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News Notes

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



A special message was shared by one of the participants in last Saturday afternoon's Cobden Peach Festival parade.

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Congratulations...and thank you...to the Cobden Lions Club and all of those who were involved with last weekend's successful Cobden Peach Festival.

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Members of the Cobden Fire Department were out in the very early hours of last Saturday morning sprucing up the streets in the downtown Cobden area. They have been doing this for many years.

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Be sure to attend the Union County Fair in Anna. This year's fair gets underway with activities on Friday, Aug. 16, at the Anna City Park.

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Online entry for the Union County Fair is open on the fair's website.

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Pens for the animals that will be at the Union County Fair were set up last Saturday.

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Union County Sheriff David Wilkins reported a fantastic turnout for last week's National Night Out event at the Anna City Park. Appreciation was voiced to the event's sponsors. It is hoped that National Night Out can become an annual event.

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Rural Health Inc. planned to honor Dr. Christine Lucas for 25 years of service on Wednesday, Aug. 14, at its Anna clinic.

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Through a cooperative effort involving the Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau, the U.S. Forest Service/ Shawnee National Forest and University of Illinois Extension, "selfie signs" have been placed at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro, McGee Hill at LaRue-Pine Hills near Wolf Lake and Trigg Tower, Dutchman Lake and Sexton Creek in Southern Illinois.

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The Cobden Women's Club and the Village of Cobden are working together to present the first Suicide Prevention & Awareness Walk on Saturday morning, Sept. 14. The event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon at the Cobden Community Park and soccer field.

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The forecast early this week from the National Weather Service office in Paducah was calling for the possibility of heavy rain and severe thunderstorms Thursday (today) and Friday in the region.

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143rd Union County Fair kicks off Friday in Anna

The 2024 Union County Fair is scheduled to get underway this week in Anna.

Activities for the 143rd edition of the fair are scheduled to kick off Friday, Aug. 16, and continue through Sunday, Aug. 25, at the Anna City Park.

Once again this year, the fair will feature a full slate of special events, exhibits and more.

Here's a look at the schedule of events, as posted on the fair's website (and updated as provided):

Friday, Aug. 16

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Open show registration at the fair office. Do not bring exhibits only tags will be given out.

7 p.m. Queen pageant. General admission ticket prices are $8 for adults and $5 for children.

Saturday, Aug. 17

8 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. Entries taken in the office for the junior horse show.

8 a.m. FFA livestock show, junior show arena.

9 a.m. Junior horse show, horse arena. Junior rules will be enforced.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Junior entry registration. Exhibitors are to bring their exhibit items with them.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open show registration at the fair office. No exhibits are to be placed on this day in the open show classes. Only tags will be given. Exhibits cannot be placed in the exhibit hall until Sunday.

1 p.m. Harness racing. Free admission to the grandstand.

3 p.m. Entry office closed for junior entries. Open registration still open.

4 p.m. Judging for junior Classes N and P and ages 5 to 8 in the exhibit hall.

6 p.m. Gaited and western horse show in front of the grandstand. Adults $6, children $3.

Sunday, Aug. 18

Adult entries will be taken in the office from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and can be placed in the brown exhibit hall.

Noon. Garden tractor pull. Presented by 618 Mini Tractor Pullers. Adults $6, children $3.

1:15 p.m. Pet parade registration. Junior show arena.

2 p.m. Pet parade. Junior show arena.

3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Junior exhibit area open, exhibit hall.

7 p.m. Community worship service, sponsored by Union County Alliance of Churches, grandstand.

Monday, Aug. 19

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Junior livestock registration, fair office.

3 p.m. Junior tractor operators contest, infield in front of grandstand.

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Junior exhibits in exhibit building open.

5 p.m. Sale cattle weigh-in.

7 p.m. Meeting for all junior livestock exhibitors in barn area.

7 p.m. Truck, semi and farm stock tractor pull. Adults $8, children $5.

Tuesday, Aug. 20

8 a.m. Open class, livestock and exhibit judging.

8 a.m. 4-H livestock show.

10 a.m. Mule/donkey halter classes, heavy horse and mule barn.

10 a.m. Heavy horse show, heavy horse and mule barn.

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Exhibit building open.

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Carnival open. Family Night. $15 armbands.

6 p.m. Peewee showmanship, junior show arena.

7 p.m. Tractor pull, in front of grandstands. General admission tickets are available. Adults $8, children $5.

Wednesday, Aug. 21

9 a.m. Open dairy judging.

9 a.m. Junior swine and sheep judging, junior show arena.

11 a.m. Junior livestock dairy/beef judging, junior show arena.

5 p.m. to 9 a.m. Exhibit Building open.

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Carnival open.

7:30 p.m. Ranch Rodeo, in front of grandstands. General admission tickets are available. Adults $6, children $3.

Thursday, Aug. 22

Veterans Appreciation Day: All veterans who show a veterans organization membership card or are wearing a veterans organization cap will be admitted free to the fair.

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Exhibit Building open.

6 p.m. Junior livestock auction, junior show arena, free admission.

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Carnival open.

7:30 p.m. Championship Rodeo. Presented by Whipporwill Rodeo. General admission tickets. Adults $10, children $5.

Friday, Aug. 23

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Exhibit Building open.

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Carnival open.

7 p.m. Demolition derby. General admission tickets available. Adults $15, children $5.

Saturday, Aug. 24

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Exhibit Building open.

5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Carnival open.

7:30 p.m. Demolition derby, in front of the grandstand. General admission tickets available. Adults $15. Children $5.

Sunday, Aug. 25

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Exhibits to be claimed in the Exhibit Building.

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Exhibitor checks available in the fair office.

Fair queen pageants set Friday night

This year's Miss Union County Fair Queen Pageant is set for Friday night, Aug. 16. The pageant begins at 7 p.m. and will be held in front of the Henry Don Dillow Grandstand at the Anna City Park, which is the home of the fair. The 2024 Little Miss and Junior Miss Union County Fair Queen Pageants will coincide with the Miss Union County Fair Queen Pageant. The pageants' participants are featured in the accompanying photographs. Photos provided by Willow West Photography.



Miss Union County Fair queen contestants

From left are Lakelyn Carter, Brooklynn Eastman, Madison Voss and Malayna Korb. Kaylee Stover could not be present for the picture. Sienna Morrison is the reigning queen.



Junior Miss Union County Fair Queen contestants

From left are Jaylyn Stroehlein, Eleison Baggott, Lauren Crow, 2023 Junior Miss Union County Fair Queen Brooke Sheffer, Camiah Lowe, Ava Boreup and Carley Pearson. Hayden Dillow could not be present for the picture.



Little Miss Union County Fair Queen contestants

From left are Ella Bailey, Vayda Joles, Kamiya Velasquez, Katie Stegle, 2023 Little Miss Union County Fair Queen Taylor Schuster, Maggie Roach, Kenslie Ford, Bella Cook, Addysyn Stroehlein and Jacie Winter.



New Cobden Peach Festival queen

Avery Osman of Anna was crowned as the new queen of the Cobden Peach Festival last Saturday night. The queen pageant was one of the highlights of Cobden Peach Festival, which was celebrated Friday and Saturday, Aug. 9-10. The Peach Festival once again was presented by the Cobden Lions Club. From left are Anna Staley of Cobden, second runner-up, the daughter of Noble and Lynnette Staley; 2024 Cobden Peach Festival queen Avery Osman, the daughter of Eric and Janice Osman; Malayna Korb of Jonesboro, first runner-up, the daughter of Marc and Rebecca Korb; and Lakelyn Carter of Anna, Miss Congeniality, the daughter of Thomas and Amanda Carter. Photo by Stephanie Stroehlein.

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Wide range of topics covered by Anna Council

A wide range of topics were addressed at last week's regular meeting of the Anna City Council.

The meeting was Tuesday evening, Aug. 6, at Anna City Hall.

City officials heard that a debut block party event held in early July was a big success. Plans are being made for a similar event in early September.

Council member Martha Ann Webb noted that a community worship service is set for 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18, at the Union County Fair in Anna.

Webb also praised the Anna Police Department for the action it had taken to save the life of local resident and to help keep the community safe.

Concerns about an ongoing park improvement project were the focus of lengthy discussion.

Discussion included a recent meeting about the project which involved the city and Union County Fair officials.

Mayor Steve Hartline said he would like a designated process to be followed regarding meetings involving the city and county fair officials.

Council member Michael Bigler voiced frustration about the impact of county fair events on ball fields at the park.

The cost for fireworks at the city's Independence Day celebration on July 4 was less than had been expected.

The city is scheduled a meeting of Southern Illinois mayors on Aug. 29.

Lights are being replaced at Kiwanis Field at the Anna City Park.

Plans for a sidewalk project to the Walmart supercenter are moving forward.

An updated trash and water rate ordinance will be presented at the council's next meeting.

General retail liquor license and video gaming license applications for the Farm Fresh store were approved.

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Tailgate bids for the upcoming Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football season are due by 7 p.m. Aug. 24.

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A-J's 2024 football season is set to kick off Aug. 30 at home against Harrisburg.

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The City of Anna is inviting community members to sign up for the Hyper-Reach emergency alert system.

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Vendors are being invited to sign up for this year's ColorFest celebration the City of Anna.

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Anna School District 37 reports that 2023-2024 yearbooks have arrived.

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Old yearbooks which are featured on a TouchPro screen in the lobby of Cobden High School's new gymnasium can now be viewed online at Cobden.TouchPros.com/start.

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Lick Creek School planned to host a Back to School Bash Wednesday evening, Aug. 14.

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A free showing of the movie "Sandlot" is set for 6 p.m. Aug. 17 at the Dongola Park.

Dongola School FFA officers participated in a two-day officer retreat which focused on planning for the upcoming school year.

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A spaghetti dinner to help support the Cobden Spay and Neuter Coalition is planned for the evening of Sept. 22 at the VFW's Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 near Anna.

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Southern 7 Health Department is reminding families about staying current on vaccinations for children and adults.

Be Sure To Attend The Union County Fair In Anna

Weather

High 94, low 56; .03 of an inch of rain

Temperatures during the period of Aug. 6-12 through in the Union County area ranged from a high of 94 degrees to a low of 56.

Precipitation during the period totalled 0.03 of an inch of rain.

Following are temperatures, precipitation and other highlights for the period as recorded by weather observer Dana Cross near Jonesboro:

Tuesday, Aug. 6: high 94, low 68.

Wednesday, Aug. 7: high 80, low 68.

Thursday, Aug. 8: high 85, low 67.

Friday, Aug. 9: high 81, low 62.

Saturday, Aug. 10: high 79, low 56.

Sunday, Aug. 11: high 82, low 61.

Monday, Aug. 12: high 81, low 61. 0.03 of an inch of rain.

Students invited to enter essay contest

Celebration of Constitution Week planned

Constitution Week is celebrated each year from Sept. 17 through Sept. 23.

A Union County celebration of Constitution Week is scheduled to begin Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro.

The park is located on the site of one of the historic Lincoln-Douglas debates which took place in 1858.

Games, Arts and Crafts, Music

The day is scheduled to kick off with games and arts and crafts for kids and adults and music by students from Anderson Music Studio in Jonesboro from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 pm.

Everyone is invited to come and make a Jacob's ladder, a whirligig or a cup-n-ball game or marbles.

Rolling hoop, three-legged and sack races are planned, as well as a tug-of-war and corn hole games.

A ceremony is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. with guest speaker President Abraham Lincoln, as portrayed by Randy Duncan.

Organizers said that to celebrate the 166th anniversary of the Lincoln Douglas debates, it is fitting to have the ceremony at the park where Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas met on Sept. 15, 1858, for their third of seven historic debates in the midst of their U.S. Senate campaign.

The seven debates made Abraham Lincoln a national figure that helped propel him to become the 16th president of the United States on March 4, 1861.

Aims of Constitution Week

The aims of the Constitution Week celebration are to:

Emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution.

