 32 new troopers from Cadet Class 149 at a graduation ceremony at the Illinois State Police Academy in Springfield.

The new troopers were scheduled to report to all 10 ISP Troop locations throughout the state on Sunday, March 30. Since 2019, 597 troopers have joined the state police.

Four troopers were assigned to Illinois State Police Troop 10 in Du Quoin/Ullin.

"On behalf of the State of Illinois, I would like to congratulate Cadet Class 149 on their graduation from the Illinois State Police Academy," Gov. JB Pritzker said.

"Since I took office, my administration has welcomed 597 new troopers, including the 32 brave men and women who now begin the next chapter of their career in law enforcement. Today, we honor the commitment they've made to the people of Illinois and are deeply grateful for their service."

"These cadets, now troopers, began their careers with other law enforcement agencies, but today join the ranks of the Illinois State Police, bringing with them years of knowledge and experience, combined with ISP's standards," state police director Brendan F. Kelly said.

"We are proud to welcome these officers to one of the greatest law enforcement agencies in the country, dedicated to serving and protecting the people of Illinois with integrity."

Cadet Class 149 was a lateral entry academy class. The 32 new troopers completed an 11-week program for certified police officers who previously graduated from an accredited law enforcement academy and had at least two years of experience while employed as a full-time officer.

The program consists of physical and classroom instruction, which included training in cultural diversity, procedural justice, domestic violence, critical incident response, de-escalation tactics, firearms, first responder certification, control and arrest tactics, the Illinois Vehicle Code, criminal law, motor carrier safety, juvenile law and more.

In addition to the 11-week academy training, the troopers are required to participate in one-on-one-mentoring with field training officers as part of a 14-week field training program, expanding their total training to 25 weeks.

Troopers who successfully complete the field training program advance to solo-patrol status.

Television Listings

THURSDAY APRIL 3, 2025

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	College Basketball *"Teams TBA"* (HD)	Bang (HD)	(4:00) College Basketball (HD)	Big City	(:18) Righteous Gems	★★ **"Paris Can Wait"**	**"Irena's Vow"** ('24) (R)
:30			Local			Bang (HD)		Big City			
7 PM	9-1-1 (HD)	Marriage	Next Level Chef (HD)	Law & Order (HD)		Bang (HD)		Primos	**"Heretic"** ('24, Horror) Hugh Grant. (R) (HD)	★★½ **"The Three Musketeers"** Logan Lerman.	Yellowjackets (HD)
:30		Ghosts				Bang (HD)		Primos			
8 PM	Doctor Odyssey (HD)	(:01) Matlock (HD)	Farmer Wants a Wife	Law & Order: SVU	College Basketball *"Teams TBA"* (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Wizards			**"The Girl on the Train"** ('16) Emily Blunt. (HD)
:30						Bang (HD)		Wizards			
9 PM	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	Elsbeth (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*	Found (HD)		Jokers	Law & Order: SVU	ZOMBIES	(:55) The White Lotus	**"Water for Elephants"** Reese Witherspoon.	
:30						TBA		ZOMBIES			
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	**"Aquaman"** ('18, Action) Jason Momoa. (HD)	Law & Order: SVU *Sex crimes.* (HD)	Jessie	**"Batman v Superman: Dawn o"** Ben Affleck.		**"Collateral"** ('04, Drama) Tom Cruise. (R) (HD)
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)				Jessie			
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (HD)			Bluey		(:52) **"Priscilla"** ('23)	
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night				Bluey			

THURSDAY

7:00pm

CBS Georgie & Mandy's First Marriage "Goddess of the Music Store" Georgie helps Connor impress his crush even as Mandy, Audrey and Jim struggle to stay uninvolved. TVPG (HD)

8:00pm

PARSHO The Girl on the Train ★★★ (2016, Mystery) Emily Blunt, Haley Bennett. A young woman becomes involved in a mystery after seeing something shocking happen in a couple's backyard during her train commute. R (HD)