Inform people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life.

Encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

Ceremony

The ceremony set to begin at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14, will open with the presentation of the colors, the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Winners of a Constitution essay contest for grades 6 through 8 and 9 through 12 will share their essays.

Afterwards the guest speaker, President Lincoln, will briefly share his thoughts about the Constitution.

Then everyone will be asked to ring a bell for one minute (so bring a bell or noise maker). The one-minute ringing is scheduled to occur across the United States. The churches in Union County will ring their bells too.

At the conclusion of the ceremony there will be a 21-gun salute done with a combination of cannon and rounds of rifles.

Refreshments will be served. The celebration and activities are free and open to the public.

Essay Competition

As part of the celebration the Daniel Chapman Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Long Knives Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution are sponsoring the United States Constitution 2024 Essay Competition.

The United States Constitution Essay Competition is open to all students in grades 6-12 who live in Union County, Illinois, regardless of what school they attend or if they are home-schooled.

There will be two winners: one from 6th through 8th graders and one from 9th through 12th graders.

The winners receive a certificate and $50. The winners will read their essays during the ceremony Sept. 14.

Each competitor will submit an essay that addresses the question "Why is the Constitution still important today since it was written over 200 years ago?"

The committee will judge essay submissions according to the following criteria:

Clearly stated position: Is it still important or not?

Explanation of and reason for your position, give concrete example(s).

Style, including originality of thought.

Evidence of critical-thinking.

Organization and fluency.

Length and Format

Length: Submissions should be less than 500 words.

Formatting: Number all pages except for the title page. All pages are to be double-spaced. Use 12-point Times New Roman font. Margins are to be 1 inch left and right, and top and bottom.

A separate, unattached page should accompany the paper, identifying the author, title of paper, home address, telephone number, e-mail address and name of school.

Deadline

Entries must be submitted by the deadline of Sept. 6, 2024. Teachers or parents can email the essays to Lee at vabchlee@gmail.com.

Postal submissions should be mailed to the Shawnee Hills Arts Council, 125 W. Davie St., Anna, Ill. 62906 and should arrive no later than Sept. 6, 2024.

Winning papers will be selected from two categories, grades 6-8 and grades 9-12. The panel of judges will make its determination based on their sole reasonable discretion and all decisions are final.

Winners will be contacted at least three days before the Constitution Day program on Sept. 14 at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds.



Community choir practices

Dee Rose, director, with Debbie York and Krystal McLane on piano, led practice for a community choir that is scheduled to sing at a worship service at the upcoming Union County Fair in Anna. The service is set for 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18. All are welcome to attend the service. The county fair is held at the Anna City Park. Photo by Martha Ann Webb.

Anna VFW calendar of events

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

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

Star Karaoke is scheduled to be at the post from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16.

Mystify Music is scheduled to be at the post from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17.

A joint meeting of the post and auxiliary is planned at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 19. The auxiliary plans to have a business meeting at 6 p.m. The post plans to meet at 7 p.m.

Taco Tuesday is planned Aug. 20. Serving will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Hard shell tacos, soft shell tacos and taco salads will be served; dine in or carry out.

The canteen is scheduled to be open from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 1 p.m. to 12 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Events are open to the public, unless otherwise noted.

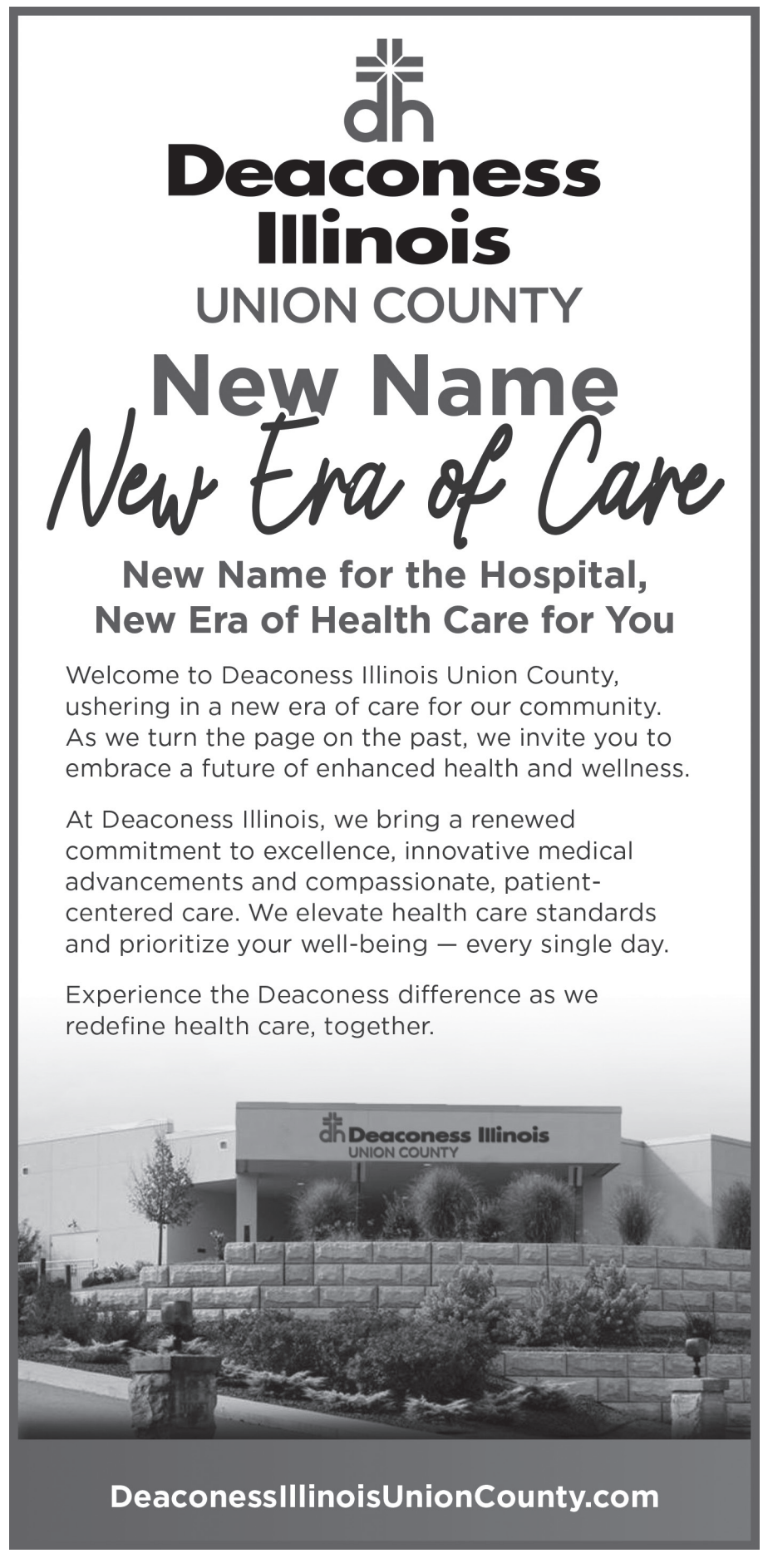
Canoeing featured

Giant City State Park near Makanda is planning to offer a "You Too Can Canoe" program from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17.

The free program will include a brief overview of canoeing safety, techniques and on-the-water opportunities for wildlife observation. This will be a guided canoe experience for anyone 6 years and older.

All equipment will be provided. Space is limited.

Registration is required. To register, or for more information, call the visitors center at 618-457-4836.



Enrollment underway for Head Start program

Southern 7 Head Start/ Early Head Start reminds families with children birth to age 5 that now is the time to enroll for the 2024-2025 school year.

Children who live in Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski or Union counties may qualify for enrollment.

Head Start is a no cost, comprehensive child development program funded by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, that serves families with young children age birth to 5.

Services include education, school readiness, social service, health and family involvement. The program provides full-day classes and has dual enrollment with Pre-Kindergarten programs.

Children learn kindergarten readiness skills, receive health, dental and developmental screenings, participate in educational activities and socialization skills and receive healthy meals and snacks.

Families with children in Head Start have access to mental health services, parent engagement and training tools and services to children of all needs and abilities. They are also able to volunteer in the program.

The following items are needed to enroll in Head Start:

The child's certified birth certificate. Current physical and shot records.

Proof of family income (one month of pay stubs or 2023 W2s, taxes, TANF, SNAP or SSI)

Professional documentation to receive additional selection criteria points for admission if a child has a suspected disability.

More information is available by contacting Southern 7 Head Start enrollment specialist Sharity Gaddis at 618-634-2297, extension 971127, or by downloading the Southern 7 app.

Program receives award

National Breastfeeding Month is commemorated in August.

Southern 7 Health Department shared that National Breastfeeding Month is a time dedicated to advancing advocacy, protection and promotion of breastfeeding to ensure that all families have the opportunity to breastfeed.

In recognition of the work it does to support families in the region, Southern 7 Health Department's WIC/Breastfeeding Peer Counselor program has been selected to receive the Gold Breastfeeding Award of Excellence from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, USDA.

The Breastfeeding Award of Excellence was established by USDA's Food and Nutrition Service, Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, to recognize local WIC agencies that provide exemplary breastfeeding programs and support services in their local communities.

As part of their Breastfeeding Month celebrations, Midwest Regional USDA office representatives planned to visit Southern 7 Health Department on Wednesday, Aug. 14.

An award celebration was planned Wednesday afternoon at Southern 7 Health Department at 37 Rustic Campus Dr. near Ullin.

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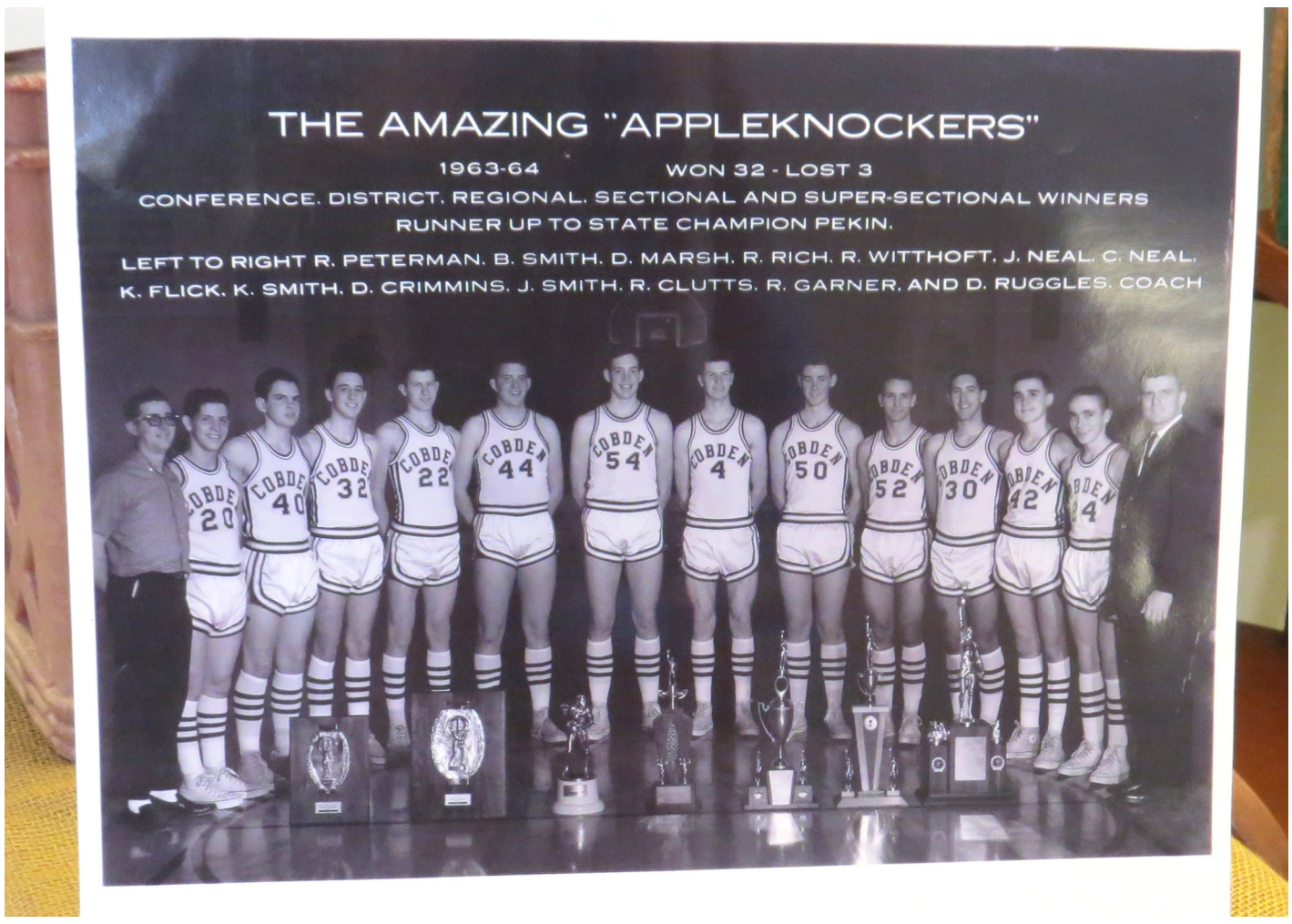
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'Amazing Appleknockers' remembered at event held last weekend in Cobden

Lots of smiles...and special memories...were shared last weekend when the Union County Historical & Genealogy Society hosted a special exhibit about the legendary 1964 Cobden Appleknockers basketball team. The exhibit honoring the 60th anniversary of the team's successful season was held in conjunction with this year's Cobden Peach Festival. The festival, presented by the Cobden Lions Club, was held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 9-10.

The exhibit was on display at the society's resource center, which is located on North Appleknocker Street in the former medical clinic building. Newspapers, photographs and other memorabilia were featured in the exhibit. An exhibit about former Peach Festival queens will also be on display.

A book signing also was held Saturday afternoon. Authors Teri Campbell and Anne Ryman were on hand to sign copies of the book they wrote which was titled "The Amazing Appleknockers, Illinois' Cinderella Basketball Team of 1964." Also present were Dick Ruggles, the coach of the team, and players Ralph Rich, Chuck Neal and Ken Flick. The team's representatives served as marshals for last Saturday afternoon's Cobden Peach Festival parade, which had a theme of "Appleknocker Pride."



A photograph featuring the 1964 Cobden High School Appleknockers was on display at the exhibit hosted by the Union County Historical & Genealogy Society.



Ralph Rich, a player on the 1964 basketball team, signed a copy of "The Amazing Appleknockers, Illinois' Cinderella Basketball Team of 1964."



Those on hand last Saturday afternoon to meet with fans and to sign copies of "The Amazing Appleknockers, Illinois' Cinderella Basketball Team of 1964" included, clockwise, from lower left, player Ralph Rich, coach Dick Ruggles, authors Teri Campbell and Anne Ryman, and players Chuck Neal and Ken Flick.

Deadline approaching to participate in Cache River Days pageant

A previously announced deadline is coming up for participation in the 29th annual Cache River Days Pageant.

The pageant is scheduled for 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, at the Leona Brust Civic Center in Ullin.

The entry deadline for the Cache pageants is 4 p.m. Aug. 16. Contestants must be a resident of Pulaski, Union, Alexander, Johnson or Massac counties.

In addition, organizers said that only the first 12 postmarked valid entries in each category will be accepted.

Little Miss Cache River 2024 contestants must be between the ages of 4-6.

The Junior Miss Cache River 2024 age group is from 7-11.

Senior Miss Cache River 2024 must be between the ages 12-15.

The 2024 Miss Cache River pageant age ranges are 16-20 years old having never been married and without children.

For information regarding rules and entry forms, contact pageant director Paige Grove at 618-927-7890 or cacheriverpageant@gmail.com.

When leaving a voicemail or text, make sure to list your full name, telephone number, email address and mailing address.

County Line News

(Mill Creek and Upper Elco)

By Suzan Harvel



A picture of the moon that was taken in Australia.

Remodeling Work

Lori and Jeff Runion have been busy remodeling their kitchen area again.

She's been brave enough to paint furniture, too. I usually do that to hide the ugly, but she's going for a certain style and it's beautiful. Good work Lori.

Mill Creek Village Board

The Mill Creek Village Board plans to meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20.

If residents have concerns and wish to voice them after the main meeting, please call the village hall.

A Wonderful Man...

We paid our respects to a wonderful man on Friday. Rest in peace, Albert Reynolds.

He was a complex man, but a good one. He served his country, raised his family, loved them and the extras that came along, was faithful to his church and loved his God, had special hats and special sayings. He will be missed.

We've all had friends and family like him. No matter the age, there comes that time of saying our final goodbyes to them. But for a great many of us, we'll take comfort in knowing we'll see each other again.

After the funeral, the honors and the burial, we held a dinner at the Mill Creek Baptist Church for the family.

As Pastor Bobby Richardson said at the funeral, this isn't for the departed…they are beyond that…but instead to offer a comfort and time of reflection for those left behind.

The family and the church thank all who were on hand to help out in many ways, those who generously brought food and those who shared those stories, photos and moments of laughter over remembered years with Albert.

Cooler Weather

The heat has momentarily abated and this morning (Saturday) we had a nice cool 66 degrees and a wonderful breeze to accompany it. Perfect porch weather.

My nephew in South Carolina reported in this week. They made it through Hurricane Debbie's aftermath just fine, but the heat was still an issue.

Hurricane season is far from over though, and, in fact, Ernesto is brewing right now.

As we in the Midwest work our way through to September, my mind is already on fall. I'm ready to break out the decorations, stock up on hot dogs and the making of soups, chili's and s'mores, and enjoy the cooler temperatures.

No, we aren't out done with some 90-degree days, but there seem to be fewer in the forecast.

We have a chance of rain several days this coming week, so that is appreciated too.

Our garden is pretty well played out, but the flowers, trees and other plants sure could use some of nature's direct water instead of that through the garden hose.

Cemetery Flowers

Another sign of the change of seasons is, for me, that it's time to change out flowers at the cemetery. My mother-in-law and I bought a bunch of them a few weeks ago in anticipation of this next season.

The appearance and care of the final resting place of our family and, in the future, ourselves, is important. It lets others know those who are buried there aren't forgotten and are still loved and missed.

If you have a few extra dollars, please make it a point to donate to the cemetery board where your family is interred and stop to pick up some flowers, and take a moment to reflect on those lives.

If needed, help with the cleanup. So many of our cemeteries are lost in weeds, heavy overgrowth and/or have been buried to create plowed fields.

Many states require cemeteries to put a portion of the money they generate from grave site sales into a perpetual care fund or endowment. This is used for maintenance and repair.

Cemeteries owned by religious organizations, however, rely on individuals or families to establish that endowment. This is where, locally, we held "Ice Cream Suppers" to help fund those accounts. A grand idea and one that COVID, and the massive inflation that followed it, has seemed to kill off. It's sad that yet another tradition, that benefited many, is lost.

As far as family cemeteries on family-owned land, currently, there are only three states that do not allow family cemeteries: California, Washington and Indiana.

Illinois is one of 10 states that require a funeral director be involved in family cemetery burials. Once again, the family is responsible for the upkeep.

Many folks are going with cremation, nowadays. The cost is less restrictive and no burial is required. It's not my personal choice, however.

I am one of those people who enjoy "visiting" with my relatives at the various cemeteries. Some think that's morbid or weird, but that, again, is a personal thing.

On a recent search of just how many cemeteries there are in Illinois and the United States, I found that there is no way to register all the cemeteries in the United States, due to the many that are lost, hidden or natural.

Brave and caring individuals are often the ones who catalog and publish lists of those cemeteries at local county offices or at historical societies.

I, personally, thank each and every one of them. It's sometimes a very labor-intensive accomplishment.

Online sites, like FindA-Grave.com, chronicle those names, and often photographs, to help folks locate family buried in other states and areas. It's a free site, so check it for your family, and if they aren't listed, take a moment to add them, with or without photographs. I guarantee it will be very appreciated.

Living in Australia

A cousin of mine and his wife are currently living in Australia and she posted a photograph of the moon. It's upside down in their hemisphere, which I found interesting.

The first quarter moon for us was Monday, Aug. 12, with the full moon on Monday, Aug. 19.

August's full moon is known as the Sturgeon Moon. Supposedly, this means the fish will be plentiful in the cold and deep waters of the northern part of the United States. I am not going fishing to test this theory. I don't care for fish so much.

Also, the August full moon is when young deer start to come of age. I don't eat them either.

Native tribes also call the August full moon the green corn moon and the grain moon. I don't eat much corn, but I do love my grits, which is a lovely reconfiguration. I'll also own up to eating probably more than my fair share of grain via breads, rice, etc. Y'all have fun with that fish and deer though.

Rodeos, Fairs, Back to School...

Talk around the "water cooler" these days is centered on the rodeos, fairs, and back to school. Some folks are dashing away for those last-minute vacations.

The Cobden Peach Festival is finished up and the Sikeston Rodeo, as well, but the Union County Fair will be starting this coming weekend, so make plans to attend some or all of the many events planned.

Trip to Water Park

A trip to the water park in Cape Girardeau was gifted to me this weekend. I enjoyed watching my grandchildren run amuck. Thankfully, the heat wasn't an issue. In fact, most people were bundling up when they got out of the water because it was so cool.

The water was too cold for my youngest grandchild. She screamed and latched on to me for quite a while. Then she found rocks to play with…so I was second fiddle.

Anyway, every time someone tried to talk her into the water, that lower lip started quivering and back to Nana she came.

The kids did get to see some of their cousins from Jackson, Mo., and Cobden, Ill., their Uncle Chuck and Martha from Tamms, and my daughter had a schoolmate from Poplar Bluff's wife and son join in the fun.

Mill Creek Baptist Church

Pastor Bobby Richardson led the congregation of Mill Creek Baptist Church from of the book of Luke, chapter 11 this past Sunday.

This is the parable of the Good Samaritan. The question was asked who are our neighbors? The correct response is everyone.

We should all have compassion for others regardless of their race, sex, religion, bank balance or any other factors. None of us are better than anyone else. If you think so, the devil is whispering lies again.

Mercy should be extended to all. We are told to love our neighbor as ourselves, and love the Lord above all.

In other church news, there is another baptism this morning, as John Fox gave his life to the Lord. Praise God.

A fellowship dinner was also held after services Sunday. We Baptists do love our fellowship time.

Prayer List

The Mill Creek Baptist prayer list has new requests for the families of Evelyn Dailey, Jaimie Comans and Robert Earl Sr., who have gone to be with the Lord.

Also keep Margaret Morrow in prayer as new health issues have arisen. Richard Harvel is doing much better and thanks everyone for their prayers.

John Fox also asks prayer for himself and his heart surgeon. His mother is also asking for prayer. John had a heart attack back in June.

Union County Fixin's

By Suzan Harvel

Date Bars

By Suzan Harvel

1 1/2 cup quick cook oats
1 1/2 cups flour
1 1/3 cup brown sugar (divided into 1 cup and 1/3 cup measures)
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup butter, softened, NOT MELTED
3/4 cup dates, diced
1 cup water
1 teaspoon lemon juice

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Mix oats, flour and 1 cup of brown sugar, the baking soda and salt in a bowl. Mix in softened butter until crumbly. Press half the mixture into a 9-inch square baking dish. Set remaining 1/2 of crumble aside for later use.

Combine dates, water, and 1/3 cup brown sugar in a saucepan. Over medium heat, bring to a boil and cook until thickened. Add lemon juice. Stir and remove from heat.