FRIDAY APRIL 4, 2025

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Women's College Basketball *from Site TBA*	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	(5:10) **"Movie"**	Lotus (HD)	**"Drag Me to Hell"**	**"Terminator"**
:30						Bang (HD)			(:47) Righteous Gems		**"Talk to Me"** ('23) Sophie Wilde.
7 PM	Shark Tank (HD)	NCIS: Sydney (HD)	UFL Football *Birmingham Stallions at Michigan Panthers* (Live)	Night (HD)		Bang (HD)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (HD)	Wizards		**"Oracle"** ('23, Horror) (R) (HD)	
:30				Night (HD)		Bang (HD)		Jessie	★★ **"Friday After Next"** Ice Cube.		Yellowjackets (HD)
8 PM	(:01) 20/20 *Investigative news.* (HD)	Fire Country (HD)		Dateline NBC *Investigative news.*	Wom Bball	Bang (HD)		Jessie		**"The Curse of La Llorona"** ('19)	
:30		S.W.A.T. *"Hail Mary"*			Women's College Basketball *from Site TBA*	Bang (HD)		Miraculous			**"Minority Report"** ('02, Science Fiction) Tom Cruise. (HD)
9 PM						TBA	Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous	Real Time with (HD)		
:30						TBA		Wizards			
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local		**"Avengers: Infinity War"** Robert Downey Jr.	Law & Order: SVU	Wizards	The White Lotus (HD)	★★½ **"9th Life of Louis Drax"** ('16)	
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)			Big City			
11 PM			Local Programs				Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Righteous		
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night	Sports			Big City	**"The Player"**	**"Anthropoid"**	**"Terminator"**

FRIDAY

8:26pm

MAX The Curse of La Llorona ★★½ (2019, Horror) Linda Cardellini, Raymond Cruz. A social worker and her kids finds themselves dealing with supernatural occurrences involving a legendary ghost, who stalks children. R (HD)

9:00pm

PARSHO Minority Report ★★★½ (2002, Science Fiction) Tom Cruise, Colin Farrell. A detective in the year 2054 attempts to countermand destiny after his department's crime-prediction technology indicates he will commit a murder. PG-13 (HD)

SATURDAY APRIL 5, 2025

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Local	2025 NCAA Basketball (Live)	Local	Local Programs	UFC Fight Night Prelims *"Emmett vs. Murphy"*	Bang (HD)	(3:30) IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship (HD)	**"Movie"**	The White Lotus (HD)	**"Winter's War"** ('16)	(5:25) **"Inglourious Basterds"** ('09) Brad Pitt.
:30	Local		MLS Soccer *Portland Timbers at Austin FC* (Live) (HD)			Bang (HD)					
7 PM	UFL Football *Memphis Showboats at D.C. Defenders* (Live)	2025 NCAA Basketball *from Alamodome in San Antonio*		The Wall (HD)		Bang (HD)		Moon Girl	To Be Announced	★★½ **"Hercules"** Dwayne Johnson.	
:30						Bang (HD)		Moon Girl			**"Last Stop in Yuma County"** (R)
8 PM				Dateline NBC	UFC Fight Night *from UFC APEX, in Las Vegas, NV* (Live)	Bang (HD)		StuGo	(:35) The White Lotus	**"Gods of Egypt"** ('16) Nikolaj Coster-Waldau.	
:30						Bang (HD)		StuGo			★★★½ **"Gangs of New York"** ('02) Leonardo DiCaprio. (HD)
9 PM			Local Programs	Saturday Night Live		TBA	9-1-1 (HD)	Big City	(:37) **"The Accountant"** ('16) Ben Affleck. (HD)		
:30						TBA		Big City		**"Wanted"** ('08) James McAvoy. (R)	
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs *Local info.*	Extracted (HD)	Local		★★★ **"Justice League"** ('17) Ben Affleck. (HD)	9-1-1 (HD)	Big City			
:30				Saturday Night Live (HD)				Big City			
11 PM	Local Programs		Local Programs		SportsCenter (HD)		9-1-1 (HD)	Big City	(:47) Lotus		
:30								Big City			

SATURDAY

7:00pm

MAX Hercules ★★½ (2014, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Ian McShane. Following his twelve labors, Hercules becomes a mercenary and is hired by the benevolent ruler of Thrace and his daughter to defeat a savage warlord. PG-13 (HD)

9:37pm

HBO The Accountant ★★★ (2016, Action) Ben Affleck, Anna Kendrick. A gifted criminal accountant is assigned to work with a firm with a discrepancy in their books, but as he digs up the truth, the he is pursued by authorities. R (HD)

SUNDAY APRIL 6, 2025

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	CBB Crown	The Americas (HD)	MLB Baseball *St. Louis Cardinals at Boston Red Sox* (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	**"Movie"**	The White Lotus (HD)	(:02) The Knick (HD)	(:05) Yellowjackets
:30			Post Game			Bang (HD)					
7 PM	American Idol *"Hollywood: Showstopper"* (HD)	Elton John and	Simpsons	The Americas (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU		(:52) The White Lotus	★★★ **"RoboCop"** ('14, Action) Joel Kinnaman.	Yellowjackets (HD)
:30			Family Guy			Bang (HD)					
8 PM		Tracker (HD)	(:02) North	Suits: L.A.		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Wizards	The White Lotus (HD)		MobLand (HD)
:30			Krapopolis			Bang (HD)		Wizards			
9 PM	(:01) The Pyramid	Watson	Local Programs	Dateline NBC	NHL Hockey *Vegas vs Vancouver* (Live)	Hacks	Poker Face	Moon Girl		(:58) **"Logan"** ('17, Action) Hugh Jackman. (R)	Yellowjackets (HD)
:30						(:40) Hacks (HD)		Moon Girl	Righteous		
10 PM	Local Programs *Local info.*	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local		**"Black Adam"** Dwayne Johnson.	Law & Order: SVU	Primos	(:10) Last Week (HD)		MobLand (HD)
:30				Local Programs *Local info.*				Primos			
11 PM		Local Programs	Local Programs		SportsCenter (HD)		Law & Order: SVU	Bluey	(:51) The White Lotus	(:16) **"Deadpool"** ('16)	Yellowjackets (HD)
:30								Bluey			

SUNDAY

7:00pm

NBC The Americas "The West Coast" Wolves search shorelines, sea otters play in the surf, blue whales race and roll, octopuses make sacrifices for their young, salamanders jump to survive. TVPG (HD)

8:58pm

MAX Logan ★★★★ (2017, Action) Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart. In the future, Logan is caring for Professor X in a secret hideout, but his attempts to hide fail after encountering a young mutant who is being pursued. R (HD)

MONDAY APRIL 7, 2025

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	College GameDay (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	**"Assassin"**	★★★ **"White Bird"** ('14)	**"Yuma County"** ('24)
:30						Bang (HD)		Big City	The White Lotus (HD)		
7 PM	American Idol *"808 (Head to Head)"* (HD)	Championsh	Extracted (HD)	The Voice (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Primos		**"The Zone of Interest"** ('23) (HD)	MobLand (HD)
:30		Prelude to a Championship (Live)			ESPN Films (HD)	Bang (HD)		Primos			
8 PM			(:02) Rescue: HI-Surf	The Voice (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Wizards	Celtics City		Yellowjackets (HD)
:30						Bang (HD)		Wizards		**"The 9th Life of Louis Drax"** Jamie Dornan.	
9 PM	(:01) Paradise		Local Programs *Local info.*	The Hunting Party		Hacks	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	(:02) The White Lotus (HD)		Happy Face (HD)
:30						(:36) Hacks (HD)		Jessie			
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)		Law & Order: SVU	Kiff			Yellowjackets (HD)
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)		(:21) Dad		Kiff	(:32) Celtics City		
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (HD)	Dad *"300"*	Law & Order: SVU	Bluey		★★ **"3 Days to Kill"** Kevin Costner.	★★★ **"Allied"** Brad Pitt.
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night		(:23) Dad		Bluey	Righteous		

MONDAY

8:00pm

HBO Celtics City "Chapter VI: Untenable Toll" Bias's death shakes the franchise, Bird's style takes its toll and new rivals emerge as the Celtics battle Detroit's "Bad Boys" before falling to the Lakers. TV14

9:01pm

ABC Paradise "Wildcat is Down" A Secret Service agent discovers the president has been killed, and he analyzes the crime scene while reflecting on his relationship with the victim.