Spread over crust evenly. Crumble remaining 1/2 of crust mixture over date mixture. Bake for 20-25 minutes. Cool before cutting.





Big turnout for Peach Festival event

Last weekend's Cobden Peach Festival 5K run/walk and 1-mile fun run had a big turnout. The events sponsored by the Cobden Runners-Walkers Club were held early last Saturday morning. Proceeds benefit the Cobden School District cross country team and junior high track and field team. The events began and ended near the Cobden Community Park.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Aug. 11, Pastor Perry Williams spoke in the morning service about "not making the same mistakes the children of Israel did. We must surrender our lives and wills and keep our eyes on Christ." The message was based on scripture from 1 Corinthians, Matthew and Luke in the New Testament.

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

Music director Dee Rose led worship. Lucas Tehandon played the piano. Connor Benbrook sang a solo, "Because He Lives."

Men's and women's Bible study groups were scheduled to meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12.

The Celebration Choir plans to sing at the Union County Alliance of Churches fair service at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18.

The church's regular evening service on Aug. 18 will be canceled so that all who want to attend the fair service can do so.

The Dig-In program for children is scheduled to resume meeting from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 21. The program is for children from age 4 through the 6th grade.

Birthdays: Tessa Molter, Aug. 13; Donna Hennesy, Aug. 14; Joann Turner, Aug. 15; Diane Wright, Aug. 16.

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

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

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

Yard sale to benefit missions

Anna Heights Baptist Church in Anna is planning to host an annual yard sale to benefit missions.

The yard sale is planned from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, and will be held rain or shine. The church is located at 100 Turner Ave. in Anna.

The event will be in the Family Life Center gymnasium at the church.

The yard sale will offer clothes, furniture, kitchen items, electronics, toys, books and more. The church noted that nothing will be priced, but donation will be accepted.

All proceeds will go to mission projects in the local community and beyond.

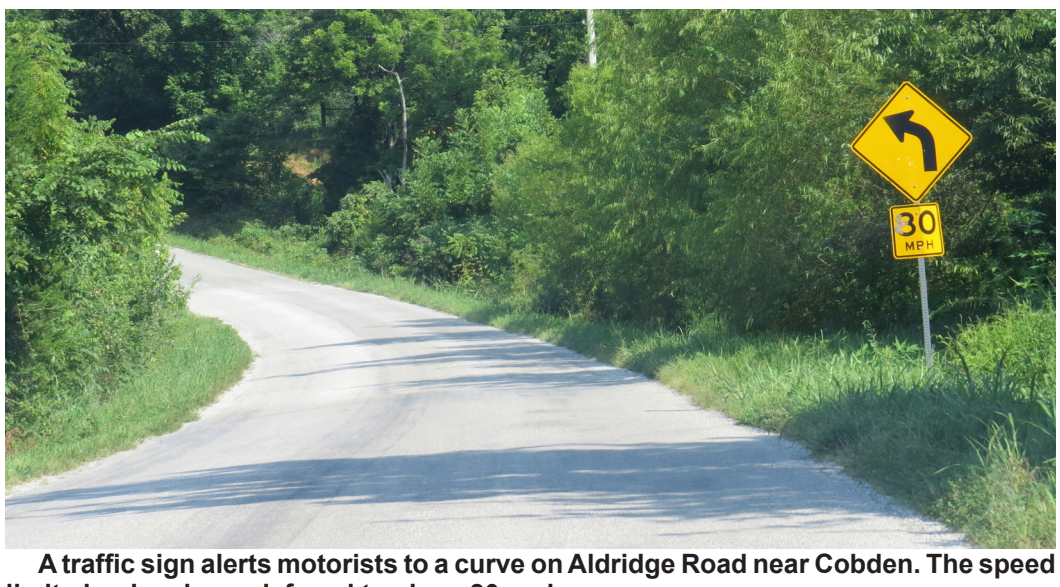


'Blessing of the Back Packs'

A "Blessing of the Back Packs" was a part of the service Sunday, Aug. 3, at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna. Pastor Mark Hasty invited children of the congregation to bring their school back packs and come forward for prayer and blessing. Teacher Stephanie Stroehlein presented each student with gifts to add to their back packs. Students who participated included, from left, Rowan LeFevre, Hasely LeFevre, Dallas Keller, Hailee Welborn, Laney Kelley, Addy Stroehlein, Emmy Kelley and Jaylyn Stroehlein.

Additional congregational news was about a Hands of Faith upcoming fundraiser to provide support to the Plentiful Pack project. Funds support the nutritional weekend snacks for needy Anna students. The event is planned Sept. 14. It will be a Puzzle Party with food, prizes and a silent auction. Details will be announced as they are available. Photo provided.

County board hears concerns from residents about rural road



A traffic sign alerts motorists to a curve on Aldridge Road near Cobden. The speed limit sign has been defaced to show 80 mph.



Work continues on Union County's new animal control building.

Concerns about conditions along a rural road were addressed at last week's regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was Friday morning, Aug. 9, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

An update on work at the county's new animal control building also was shared at the meeting.

Five residents who live along Aldridge Road in Union County were on hand to voice concerns about conditions along the road. The concerns were reported to be shared by others who live along the road but could not attend Friday's meeting.

The road's route is between the Village of Cobden and Illinois Route 127.

Tall grass, speeding, increased traffic, maintenance and curves were among the concerns that were voiced. It was also noted that a 30 mile-per-hour speed limit sign had been defaced to show 80 mph.

County board chairman Max Miller said the concerns voiced by the residents were appreciated. The board chairman said he would discuss the concerns with the county's engineer.

Commissioner Kent Pitts reported that a recent Union County animal control program pet adoption event held at Yellow Moon Rising in Cobden was very successful.

Pitts said that the animal control program continues to welcome donations of dog food and financial resources. Pitts said the support for the program shown by the public is greatly appreciated.

Work continues on the construction of a new animal control building. A mid-September opening is now anticipated for the new facility, which is located along Kaolin Road between Anna and Cobden.

News from *Anna First Baptist Church*

Anna First Baptist Church met after Sunday School for worship Sunday, Aug. 11.

Pastor Lupe greeted everyone in the sanctuary and those visiting on the YouTube live stream.

The church will be represented at the Back to School Bashes to help out with school supplies.

The church will have a prayer booth at the Union County Fair and will hand out water to those attending the fair.

A trip is planned in September to the Baptist Children's Home in Carmi.

The call to worship was about "Love, Mercy and Grace." Scripture was from Psalm 103.

Randy Dabbs led contemporary worship with "How He Loves Us" and "Multiplied."

Pastor Lupe's sermon was titled "(Exile) The Loss of a Kingdom." Scripture was from 2 Kings and 2 Chronicles.

The message shared that "the concept of exile in the Bible often refers to the forced displacement of the Israelites, particularly during the Babylonian Exile in the 6th century BCE.

"This event, marked by the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple, led to the Israelites' captivity in Babylon.

"The Bible portrays exile because of the people's disobedience to God, but it also carries themes of hope and restoration.

"Prophets like Jeremiah and Ezekiel emphasized repentance and the eventual return to the Promised Land is seen as fulfilling God's covenant."

After the worship service, the church family met for a Christmas in August luncheon in the fellowship hall. This was in honor of the Samaritan Purse Christmas Shoe Boxes that the church has been doing for many years.

The church collects items each month for shoe boxes that are shared with children in countries overseas where Christmas gifts and Jesus are almost unheard of.

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

The church's worship service starts at 10:15 a.m.

The church has a youth program which meets at 6 p.m. each 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.

The church's service on YouTube at Anna First Live Stream.

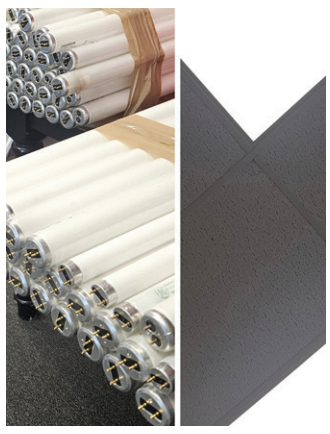
First Baptist Church is located at 409 Morgan St. in Anna. The church's phone number is 833-5416.



Dinner served at Anna church

Anna First Baptist Church had a dinner after church Sunday for Christmas in August celebrating the donations people make for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Operation which provides gifts for boys and girls around the world. Cissi Cuthbertson, Jean and Dale Denny and Rod and Menda Cash prepared the meals. Photo by Martha Ann Webb.

Improvements made at arts center; busy schedule of events on calendar



Work continues

Improvements, including new fixtures, continue at the Anna Arts Center. Photo provided.

By Zack Rowatt
for the Shawnee Hills Arts Council

A toolbox without a butter knife might as well be a playset. How do you make your lunch in between removing light switch covers and opening paint cans when you're on a job and you don't have one thrown in with everything else? There's utility and then there's necessity.

The paint is chocolate tinted, matching the previous tone. It's a summer sheen following a spring cleaning as the Shawnee Hills Arts Council continues to make improvements to our three historic buildings and painted a dated face on our Theater Building along West Davie Street in Anna.

That ladder is NOT made of recycled soda pop cans, even if it may feel that way to whoever's on it, and the impact drill is considered such because of how it lands on the pavement when scrambling up.

We also protected the pavement by utilizing drop cloths so that we did not turn the sidewalk in to an Expressionist installation.

It's a marked improvement but it only constitutes one third of everything that is in store, at least for our front-facing exterior.

The Center Building awning will be completed in a relatively timely fashion; however, at present we are unable to start in order to be sure the birds which have taken up residence have headed south for the winter. It will only be a short while though as we continue to tidy up our fronts.

Inside the Theater Building visitors will be surprised to find a much more brightly lit space that is now illuminated with LED fixtures.

Much flickering and dated fluorescent fixtures did not do a tremendous amount to aid the migraine prone or annoyance thresholds, but thanks to the dedicated efforts of four members of the SHAC's Board that has changed.

Monday, Aug. 5, saw the group popping off covers, stacking bulbs and adding electrical to their repertoires as they disconnected circuits and secured with wire nuts, lowering nearly 40 fixtures for replacement.

These were recycled, the bulbs will be appropriately disposed of, and plastic covers just may find themselves useful as a stained "glass" lightcatcher project.

Thanks to the Board members putting in the time, the SHAC saved over $1,000 to be sure that our donors' funds are being used as efficiently as possible, especially after recent completion of one roof.

While there is an always growing list of things to busy ourselves with, we are renewed with fresh faces and novel ideas from a continually growing artistic community.

Upcoming Events

Upcoming events include monthly Short Story night at 6 p.m. on Aug. 19, play auditions for a local and original stage play "Praetorian" on the evening of Aug. 20, a reception of appreciation and recognition for Elizabeth Beck's Girl Scout Gold Award Aug. 25 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., an annual Constitution Week Celebration Sept. 14 at 4:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro and performances of "Breaking Free," an original musical from local Southern Illinois middle school students on the last two weekends of September at 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. It's happening at the SHAC.

State now has blueprint for K-12 schools to teach overdose dangers

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Illinois public schools wanting to teach their students about the dangers of overdoses and substance use disorder now have a blueprint to do so from the state.

The Illinois State Board of Education published the resource guides in accordance with a law passed in 2023.

While a school's use of any of the state's resource guides is voluntary, some public health advocates consider the creation of the guides a step in the right direction.

Administrators and educators can download age-appropriate presentations, lesson plans or fact sheets.

Various courses developed by universities, nonprofits and federal agencies provide options for curricula about what prescription drugs are, the science of drug interactions, harm reduction and how to manage medication alongside mental health struggles.

Complexity increases with age; high school resources include lessons on different classes of drugs.

Some links connect to materials or videos from the National Institute on Drug Abuse and a "virtual field trip" produced by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

One resource referenced multiple times in the guides, Generation RX, was developed in part by Cardinal Health, a pharmaceutical distributor who paid out part of a $26 billion settlement with 45 states, including Illinois, in 2022.