TUESDAY APRIL 8, 2025

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NHL Hockey *Toronto vs Florida* (Live)	MLB Baseball *Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves* (Live) (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	(:19) Last Week (HD)	(5:10) **"Arthur"** ('11)	**"48 Hrs"**
:30								Big City			**"Parallel"** Danielle Deadwyler.
7 PM	Will Trent (HD)	FBI *"Blkpill"* (HD)	The Cleaning Lady	Medical			Law & Order: SVU	Big City	**"Sing Sing"** Colman Domingo. (R)	**"Dinner for Schmucks"** ('10) Steve Carell.	
:30				Night (HD)				Big City			
8 PM	The Rookie (HD)	FBI: International	Alert (HD)	The Voice (HD)	NHL Hockey *Vegas vs Colorado* (Live)		Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous	(:50) Righteous Gems		Yellowjackets (HD)
:30								Miraculous			
9 PM	(:01) Bad Romance	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs *Local info.*	The Irrational (HD)		MLB on TBS	Law & Order: SVU	ZOMBIES	★★★½ **"The Terminator"** ('84) (HD)	**"Good Luck Chuck"** Dane Cook.	**"Rumours"** ('24) Cate Blanchett.
:30						Pregame		ZOMBIES			
10 PM	Local	Local		Local		Women's International Soccer (Live)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven Home			
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)				Raven Home		(:35) **"The Souvenir"** ('19, Drama)	
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (HD)		Law & Order: SVU	Bluey	**"Black Death"** ('10)		(:45) **"Her"** ('14) Joaquin Phoenix.
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night				Bluey			

TUESDAY

7:30pm

NBC Night Court "The Jakeout" Abby tries to find the reason why Jake has never been in a long-term relationship; Dan and Julianne attempt to prove they do not have feelings for each other. TVPG (HD)

9:30pm

HBO The Terminator ★★★½ (1984, Science Fiction) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Linda Hamilton. An unstoppable cyborg from the 21st century is sent back in time to assassinate a young woman who lives in L.A. in the 1980s to ensure a machine apocalypse. R (HD)

WEDNESDAY APRIL 9, 2025

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA (HD)	Bang (HD)	Chicago Fire (HD)	Big City	(:20) Righteous Gems	**"Water for** ('11) (HD)	**"There Will Be Blood"** Daniel Day-Lewis. (R)
:30					(:43) NBA Basketball *Los Angeles vs Dallas* (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)		Big City			
7 PM	Conners	Survivor *Deserted island.* (HD)	The Masked Singer	Chicago Med (HD)		All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite	★★★ **"The Proposal"** ('09, Comedy) Sandra Bullock. (HD)	Big City	**"Y2K"** ('24) Jaeden Martell. (HD)	★★★ **"Invictus"** ('09) Morgan Freeman. (HD)	
:30	Elementary							Big City			★★★½ **"Gangs of New York"** ('02, Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio. (R) (HD)
8 PM	Celebrity Jeopardy!	The Amazing Race (HD)	(:02) The Floor (HD)	Chicago Fire (HD)				Miraculous	(:35) The White Lotus (HD)		
:30								Miraculous		★★½ **"Sleepless"** ('17) Jamie Foxx.	
9 PM	What Would You Do?		Local Programs *Local info.*	Chicago P.D. (HD)	(:05) NBA Basketball *Denver vs Sacramento* (Live) (HD)	Family	★★★ **"The Proposal"** ('09, Comedy) Sandra Bullock. (HD)	ZOMBIES			
:30						Family		ZOMBIES			
10 PM	Local	Local		Local		Family		Wizards	Righteous		★ **"Panama"** ('22) (HD)
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)		Family		Wizards			
11 PM			Local Programs			Family		Bluey	**"End of Watch"** Jake Gyllenhaal.	**"Edge of Darkness"** Mel Gibson.	
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night	SC (HD)	Family		Bluey			

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm

ABC The Conners "Applications, Accusations and a Man-Bag" Dan and Becky talk through Roseanne's addiction issues and death; Jackie disregards everyone's concerns and opts to rejoin the police force. TVPG (HD)

8:00pm

PARSHO Gangs of New York ★★★½ (2002, Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Daniel Day-Lewis. A young man who witnessed his father's murder 16 years prior infiltrates a violent and powerful New York gang with plans to exact revenge for his dad's death. R (HD)

Jonesboro Beta Club members participate in state competition

National Beta Club members from Jonesboro School are celebrating their recent participation in the Illinois Junior Beta State Convention.

The Illinois Beta State Convention allows students the opportunity to compete in various individual and team competitions and provides opportunities for students to run for leadership positions.

Several Jonesboro students were announced as winners in various competitions, including: Levi Hill, first in instrumental; Alli Leek and Kynlee Needling, first in accessorized apparel; Lindyn Eudy, Gabby Newberry, Kynlee Needling and Alli Leek, second in marketing and communications; Hank Goss, third in 7th grade U.S. history; and Eli Fehrenbacher and club, third in technology.

These victories at the state level provide an opportunity to compete at the national level.

The National Beta Convention will be held at the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center in Orlando during the summer.

Fourteen of the twenty Jonesboro School Beta members will be attending.



Jonesboro Beta Club

Members of the Jonesboro Beta Club include, front row, left to right, Gabby Newberry, Allison Leek, Lindyn Eudy, Kynlee Needling, Hank Goss, Eli Fehrenbacher, & Levi Hill. Middle row, Peyton Harvel, Jaycee Clutts, Emme Stewart, Hayden Newberry, Clara Mix, & Ryley Nance. Back row, Colton Barnhart, Kylie Dillow, Gavin McFadden, Smith Wilson, Addison Ebberts and Arianna Black. Not pictured: Trent Miller

Club members will also be competing in: meeting of the minds, convention invention, project proposal, collaboration connection, lead outside the box and reimagine recreate recycle.

Eighth grade Beta members attending National Beta Convention will be Levi Hill, Trent Miller, Hayden Lewis, Lindyn Eudy, Allison Leek, Smith Wilson, and Clara Mix.

Seventh grade Beta members attending National Beta Convention will be Hank Goss, Colton Barnhart, Addison Ebberts, Jaycee Clutts, Arianna Black, Ryley Nance and Gavin McFadden.

All attending members will participate in two or more national competitions.

With more than 500,000 active members and 14,000 clubs nationally and internationally, National Beta has become the nation's largest independent, non-profit, educational youth organization.

National Beta promotes the ideals of academic achievement, character, service and leadership among elementary and secondary school students.

Mrs. Pamela Turner is Jonesboro Junior High's Beta Club Sponsor. She is also the new Illinois State Sponsor Elect.



Blessing of the Tractors

An inaugural Blessing of the Tractors was held Saturday, March 22, in Union County. The Union County Farm Bureau event included a tractor drive which began and ended at Southern FS in Jonesboro. A lunch break was held at the Cross of Peace on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass.

The event benefitted the Union County Farm Bureau Foundation to provide scholarships and to fund the Ag in the Classroom program. The Union County Sheriff's Office directed and stopped traffic to protect those driving the tractors. The accompanying picture was shared by the Union County Farm Bureau on social media.

GFWC holds district convention in Marion

The General Federation of Women's Clubs Illinois held their 121st District 25 Convention on Thursday, March 27. The event was sponsored by the Marion Women's Club and held at the First Baptist Church in Marion.

The theme of the Convention, "We're All in This Together" was chosen in support the 2025-26 GFWC Illinois emphasis, "Our Unified Journey in Service."



Keynote speakers at the event were Kamden Summers and Elizabeth Gehling, archaeological technicians at the Shawnee National Forest stationed at the Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District in Jonesboro, and Sam Stoffregen, public affairs officer at the Shawnee National Forest Headquarters in Harrisburg.

They presented a program on how the ground looked in the 1800s when all the trees had been cut down, and how and when it became Shawnee National Forest. The women's club gave their first donation to Shawnee National Forest in 1934 and has continued to support the forest ever since. Photograph by Martha Ann Webb.