Overdose remains a leading cause of accidental death in the state and across the country, something not lost on the various public health organizations that supported the legislation to create the guides.

The Illinois Harm Reduction and Recovery Coalition, an advocacy network of organizations and individuals dedicated to harm reduction, released a statement praising ISBE and the Department of Human Services for their work but said there was a "lack of opportunities" for more involvement from community members.

During 2022, the most recent year with comparable data, more than 3,800 people died of an overdose in Illinois, while almost 1,800 were killed by firearms, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

That same year, more than 1,250 people in Illinois died due to a traffic accident, according to the Illinois Department of Transportation.

The law requiring the guides passed the House and the Senate unanimously. It's known as Louie's Law in honor of Louie Miceli, who died of an overdose in 2012 at 24 years old.

Felicia Miceli, Louie's mother, said he was first exposed to opioids at age 17 following a high school football injury.

"We know this guidance will equip communities with vital information, tools and resources," Miceli said in a news release for the coalition. "But only if they know about it and have an implementation plan."

The Illinois Harm Reduction and Recovery Coalition and the LTM Heroin Awareness and Support Foundation, which Miceli started in honor of her son, released a statement celebrating the "first-of-its-kind" guides but also said the process could have benefitted from including more perspectives while crafting various guides.

"The organizations are concerned about the lack of opportunities for broader stakeholder involvement in the guidelines' development, including the primary target audiences (and) marginalized groups," the release reads.

Last year, 30 teenagers in Cook County died due to drug toxicity, according to the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office.

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Cobden drum line

Drummers in the Cobden High School Marching Appleknockers band marched in last Saturday afternoon's Cobden Peach Festival parade.

Obituaries

Donna 'Ani' Dakin



Donna "Ani" Dakin, 79, of Tamms, died Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024, at her home.

She was born on Oct. 2, 1944, in Ontario, Canada, the daughter of Edward and Grace Mary Jane Restoule.

Ani and Joseph Dakin were married on Oct. 16, 2004. Together, they spent 17 years happily married, when they enjoyed vacationing with family and friends. He preceded her in death Nov. 1, 2021.

She was a member of the Trinity Assembly of God in Olive Branch. She helped run the food pantry at the church.

She enjoyed playing cards, bingo, knitting, traveling and she loved to cook.

She also loved all kinds of music and ran her own internet radio station called "Warm Winds Radio."

She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother, aunt and friend. She was a respected member and elder of Dokis First Nation. She was a strong independent woman who lived life her way.

Survivors include her sons, Joe (Faith) McManaman of Ontario, Canada, Vince Puzzela of Ontario, Canada, and Daniel Puzzela of Canada; son Joseph Dakin Jr. of Channahon, Ill.; daughter Susan A. (Bill) Tate of New Lenox, Ill.; daughter-in-law Ann M. Dakin of New Lenox; brother Ivan Restoule of Canada; sister Francine DeRosier of Canada; sisters-in-law Anita Restoule, Ann Restoule and Vivian Sheible; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; fur babies Newt and Honey; and numerous nieces, nephews and special friends.

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Along with her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Geno Restoule and Mark Restoule; a brother-in-law, John DesRosier; a son, Thomas Allen Dakin; and a grandson, Dylan McManaman.

Funeral services were at 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms, with Pastor Stephen Clardy officiating.

Interment was at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, at Rose Hill Cemetery in Thebes.

Memorials can be made to Trinity Assembly of God in Olive Branch.

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

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms was in charge of arrangements.

Albert Reynolds



Albert Reynolds, 81, of Dongola, died Sunday, Aug. 4, 2024, at his home.

He was born on Sept. 22, 1942, in Anna, the son of Esta Esco and Catherine Irene Milton Reynolds.

He married Phyllis J. Hileman on April 9, 1964, in Dongola. She preceded him in death on Feb. 3, 2002.

Mr. Reynolds served in the U.S. Army. He was a proud member of the Local 318 Operating Engineers for over 30 years. He was a member of Mill Creek Baptist Church. He enjoyed fishing and took a special interest in watching the hummingbirds.

He is survived by his daughter, Pamela Kay (Billy) Sharp of Anna; son Timothy Joseph (Lisa) Reynolds of Olive Branch; special friend Virginia Bowman of Dongola; five grandchildren, Dylan Sharp, Darin Sharp, Grace (Alex) Jones, Daniel Klingeman and Luke Reynolds; two sisters, "Evy" (Kenny) Flick of Cobden and Carolyn (Delmar) Hunziker of Jonesboro; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Phyllis J. Reynolds; a brother, Donald Reynolds; and a sister-in-law, Ruthie Reynolds.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 9, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Brother Bobby Richardson officiating. Interment followed in St. John's Cemetery west of Dongola. Memorials can be made to St. John's Cemetery.

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

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

Kevin Dale Wehmeyer



Kevin Dale Wehmeyer, 67, of Thebes, died Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2024, at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

He was born on Oct. 9, 1956, in Cape Girardeau, the son of Melvin Raymond and JoAnn Sickler Wehmeyer.

He was a member of Alexander Free Will Baptist Church and was a past member of Thebes Historical Society.

He liked art and was an excellent cartoonist and enjoyed ceramics. He made crochet stencils for his mother's work. He loved pets and was an avid movie watcher, especially comedies. After going to assisted living, he loved playing bingo.

He had a great sense of humor all the way until the end. Despite his health issues, he never complained.

Survivors include his sister, Sheila (Paul) Echols; nephews Shannon Dow and Jarrod Echols; niece Morgan (Allen) Dillow; great-nieces and nephews Isaac, Sarah, Ezra, Camilla and Kai; and numerous cousins.

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He was preceded in death by his parents; and by two brothers, Rodney, and Larry.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 12, at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms, with the Rev. Sam Ramdial officiating and with a eulogy by Paul Echols. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery.

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

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms was in charge of arrangements.

Evelyn Louise Dailey



Evelyn Louise Dailey, 59, of Tamms, died Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024, at her home.

She was born on Oct. 1, 1964, in Uniontown, Pa., the daughter of Donald and Lena Sumey Weimer.

She married Randy E. Dailey Sr. on May 15, 1994.

She mainly worked as a stay at home mom, but in later years, she worked in food delivery for the Smiles program.

Survivors include her husband, Randy E. Dailey Sr.; sons Randy (Tasha) Dailey Jr. and Chris (Treva) Dailey; daughter Tonya (Wyatt) Smith; grandchildren Josh Dailey, Brittany Dailey (Jason), Jaden Dailey and Avery Smith; great-grandson Tyrstonn McHughs; her mother, Lena Weimer; brothers Gene (Helen) Weimer and Danny (Wilma) Weimer; a sister, Kathy (Ronald) Zapiotosky; nieces, nephews and other relatives, including, Scotty (Robin) Weimer, Stacy Weimer and Tiffany Weimer.

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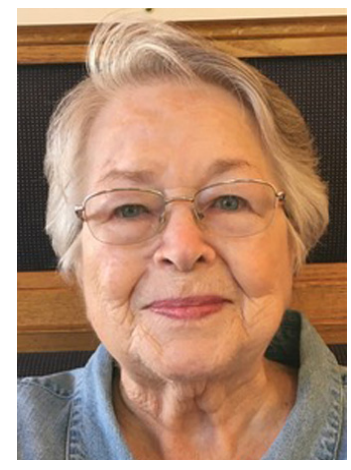
She was preceded in death by her father; and by an uncle, Jim Weimer.

Funeral services were at noon Tuesday, Aug. 13, at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms, with the Rev. Clint Nale officiating. Burial followed at Provo Cemetery. Memorials can be made to the family.

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

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms was in charge of arrangements.

Sue Jane (Rosenthal) Whiting



Sue Jane (Rosenthal) Whiting, age 85, passed away peacefully on Aug. 6 2024, in Seminole, Fla.

She was born on March 3, 1939, in Cobden, Illinois, Sue lived a life full of love, family and travel.

Sue is survived by her loving husband and high school sweetheart, Jimmie Whiting, with whom she shared 68 wonderful years of marriage.

Her cherished family includes her two sisters, Shirley Van Hoose and Sharon Webb; three children, Greg and Daisy Whiting, Pam Strohmeier and Randy Whiting; seven grandchildren, Jessica Hallman, Christina Vann, Andrew Strohmeier, Alex Strohmeier, Joe Whiting, Leah Whiting and William Whiting; and two great-grandchildren, Eva Vann and Aidan Vann.

Sue was a graduate of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School in Anna, Illinois, and Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. Graduating with a degree in Public Health, Sue had a career as a Health Educator for Williamson County, Illinois.

Eventually moving to St. Petersburg, Fla., Sue worked as a Real Estate Agent and then worked for eight years for USAA, where she retired as a claims adjuster.

After retirement, Sue and Jim spent over 30 years enjoying life between Redington Shores, Fla., and Florence, Ore., spending six months in each place. A talented artist, Sue loved making jewelry and oil painting for many years.

In keeping with Sue's wishes, she donated her body for medical use. There will be no formal funeral services. Instead, her family will hold a "Celebration of Life" at a later date to honor and remember the many wonderful memories they shared with her.

Sue will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Lois Marie Hannum Dillow



Lois Marie Dillow, 85, of Anna, died Monday, Aug. 5, 2024, peacefully at home, surrounded by family.

Lois Marie, the daughter of Percy J. Hannum and Ella Marie Hunsaker Hannum, was born on July 17, 1939, in Miller, Mo., and grew up in Greenville, Ill.

She attended Greenville University, majoring in physical education, until she met and married her husband, Billy Dean Dillow of Anna.

Lois and Bill were united in marriage on Sept. 12, 1959. They enjoyed almost 65 years together.

She was a housewife and mother for their five children and a self-admitted lover of babies.

Work outside of the home included custodial duties for many years at the First Church of the Nazarene in Anna and selling Mary Kay cosmetics.

Lois enjoyed beauty and creating, with her main medium being sewing. She was also adept at quilting, crocheting, knitting, ceramics, upholstery and tatting (lace making). She was a member of a quilting club for many years and also enjoyed gardening and reading.

She sewed both of her daughters' wedding dresses, and all of the bridesmaids' dresses for several of her children's weddings. She also took in sewing projects for others in the community.

She and Bill were amazing grandparents and took joy in visiting and getting to know all 13 of their grandchildren. The couple also have five great-grandchildren, with one on the way.

She loved music. As a girl growing up in Greenville, Ill., she would talk often of her memories with the Greenville Free Methodist Church and sneaking into the sanctuary to listen to the singing.

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She faithfully attended the Greenville University production of "The Messiah" and would travel to Greenville annually for this event. She sang often in church and was a faithful life-long choir member.

Lois is survived by her husband, Bill Dillow, 92, and their five children, Robert (René) Dillow, Janine (Craig) Boyd, Greg (Rhonda) Dillow, Brian (Amy) Dillow and Linda (George) Peters; 13 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; her sister, Rita (Ron) Willeford; and her brother, Lawrence (Nancy) Hannum.

She was preceded in death by her parents and six siblings, Percella Reese, James Hannum, Zelda Spoors, Willis Hannum, Herold Hannum and Evelyn Eckstein.

Funeral services for Lois Marie Dillow were at 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Pastor Trenton Ice officiating. Interment followed in the Anna Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to the Susan G. Komen Foundation for breast cancer research.

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

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

Donald Dean Pearson



Donald Dean Pearson, 94 of Cambria, and formerly of Cobden, went home to his Lord and Savior on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024.

He was born on Dec. 12, 1929, in Cobden, the son of Lee H. and Roxie Lillian Newberry Pearson.

He married Goldie Delores Wheetley on June 9, 1949, in Cobden She preceded him in death on May 31, 2019.

He is survived by his children, Tom Pearson, Dean "Dorman" (Nancy) Pearson, LaDonna Pearson, Gary (Terri) Pearson, Cynthia (Brian) Johnson and Chris (Martha) Pearson; grandchildren Tim (Allissa) Pearson, Joe (Nicole) Pearson, Brook Johnson, Ashley (Eric) Fox, Lee Pearson, Lindsey (Matt) Lyons, Shelby (Dylan) Edgington, Christopher (Hillary) Pearson, Carson Pearson, Ashley and Desiree Asbell; great-grandchildren Abigail and Nathaniel Pearson, Campbell, Kendrick, Caelin, Pamela and Penelope Fox, Adaline Pearson, McKenna Lyons, Asher Dean and Gia Grace Edgington, Ethan and Caleb Pearson, Jaydon Mason, Mitchell and Bella Bevins, Colette and Davis Pearson and one on the way; brothers Kenneth Pearson and Richard (Janice) Pearson; sister Faye Marks; numerous nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

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He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Goldie Pearson; a grandson, Gary "TK" Couch Jr.; sisters Lillian Pearson, Anita "Gaye" Hurst and Kay Ellen Robinson; brothers Doug, Corkey and Gene Pearson; and daughter-in-law Barb Pearson.

Mr. Pearson retired from the ICC Railroad, where he worked many years as a locomotive engineer. He owned and operated Pearson Trucking with his wife Goldie.

During his years of ministry, he pastored at Water Valley Church in Cobden, Wayne City and other various churches in the area. He and Goldie were fortunate to be part of several mission trips to Jamaica, bringing the word of God to others. He will be deeply missed by his family and all who knew him.

Funeral services for Donald Dean Pearson were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden, with Bro. Donnie Colson officiation.

Interment followed in the Rowan Cemetery in Makanda. Memorials can be made to Rowan Cemetery.

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

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

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News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Bro. Easton's sermon Sunday was titled "Unashamed," with scripture from Romans, Corinthians and Timothy.

In the selected scriptures, the Apostle Paul repetitively declared that he was unashamed of the Gospel.

The sermon shared that "in spite of the beatings, arrests and hardships Paul had endured since beginning his ministry, he was on fire for the Lord.

"Few of us have or will suffer the threats and injuries that Paul did. And we may never be a great leader as he was.

"Whether we realize it or not, we share a 'message' by the life we are living."

Bro. Easton challenged the congregation that as Christians, "we need to remember who we are and who we represent."

Vodra Gerard rang the bell to commence worship, He and his twin Aldi took up the tithes and offerings.

Celebrating birthdays this week were Tracey Warren on Sunday, Aug. 11, and Addi Bonner, who turned 16 on Monday, Aug. 12.

Best wishes go to Tony and Berna Gerard, whose wedding anniversary was Saturday, Aug. 9.

Camp Ground Church's lead elder for August is Karen Vaughn.

Camp Ground Church plans to host its annual "Back to School" service Sunday which will include prayers over the church's students during morning worship. The service will be followed by a potluck lunch.

The congregation at Camp Ground Church hopes to see you at the Union County Fair worship service sponsored by the Union County Alliance of Churches Sunday evening beginning at 7 p.m. at the grandstand.

Tony, Berna, Aldi and Vodra Gerard returned this past week after spending approximately nine weeks visiting Berna's family farm in Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya, on the island of Luzon, Philippines.

They also spent time with Berna's sister and family on the coast of San Fernando, and visited with Berna's brother and made the acquaintance of his new bride.

While in Asia, the Gerard family also visited in Cambodia, Thailand and Taiwan.

Vanda Gerard spent the time her son and family were traveling with her sister, Sue Fite, in Wingo, Ky.

All are welcome to services each Sunday at Camp Ground Church. Fellowship and coffee are at 9:15 a.m., followed by Sunday School classes 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.

Top wines announced at Illinois State Fair

Wine competition results from the 2024 Illinois State Fair in Springfield have been announced.

The state fair wine competition is sponsored annually by the Illinois Grape Growers & Vintners Alliance and supported by the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

The following results were posted online at illinoiswine.com:

Best of Show, Commercial Division

Blue Sky Vineyard 2022 Chambourcin Reserve.

Winemaker: Kaleb Wilson; Grower: Blue Sky Vineyard.

Governor's Cups for Illinois-Grown Fruit

Red Wine: Alto Vineyards, 2022 Dawg House Red.

Winemaker: Paul Renzaglia; Grower: Alto Vineyards.

White Wine: Alto Vineyards, 2022 Vignoles.

Winemaker: Paul Renzaglia; Grower: Alto Vineyards.

Rosé Wine: Kite Hill Vineyards, 2023 Flyaway Rosé.

Winemaker: Scott Albert; Grower: Kite Hill Vineyards.

Specialty Wine: West of Wise Winery, 2023 Blackberry Cider.

Winemaker: Darrell Simmermaker; Grower: Broom Orchards

Sparkling Wine: August Hill Winery, 2022 ISC Demi Sec Rosé.

Winemaker: Mark Wenzel; Grower: August Hill Winery.

Dessert Wine: Blue Sky Vineyard, NV Shawnee Cream.

Winemaker: Kaleb Wilson; Grower: Blue Sky Vineyard.

Top Awards for Wines from Any Appellation

Red Wine: Blue Sky Vineyard, 2022 Norton.

Winemaker: Kaleb Wilson; Grower: Blue Sky Vineyard.

White Wine: West of Wise Winery, 2023 Strike The Gold.

Winemaker: Darrell Simmermaker; Grower: Ratio Vineyards.

Rosé Wine: Spoon River Junction, 2023 Junction Rosé.

Winemaker Bradley Beam; Grower: Bill Nayden.

Specialty Wine: Honker Hill Winery, 2023 Southern Hunt.

Winemaker: Scott Albert; Growers: Buzz'n on Vines and Wine Vineyard.

Amateur Division

Best of Show: Lyn Kaufman/ LynKen Winery, 2023 Rock River White.

Top Grape Wine: Laura Hale, Labrusca Blend.

Top Non-Grape Wine: Troy Hensley, Blackberry Bombshell.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A morning worship service was held Sunday, Aug. 11.

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

A message titled "Forgiving Others" was brought by Pastor Wright. Scripture was from Mark, Matthew and the Psalms.

The message can be listened to on the church's website at annanaz.com and on the Anna First Church of the Nazarene Facebook page.

At Sunday evening's worship service, a message titled "Revitalization" was brought by the pastor. Scripture was from Isaiah, John and Jeremiah.

Birthdays: Madison West, Aug. 16.

Sunday, Aug. 18

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

Wednesday, Aug. 21

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

The church can be contacted by calling the church office at 833-6702 and leaving a message if necessary or by calling Pastor Wright at 618-534-7103.

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Daily Bible Readings

Judges 6:1-27	Judges 6:28-40	Judges 7:1-25	Judges 8:1-28	Judges 13:1-25	Judges 15:9-20	Judges 16:1-22

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Said property may be inspected at the City Garage located on Market Street in the City of Anna and is sold in "AS IS" condition, without any implied or expressed warranties. Sealed bids, identifying the above-described item, shall be received by the City Clerk during normal business hours, Monday through Friday at the Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, Illinois through September 3, 2024. Minimum bids have been established and no bids for less than that amount will be accepted. All bids will be opened and read at the regular meeting of the Anna City Council to be held on September 3, 2024 at 5:00 at the Anna City Hall. The City of Anna reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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HELP WANTED

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.

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THE 50TH ANNUAL LANDIS REUNION is set for Sunday, September 1st. The reunion will be held at the Connie Lingle residence at 1895 Lick Creek Rd. Dinner is scheduled for noon, those who plan to attend are asked to bring a covered dish and lawn chairs. Napkins, plates, cups and silverware will be provided. Games and prizes are planned for adults and children. More information is available by texting Connie at 618-614-0052.

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NOTICE

CEMETERY INFORMATION: Cemetery arrangements may be placed on the ground starting August 19, 2024 and left until September 16, 2024. Please remember, no shepherd hooks or glass and do not block the aisles. For questions, call the Anna City Garage at 833-7813.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

FIRST NATIONAL BANK n/k/a ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, a National Chartered Bank, Plaintiff, vs CARMELTIA MACHICAO, CARLOS YAKSIC, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No.: 2023FC16

NOTICE OF SALE

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A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER SECTION AND THENCE WESTERLY ON A BEARING OF S 88°32'38" W A DISTANCE OF 268.33 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ON A BEARING OF S 25°17'03" E, A DISTANCE OF 51.62 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF US ROUTE 51 FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION, THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE ON A BEARING OF S 25°17'03" E, A DISTANCE OF 327.69 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF- WAY LINE ON A BEARING OF S 76°32'36" E, A DISTANCE OF 13.62 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE ON A BEARING OF S 18°09'14" E, A DISTANCE OF 71.35 FEET TO A FOUND IRON PIN, THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ON A BEARING OF N 79°22°44" W, A DISTANCE OF 217.48 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN, THENCE NORTHERLY ON A BEARING OF N 00°43'33* E, A DISTANCE OF 326.40 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN, THENCE EASTERLY A DISTANCE OF 34.17 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.95 ACRES, MORE OR LESS

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

ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff, vs KYLE TIMOTHY JACKSON, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No.: 2024FC6

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There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from:
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The court date will be held on September 4, 2024 at 11:00 am at 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, Union County.
in Courtroom #1
/s/ Angela Faye Proffitt-Cvengros
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NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT
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County of Union

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

Filed this 25th day of July, 2024, under the Assumed Name of Turbo PC Tune Up with the place of business located at 145 E. Vienna St., Anna, IL. 62906

and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owners) and Proprietors) of said Business is:

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New 'Spin and Win' pavilion built

Cobden Lions Club members were busy prior to this year's Cobden Peach Festival finishing construction of a new pavilion. The Peach Festival was Friday and Saturday, Aug. 9-10. The new pavilion made its debut as the home of the popular "Spin and Win" game. Winners took home some Cobden peaches.



Cobden Lions Club member Gary Sweitzer helped to work on construction of the new pavilion. Photo provided.



The new pavilion had its debut as the home of the "Spin and Win" game last Friday evening.



A custom hand-forged peach sculpture donated by Jackson Forge (Jack Nawrot) of Cobden was installed on the new pavilion.

SIU welcomes returning students with special activities

Southern Illinois University Carbondale is welcoming new and returning students to campus during Saluki Startup and Weeks of Welcome with a wide variety of special activities.

The activities are designed to help students to get acquainted with campus, the community and one another, to learn about resources available to them, to set them on the pathway to Saluki success and to start the fall semester off on a great note.

In 2024, many of the traditional events students have embraced and attended by the thousands return, but there are some new additions.

One of the major highlights is open to everyone. A free, outdoor Sunset Concert Encore is set for 7 p.m. Aug. 23 at the Campus Lake/ Becker Pavilion. Rooted in So.IL, a Metropolis-based band, will perform classic rock, Americana and blues cover songs.

SIU faculty and staff have been preparing all summer to ensure students have a smooth, red-carpet move-in to their campus home away from home.

Numerous volunteers from throughout campus and the community will be on hand to help more than 2,800 students and their families move in to University Housing facilities.

A complete schedule of events can be found online at wow.siu.edu/saluki-startup.php.

'Cancer Warriors Walk for Hope' set in Metropolis

Organizers have announced that plans are set for the second annual "Cancer Warriors Walk for Hope."

Healthcare providers and businesses serving area cancer families and those impacted plan to host the one-day event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 5 at Dorothy Miller Park in Metropolis. The park is located next to Harrah's Casino.

The purpose of the event is to provide a day full of fun and resources for cancer patients, caregivers and family members of all ages while raising awareness and funds to support cancer programs in the lower seven counties in Illinois.

Representatives from Massac Memorial Hospital, Deaconess Illinois Union County in Anna, Hardin County General Hospital, Rural Health Inc., CHESI (Community Health & Emergency Services), Southern 7 Health Department, the Hope Light Foundation and many others plan to be on-hand to provide information about cancer prevention, treatment and care available here at home.