Barbara Bauer and Martha Ann Webb honored the lives of Millie Hankla and Joan Graves Edwards at the Memorial Service. Joan and Millie were two dear friends and members of GFWC Illinois Anna Jonesboro Womens Club who dedicated their lives helping others. Photograph by Linda Byassee, MWC President.



Members of GFWC Illinois Anna Jonesboro Woman's Club attended the 121st GFWC District 25 Convention in Marion. Pictured are, from left, Susie Kessler, Barbara Bauer, Marie Samuel, Jane Bauer and Martha Ann Webb.

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Opinion and Commentary

Illinois Department of Revenue alerts taxpayers about common errors

The Illinois Department of Revenue, IDOR is advising taxpayers to be vigilant when preparing tax returns in order to avoid several common errors which can lead to delays, rejections, or even penalties.

"We encourage taxpayers to file electronically and review their information carefully in order to ensure their returns are complete and accurate," IDOR director David Harris said in a news release. "Mistakes on returns can have negative consequences, such as delays in processing refunds, or even the rejection of returns."

Common Filing Errors to Avoid

Incorrect Personal Information: Double-check names, Social Security numbers, and dates of birth to ensure they match the information on file with the Social Security Administration.

Missing or Incorrect Bank Account Information: Taxpayers expecting refunds should choose direct deposit to their bank accounts to get refunds promptly. They should verify their account and routing numbers and ensure the correct information is entered on their returns.

Failure to Report All Income: Taxpayers are required to report all sources of income including wages, dividends, freelance work, and investment earnings. Underreporting income can result in penalties and interest charges.

Incorrect Filing Status: Wrong filing status can have significant consequences on tax liability and refunds.

Mathematical Errors: Tax returns that include basic math errors, especially in calculations of credits, deductions, or taxable income, are flagged, resulting in delays.

Missing Deductions or Credits: Taxpayers may be eligible for various tax deductions and credits. Failure to claim these credits or deductions can have taxpayers paying more tax than they really need to.

Not Signing or Dating Returns: Unsigned or undated tax returns are considered incomplete.

Filing Paper Returns Too Late: Paper returns take longer to complete and process, and delays can result in missing the filing deadline. IDOR recommends filing electronically for faster processing.

Incorrect or Missing Tax Preparer Information: Taxpayers using a tax preparer need to make sure their Preparer Tax Identification Number, PTIN, and contact information is correctly listed on returns.

Filing Returns

Illinois is participating in the Internal Revenue Service, IRS, Direct File program this year. Eligible taxpayers can use the program to electronically complete their 2024 federal tax returns for free. Eligibility can be confirmed by visiting https://directfile.irs.gov.

After using Direct File to file a federal return, the program will connect taxpayers to Illinois' free state income tax filing system, MyTax Illinois, where they can file and complete their Illinois state returns. Individuals may also choose to file using tax-prep software, a tax professional, or the paper Form IL-1040.

If a taxpayer electronically files an error-free return, they should receive a direct deposit refund in approximately four weeks.

The tax filing deadline is Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

To receive assistance taxpayers may call 1-800-732-8866 or 217-782-3336. Free language assistance for Limited English Proficiency, LEP, individuals is available. For the most up-to-date information, forms, schedules, and instructions for the 2025 tax season, taxpayers may visit IDOR's website at tax.illinois.gov.

Arts Council hosting upcoming events

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council, SHAC, in Anna has announced a series of events scheduled for the coming weeks.

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

Some of the upcoming events scheduled at the arts center include:

"The Journey" exhibit by Dale McReynolds will be open to view Thursdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 3 p.m. The exhibit runs until April 6.

April 4, the Celebration of the Arts Cabaret will be held at 6 p.m. The event will feature dinner and local talent of dance, drama, artwork and more. Proceeds will go to repairing structure damage and roof replacement for the old city hall building. Individual tickets are $45, or sponsor a table for eight for $350.

April 11, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Open mic, comedy, spoken word, music night. To reserve a spot call 309-826-6888. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. $5 cover charge.

April 12, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., April Showers free crafts and free photos by Hanna Prendergast.

April 17, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Art social connection and networking event. Meet with other artists of the region for collaboration or workshopping.