Participant registration, vendor, sponsor support and visitor information are available on the Cancer Warriors Walk for Hope Facebook and Instagram pages or by contacting Shawnna Rhine at 618-634-2297, extension 971161.

Television Listings

THURSDAY AUGUST 15, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Little League World Series *"Teams TBA"*	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	(5:51) Leo Reich (HD)	★★★ **"Get Shorty"** ('95)	**"Miss Sloane"** ('16)
:30			Local			Bang (HD)		Big City			
7 PM	Press Your Luck (HD)	Big Brother (HD)	Don't (HD)	Law & Order (HD)		Bang (HD)	★★★ **"The Fate of the Furious"** ('17, Action) Vin Diesel. (PG-13) (HD)	Primos	**"Sherlock Holmes"** ('09) Robert Downey Jr.	**"Cedar Rapids"** ('11) Ed Helms.	(:15) **"Memory"** ('24) Jessica Chastain. (HD)
:30						Bang (HD)		Primos			
8 PM	Lucky 13 (HD)	Young	Ramsay's Food Stars	Law & Order: SVU	WNBA Basketball *New York vs Los Angeles*	Bang (HD)		ZOMBIES		(:27) **"The Losers"** ('10, Drama)	
:30		Ghosts				Bang (HD)		ZOMBIES			
9 PM	Who Wants to Be a	(:01) Fire Country (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*	Organized Crime (HD)		Jokers		Hailey's	**"Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire"** ('24)		**"Everything Everywhere All at Once"** Stephanie Hsu.
:30						Jokers		Hailey's			
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (Live)	★★ **"Welcome Home, Roscoe Jenkins"** ('08)	**"The Fate of the Furious"** ('17) Vin Diesel.	Jessie		**"Krampus"** ('15) Allison Tolman.	
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)				Jessie			
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)			Bluey	**"Fury Road"** ('15) (R)		
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night				Bluey		**"Strangers"**	**"The Wolf"**

THURSDAY

7:00pm

HBO Sherlock Holmes ★★★½ (2009, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Jude Law. After capturing a murderous occult leader, Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson are shocked to discover he has risen from the dead to continue his evil. PG-13 (HD)

8:00pm

FOX Gordon Ramsay's Food Stars Gordon Ramsay hosts food and drink entrepreneurs as they compete for a life-changing prize. TV14 (HD)

FRIDAY AUGUST 16, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Little League World Series *"Teams TBA"*	Bang (HD)	**"50 First"**	BUNK'D	Knocks '24	**"Friday 13th"** ('80) (R)	★★★ **"The Lincol"** ('11)
:30						Bang (HD)	★★½ **"Just Go With It"** ('11, Comedy) Adam Sandler. (HD)	BUNK'D	(:36) **"War for the Planet of the Apes"** ('17) Andy Serkis.		
7 PM	Jeopardy! Masters	Let's Make a Deal	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (HD)	Night (HD)		★½ **"Big Momma's House"** Martin Lawrence.		**"Movie"**		**"San Andreas"** ('15) Dwayne Johnson. (HD)	★★★ **"One Life"** ('24) Anthony Hopkins. (HD)
:30				Night (HD)							
8 PM	(:01) 20/20 *Investigative news.* (HD)	Lingo (HD)		Dateline NBC *Investigative news.*	Fighters League (Live)			ZOMBIES			
9 PM		Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*			**"Big Momma's House 2"** Martin Lawrence.	★★½ **"Marry Me"** ('22, Romance) Jennifer Lopez. (HD)	ZOMBIES	Industry (HD)	**"First Reformed"** Ethan Hawke.	★★★ **"Irena's Vow"** ('24) Sophie Nélisse. (HD)
:30								ZOMBIES			
10 PM	Local	Local		Local				BUNK'D	(:02) Nikki Glaser (HD)		
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live) (HD)			BUNK'D		(:49) **"Ninja Assassin"** ('09) Rain.	
11 PM			Local Programs			**"Madea to Jail"** ('09)		Big City	(:04) **"Amélie"** ('01) (R)		**"Forrest Gump"** ('94)
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night			**"Marry Me"**	Big City			

FRIDAY

7:00pm

ABC Jeopardy! Masters "Semifinals 1 & 2" Amy Schneider, James Holzhauer, Victoria Groce and Yogesh Raut compete in the semifinals for a place in the big championship round. (HD)

8:55pm

MAX First Reformed ★★★ (2018, Drama) Ethan Hawke, Amanda Seyfried. A pastor's encounter with a parishioner and her husband causes his life to spiral out of control as he faces his own tormented past and despair from tragedy. R

SATURDAY AUGUST 17, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	MLB Baseball *"Regional Coverage-Teams TBA"* (Live) (HD)	Local Programs	LittleLgue	**"Pitch Perfect"** ('12)	IndyCar Series *"Gateway"* (Live)	Primos	**"Fury Road"** ('15) (R)	★★½ **"Immortals"** ('11)	**"Die Hard with a Vengeance"** Bruce Willis.
:30					ESPN Films			Chibiverse			
7 PM	Will Trent (HD)	The Equalizer (HD)		America's Got Talent *Talent search.* (HD)	UFC 305: Du Plessis vs Adesanya *"Prelims"*	★★½ **"Bad Teacher"** ('11) Cameron Diaz. (HD)	IndyCar	**"Movie"**	To Be Announced *Info unavailable.*	**"The Box"** ('09, Thriller) Cameron Diaz. (HD)	
:30							9-1-1 *"Suspicion"* (HD)				★★★★ **"Pulp Fiction"** ('94, Crime) John Travolta. (R) (HD)
8 PM	Will Trent (HD)	48 Hours (HD)						Primos			
:30											
9 PM	Will Trent (HD)	48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Weakest Link (HD)	Top Rank Boxing on ESPN (Live)	(:03) **"Crazy Rich Asians"** ('18, Comedy) Gemma Chan.	9-1-1 *"Survivors"* (HD)	Primos	Industry (HD)	(:56) **"Gangs of New York"** ('02) Leonardo DiCaprio. (HD)	
:30								Primos			
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs *Local info.*	I Can See Your Voice	Local			9-1-1 *"Panic"* (HD)	Primos			
:30				Saturday Night Live (HD)				Chibiverse	(:35) **"Love Lies Bleeding"** ('24)		(:35) **"Full Metal Jacket"** ('87) (R)
11 PM	Local Programs		Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)	**"Teacher"**	9-1-1 (HD)	Big City		**"Shut In"**	
:30								Big City			

SATURDAY

7:00pm

ABC Will Trent "Why Is Jack's Arm Bleeding?" When Will and Faith reopen the case of a missing girl, Will copes with frequent flashbacks; Angie and Ormewood search for answers regarding a veteran's death. (HD)

8:00pm

PARSHO Pulp Fiction ★★★★ (1994, Crime) John Travolta, Samuel L. Jackson. Two eccentric hit men interact with diverse characters from the Los Angeles world of crime while they search for their tough boss's misplaced suitcase. R (HD)

SUNDAY AUGUST 18, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	MasterChef (HD)	American Ninja Warrior *"Semifinals 1 &"* (HD)	MLB Baseball *New York Yankees at Detroit Tigers* (Live) (HD)	**"Crazy Rich Asians"**	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	(5:23) To Be Announced *Info unavailable.*	**"Big Mommas"** ('11)	**"A Good Day to Die Hard"** ('13) Bruce Willis.
:30								Big City			
7 PM	Videos	Tulsa King *"Stable"*	NFL Preseason Football *New Orleans vs San Francisco* (Live) (HD)			Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	**"Toy Story 2"** ('99) Tom Hanks.		**"Keanu"** ('16) Jordan Peele. (HD)	
:30	★★★ **"Jungle Cruise"** ('21, Adventure) Dwayne Johnson.					Bang (HD)					
8 PM		Big Brother (HD)		America's Got Talent *"Quarterfinals 1"* (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU		Industry (HD)	★½ **"The Prince"** ('14) Jason Patric.	To Be Announced
:30						Bang (HD)		ZOMBIES			
9 PM		Tracker *"Chicago"*			SportsCenter (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	ZOMBIES	(:02) Chimp Crazy		To Be Announced
:30						Bang (HD)		ZOMBIES			
10 PM	Local Programs *Local info.*	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs *Local info.*	SportsCenter (Live) (HD)	Jokers	Law & Order: SVU	ZOMBIES	Last Week	(:11) ★★½ **"Doomsday"** ('08) Rhona Mitra. (HD)	**"The Hateful Eight"** ('15) Samuel L. Jackson.
:30						Jokers		Bluey	(:40) Industry (HD)		
11 PM		Local Programs	Local Programs			**"Despicable Me"**	Law & Order: SVU	Bluey			
:30					Sports			Bluey	Chimp		

SUNDAY

7:00pm

CBS Tulsa King "Stable" Dwight visits with Tina before going back to Tulsa; Pete sends Goodie to Oklahoma; Roxy struggles to keep the FBI off their trail; Dwight makes Mitch an offer.

8:00pm

NBC America's Got Talent "Quarterfinals 1" Eleven acts perform live on stage; a live show golden buzzer will send one performer straight to the finals while America can vote for their two favorite acts. TVPG (HD)

MONDAY AUGUST 19, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Little League Wrld Series (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	(5:55) **"Descendants"** ('15) Dove Cameron.	(:20) Last Week (HD)	**"The Assistant"** ('19)	**"Irena's Vow"** ('24) (R)
:30			Local			Bang (HD)					
7 PM	The Bachelorette (HD)	NCIS *"Lifeline"* (HD)	Name That Tune (HD)	American Ninja Warrior *Endurance course.*		Bang (HD)	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)		Industry (HD)	**"The Strangers"** ('08) Liv Tyler.	Mafia Spies (HD)
:30						Bang (HD)					
8 PM		NCIS: Sydney (HD)	The 1% Club (HD)		Fantasy Football Now (Live)	Bang (HD)		Wizards	**"The Legend of Tarzan"** ('16, Action) (HD)	**"Altitude"** ('10) Jessica Lowndes.	★★★ **"The Firm"** ('93, Thriller) Tom Cruise. (R) (HD)
:30						Bang (HD)		Wizards			
9 PM	Democratic (HD)	Democratic (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*	Decision 2024:		Dad (HD)		Wizards			
:30						Dad (HD)		Wizards			
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (Live)	Dad (HD)	The Anonymous (HD)	United HeroeZ	(:52) Chimp Crazy	**"San Andreas"** Dwayne Johnson.	
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)		Dad (HD)					(:35) **"Brooklyn's Finest"** ('10) (R)
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)	Dad (HD)	(:15) The Anonymous	Bluey	Last Week		
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night		Dad (HD)		Bluey	John Early	**"Frontera"**	

MONDAY

7:00pm

FOX Celebrity Name That Tune "In the Mix" An e-commerce manager from Sioux Falls faces off against a bartender from Omaha; an operations analyst from Austin goes up against a teacher from Chicago. TVPG (HD)

8:00pm

CBS NCIS: Sydney "Snakes in the Grass" A Navy compliance officer is found dead from a snakebite, leading the team on a search for the source of the exotic and lethally toxic snake. TV14 (HD)