April 21, 6 p.m. Short Story and Pizza Night. Led by Tom Caldwell to discuss "Mohawk" by Richard Russo. RSVP by texting Tom at 1-217-994-3449.

Safety drills conducted

Children enrolled at Southern 7 Jonesboro Head Start continue to stay prepared in the event of an emergency.

The children recently practiced their earthquake, fire, tornado and intruder drills for the month.

Head Start encourages parents to discuss ways to stay safe and to always have a plan for home in case of an emergency.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

Recalling words of famed philosopher Mr. Brown

"Good grief!", Part I

The words of famed football placekicker and philosopher Charlie Brown filled the large vacant space in your writer's simple mind early this week as I once again pondered the potentially unexplainable weather we've been experiencing lately. You know. A little ice storm. A little snow storm. Several rounds of regular ol' severe storms. Never-ending winds. And next up, a possible deluge.

"Good grief!" Mr. Brown has exclaimed more than once over the years. Often in the company of his pal Lucy. (Thanks, once again, to the internet, your writer learned that Mr. Brown first spoke those words in 1952, which is even before my time... but not by much.)

"Good grief!" came to mind early Monday morning when I looked at our thermostat, which showed that the temperature in our backyard was 41 degrees.

At about the same time, the website for the National Weather Service office in Paducah reported that the temperature near Carbondale was 43. The wind was blowing out of the northwest at 14 miles per hour. That meant that we had a wind chill of 36.

A wind chill? Thank you, Mother Nature, for an early April Fool's Day trick...

"Good grief!," Part II

This masterpiece was finished Monday afternoon, after yours truly had gone for a daily walkabout. And all I could say, out loud, to myself while walking into a cold wind out of the north, was "Good grief!" In keeping with the Charlie Brown theme, I am pretty sure that Old Man Winter, who just does not seem to want to go away, is a Blockhead...

And just one more little thing... Why are people already starting to mow their lawns? My plan is to wait until October, after the first frost. That way, I only have to cut the grass one time this year.

Meanwhile...

The Other Half and yours truly had scrambled egg for dinner last Saturday evening. Up until recently, we sometimes liked to have scrambled eggs for dinner. Recent conditions, however, make just one egg more economically feasible. If only we some emus or ostriches around here. Emus and ostriches have big ol' eggs. Probably enough for The Other Half and yours truly to once again have scrambled eggs for dinner.

After dinner, for a Saturday night date, we sat down and read "Green Egg and Ham" by Dr. Seuss.

Meanwhile...

How 'bout a few Critter Sightings?

Butterflies. Yup. We've seen a few over the past week or so. I wonder if bugs get confused by strange weather.

Pollinators. Yup. Various flying critters have been enjoying a bountiful crop of bright yellow dandelion flowers and other colorful spring time blossoms. I wonder if the bugs know they can make a nice salad with the dandelion leaves.

Squirrels. Yup. Nearly every day. Except for last Sunday. I don't think I saw any squirrels while I was on a walk. The squirrels may have been hunkered down somewhere watching a March Madness basketball game before the storms arrived.

A thrasher. Yup. Splish, splash, the bird was taking a bath in the tiny pond in our backyard. Last Friday afternoon. Maybe it was getting ready for a big night out.

Bugs. Lots and lots of bugs. On a tree stump. Yup. Wasps. Flies. Lady bugs. Lots and lots of lady bugs. Don't know whey they were all there. Maybe it was time for a dinner party and the tree stump made for a nice table.

Bear. Nope. Still haven't seen a bear out there somewhere.



All of the eggs...in one basket...which may go against prevailing financial wisdom. Based on current conditions, this little nest egg is probably worth a couple of hundred bucks. The eggs, by the way, are in an exhibit on display in one of the windows at the Union County Museum in downtown Cobden. The eggs were laid by a rare striped bunny bird, which migrates through Southern Illinois on its way to the Easter Islands for the winter. The striped bunny bird cannot fly; it hops from place to place, which makes traveling the 4,600 miles from Little Egypt to the Easter Islands a bit of a challenge, especially since an ocean is involved. I just learned about the striped bunny bird on April 1 and was foolishly eager to share it with you.



Hope this picture doesn't bug you too much...these six-legged critters were spotted one afternoon last week on a tree stump in the photographer's home town. Why all of the bugs had gathered on the tree stump is a mystery...

Photography exhibition features work of SIU students, faculty, staff

An annual photography exhibition that features the work of Southern Illinois University Carbondale students, faculty and staff was scheduled to start Saturday, March 29, at Cedarhurst Center for the Arts in Mount Vernon.

The 33rd annual exhibition of new work features art from more than 20 photographers, including 15 undergraduate students, three SIU faculty members and four alumni whose experience ranges from beginner to professional fine art and commercial photography.

The free exhibition in the Mitchell Museum Beal Corridor Gallery is scheduled to run through June 15.

Hours are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

On March 29, the museum's "Gather at the Galleries" opening reception from 5-7 p.m. will feature the SIU exhibition with three other galleries. The cost that evening is $10 for the public and free for Cedarhurst members.

The SIU exhibition includes a portrait of celebrated musician Billie Eilish by Josh Sanseri, who is a two-degree SIU Carbondale photography alumnus who is a professor and photography department chair at Santa Monica College.

Also in the exhibition is a 360-degree riverscape of Tower Rock near Grand Tower when the drought-stricken Mississippi River was at its lowest level in October 2024 taken by Daniel Overturf, a retired SIU photography professor with the School of Art and Design.

The SIU exhibition is dedicated to the late David Gilmore, a retired SIU cinema and photography professor and former department chair who passed away in January 2025.

Grave dowsing presentation set in Vienna

The Johnson County Genealogical and Historical Society will present their April program at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 13, one week earlier than Easter Sunday.

Brian Bailey from Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna will discuss and demonstrate "grave dowsing," also known as "grave witching."

The program will be held a the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery at 6th Street in Vienna. Please arrive early and gather in the shelter in the old part of the cemetery.

Grave witching is similar to "witching water" for new well locations. Brian will show attendees how to use grave witching to determine the gender of the person buried, physical orientation (head versus feet) of the body and the difference between adult and child.

In case of rain, the program will be rescheduled.

Wellness on Wheels Van Clinics planned

Southern 7 Health Department (S7HD) announces its April Wellness on Wheels (WOW) Van Clinics for Southern Illinois.

The schedule for the month includes:

April 9. Vienna City Park (Eagles Nest), Vienna, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Dollar General Store, Vienna, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

April 16. Sunshine Inn Senior Center at Faith Community Church, Anna, 9 a.m. to noon. Shawnee Community College's Union County Extension Center, Anna, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

April 23. Happy Hearts Senior Center, Metropolis, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Big John's Super Store, Metropolis, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

April 30. Golden Circle Senior Center, Elizabethtown, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Bob's Food Mart, Rosiclare, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Free services available on the WOW Van include NARCAN training, blood pressure check, home colorectal cancer tests (FIT), medication disposal packets, COVID test kits, and condoms.

Charged services which are available include blood lead, hemoglobin and cholesterol screenings, STD tests (including chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis), HIV, pregnancy and TB skin tests, TD/Tdap shots for adults, well water tests and hereditary genetic cancer testing.

Charged services, excluding a well water test, require a health insurance card. All services, both free and charged, will be offered while they are available on day of service.

Flu shots will be provided to patients based on vaccine availability the day of the clinic and while supplies last. Health insurance cards are required. Those requesting a COVID booster are advised to contact their local Southern 7 public health clinic for details.

Through a grant funded by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), S7HD provides many healthcare services through IDPH Wellness on Wheels Van Clinics.

The WOW Van rotates throughout high, health-risk communities each Wednesday in the lower seven counties in Illinois.

The WOW Van, a multi-disciplinary mobile unit, is available to S7HD through a partnership with IDPH to provide health screenings and other services. IDPH partners with health agencies and hospitals to provide staff and services on the WOW Van at sites where people can come for medical services.

No appointment is needed for services. Walk-ins are welcome. Clinic dates, times, and available services are subject to change without notice.

For information about WOW Van services, upcoming dates and how to become a sponsoring location, contact Sharyl Betts at 618-634-2297, extension 970154, download the Southern 7 app or visit www.southern7.org.