TUESDAY AUGUST 20, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Little League Wrld Series (Live)	MLB Baseball *Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves* (Live) (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	**"Descendants 2"** ('17) Cameron Boyce. (HD)	(5:28) To Be Announced *Info unavailable.*	(4:58) **"Everest"** ('15)	(5:15) **"Memory"** ('24)
:30							WWE NXT (Live) (HD)			**"Splice"** ('10) Adrien Brody. (HD)	★★★ **"One Life"** ('24) Anthony Hopkins. (HD)
7 PM	Family Feud (HD)	FBI: International	Beat Shazam (HD)	America's Got Talent *Talent search.* (HD)							
:30											
8 PM	Judge Steve Harvey	FBI: Most Wanted	The Quiz with Balls		In the Arena *"Ep. 6"*			Wizards	Hard Knocks '24	(:45) **"Ninja Assassin"** ('09, Action) Rain. (HD)	
:30								Wizards			
9 PM	Democratic (HD)	Democratic (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*	Decision 2024:	The Ultimate Fighter	Post-Game	The Anonymous *"Welcome to the"*	Wizards	(:58) Chimp Crazy		**"Burning at Both Ends"** ('21) Cary Elwes.
:30						B/R		Wizards			
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (Live)	Family		Lady Dragon	(:57) Hard Knocks '24		
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)		Family	(:24) The Anonymous			**"Get Shorty"** ('95) John Travolta.	
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)	Family		Bluey	Ramy Youssef: More		**"Wolf of Wall"** ('13)
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night		Family	Anonymous	Bluey			

TUESDAY

7:00pm

PARSHO One Life ★★★ (2024, Drama) Anthony Hopkins, Lena Olin. Fifty years after World War II, a London broker remains haunted by the fate of Jewish children he was unable to save from Czechoslovakia. PG (HD)

8:00pm

ABC Judge Steve Harvey "A Big Ol' Plate of Fried Everything" As Steve Harvey works as the judge, jury and star of his own courtroom, he meets individuals presenting cases about sibling feuds and a lying roommate. TVPG (HD)

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 21, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Little League Wrld Series (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	(:15) **"Zombies"** ('18, Musical) Meg Donnelly.	**"Ride Along 2"** ('16)	(4:13) **"Gangs"** ('02)	(5:00) **"The Net"** ('95)
:30						Bang (HD)					
7 PM	Who Wants to Be a	Big Brother (HD)	MasterChef *"Beer Necessities; Quarry"* (HD)	America's Got Talent		All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite	The Anonymous (HD)		Hard Knocks '24	**"Green Room"** Imogen Poots. (R)	★★½ **"Miss Congeniality"** ('00) Sandra Bullock.
:30											
8 PM	Claim To Fame (HD)	The Real CSI: Miami		Decision 2024: Democratic Convention	Countdown		(:15) The Anonymous *"Handle It?"*	Wizards	Chimp Crazy		
:30					WNBA Basketball *Minnesota vs Las Vegas*			Wizards Waverly (HD)		(:36) ★★½ **"Gemini"** ('18) Lola Kirke.	
9 PM	Democratic (HD)	Democratic (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*			Family			**"Problemista"** ('23) Julio Torres.		★★★ **"A Time to Kill"** ('96, Thriller) Sandra Bullock. (R) (HD)
:30						Family	The Anonymous (HD)	Wizards			
10 PM	Local	Local		Local		Family		Tales Shadybug		(:10) **"Up in the Air"** ('09) George Clooney. (R)	
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	Family	Law & Order: SVU		(:47) **"Lil Nas X: Long Live"** ('24)		
11 PM			Local Programs			Family		Bluey			
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night	Sports	Family	SVU (HD)	Bluey			**"Rainmaker"**

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm

FOX MasterChef "Beer Necessities; Quarry Field Challenge" Contestants are challenged to incorporate an iconic beer into their dishes; contestants are faced with another field challenge, cooking for over 100 workers. TV14 (HD)

8:00pm

ABC Claim To Fame "I'm Coming Four You" The contestants attempt to solve a puzzle challenge to claim the Wine Clue; during the Guess Off, the contestants break promises to claim a spot in the finale. (HD)

Opinion and Commentary

Community health centers celebrated

Rural Health Inc. joined in the celebration of National Health Center Week, which was commemorated Aug. 4-10. The annual event highlighted the essential role community health centers play in improving public health and advancing health equity. Rural Health Inc. has clinics in Anna, Dongola, Vienna, Goreville and Metropolis.

Health centers represent the nation's largest primary care network, serving 31.5 million patients nationwide.

This year's National Health Center Week celebration, launched by the National Association of Community Health Centers, focused on "Powering Communities Through Caring Connections."

The celebration included a wide range of scheduled events that included resource fairs, back-to-school drives, health screenings, visits to health centers by local, state and national leaders and more.

With a mission to make high-quality, affordable care available to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay or insurance status, health centers save lives on the front lines of the nation's most pressing public health challenges.

The centers are powered by a workforce of nearly 300,000 dedicated professionals who reach beyond the walls of the exam room to not only prevent illness but also address the social drivers that may cause it, including climate change, homelessness, substance use disorders, food insecurity and behavioral health.

Rural Health Inc. community outreach coordinator Chase Hileman shared in a news release that the observance of National Health Center Week "is crucial for awareness because people need to know that this nation's health centers are more than just the places for doctor appointments."

"Our services, our medical professionals, all employees, play a significant part in taking on the issues within the communities we serve," Hileman said.

Nearly 1,500 health centers are the health care homes to one in five uninsured people, one in three people living in poverty, one in seven rural residents, nearly 9 million children and 400,000 veterans

RHI planned to celebrate National Health Center Week by hosting patient appreciation days featuring free snow cones and resources at each of its five clinics.

SIU to host astronomical viewing events, Star Party

Southern Illinois University Carbondale plans to host a series of public astronomical viewings starting in August and continuing through December.

Highlights of the regular viewing season include a Sept. 17 partial lunar eclipse and a lunar occultation of Saturn on Nov. 10.

Star Party is Oct. 19

Officials also are planning the annual Southern Illinois Star Party from 4 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Oct. 19.

For that event, SIU will cooperate with Adler Planetarium and the Astronomical Association of Southern Illinois.

The event includes a free evening of guided telescope observations and family-friendly astronomy and science activities at the SIU University Farms Astronomy Observation Area, 2 miles west of the main campus in a semi-dark area that offers good views of the night sky.

Several nighttime and solar telescopes operated by amateur astronomers and SIU School of Physics and Applied Physics faculty, staff and students will be available to the public.

Visitors will be able to see the sun, moon, Venus, Saturn, Jupiter and other celestial objects.

Visitors are welcome to bring their own lawn chairs and blankets as well as photography or telescope equipment to the Star Party.

Free shuttles will run from SIU Parking Lot 63 at the corner of Oakland and Chautauqua streets throughout the evening. Parking at the observation site is very limited and available by permit only.

For disability accommodations, call 618-453-5738. Disabled visitors or those bringing telescope equipment that would be difficult to transport by shuttle may contact events@siu.edu or call SIU Events and Outreach at 618-453-7424 for a free onsite parking permit.

Other partners for the event include the DEB Initiative and SolarSTEAM, two research projects led by SIU faculty, as well as NASA EDGE and Johns Hopkins University.

Regular observations are held on the Astronomy Observation Deck, located on the roof of the A-wing at the Neckers building. Signs are posted from Neckers 456 up the southwest stairs.

Here are this year's regular observation times:

Sunday, Aug. 18, 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 8, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 17, 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 8, 6 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

All observation events are held weather-permitting, with space limited. Details can be found online at physics.siu.edu/events/astronomy.php or email physics@siu.edu.

Food service training conducted

Just ahead of the start of a new academic year, special training was offered to food service staff members from Cobden Unit School District 17 and Murphysboro Community Unit School District 186.

Farm-to-School food service training was made possible as part of grant through the Illinois State Board of Education, ISBE, being facilitated by the Regional Office of Education serving Alexander, Jackson, Perry, Pulaski and Union Counties.

As part of the ISBE-awarded Farm-to-School State Formula Grant, the food service staff from Cobden and Murphysboro took part in training Aug. 6-8 which was facilitated by Beyond Green Partners. The training was offered at Murphysboro High School.

Activities included classroom and hands-on culinary training and an opportunity to practice new recipes.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

Technology is great...when it actually works...

Well now. Let's just see how this works. Or, if this even works at all…

If it's a success, we will have a column that was generated: a) on my fancy, high-tech tablet thingy b) while sitting outside on the porch swing c) and, hopefully, making Bob happy… which can be a bit of a challenge at times…

So, Bob and I headed out to the porch swing Monday evening. The weather was cooler than it has been recently…and the seemingly long overdue cicadas were buzzing up a storm. The mosquitoes were enjoying themselves, at the expense of the cat and the person he owns. Bob was pretending like he was relaxed…for the moment…given half a chance, he would leap off the porch swing and attempt to make a run to a nearby gulley…

In the meantime, we will attempt to complete this little project…

Over the years, I've had a number of tablets. The first two were Kindle Fires. They were affordable, nice little tools, but not really helpful in the workaday world. I'm pretty sure that was because I just did not know all of the things to do with such a resource.

My last three tablets have been Apple products. That's what we have used at The Paragraph Factory. They are, at least is this writer's simple mind, wonderful tools. I just have not used them much for "work." (Disclaimer: I do not consider what I do to be "work.")

Now that I have bored you with those musings, let's move on to something else…

My idea was to share a few thoughts about a book I just finished reading. The book, titled "Welcome to the Circus of Baseball," was written by Ryan McGee. As is often the case with new books, I found this one at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. The author is a senior writer at ESPN, among other accomplishments, while I am blessed just to be a senior who gets to write.

Mr. McGee's book is a gem which tells the story of the summer he spent, fresh out of college, working for minor the league Asheville Tourists baseball team in North Carolina.

Reading the book brought back some of my own minor league baseball memories with North Carolina connections involving a team called the Forest City Owls. I've been to a couple of their games with some special folks in North Carolina. I even have an "official" Forest City Owls ballcap.

My minor league baseball memories also involve the Southern Illinois Miners. Remember them? Daughter and I went to several of the Miners games; it meant a lot to an "old guy" that she would still be willing to be seen in public with me.

The book, and minor league baseball, are both worth your time. Even better...going to a minor league baseball is actually something most of us can afford.

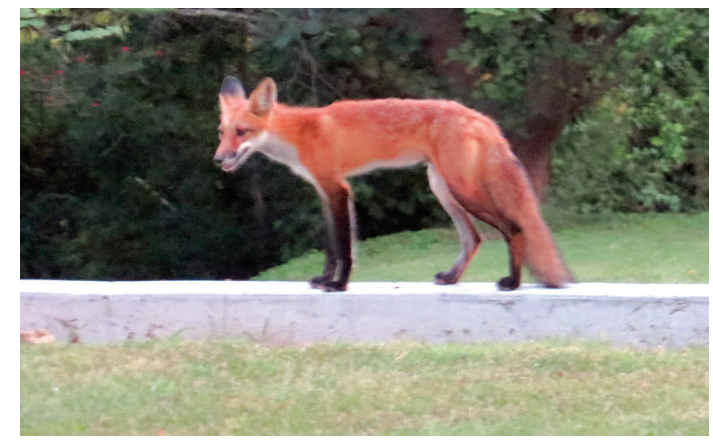
As we wrap things up for this week, yours truly just wants to offer a word or two of thanks to the folks who continue to share kind words about this column. Your thoughts mean more to me than you know…

Now, in the interest of full disclosure...

After I had written about half of this column on the tablet, I decided to go ahead and send the masterpiece through the internet universe to my laptop...and hoped for the best...

Well, folks. It worked. Yes it did. Score one for an an old guy...

See you at the Union County Fair in Anna...



Didn't expect to see this critter when I went on a daily walkabout one evening last week. Truth be told, I kept a very respectful distance. The critter had some sharp teeth... and it was around dinner time...





Long ago, in another life, The Other Half and yours truly journeyed to Gulf Shores, Alabama, to spend some wonderful time on the beach. On the way south, we spotted a rocket (which was quite hard to miss) at a rest area along the highway near Huntsville, Alabama. That rocket came to mind when I spotted a new cell tower which has been erected near the intersection of Kaolin Road and old U.S. Route 51 between Anna and Cobden. Silly? Probably...

Spinning...and Winning...

With the pick of the right number, folks playing the Spin and Win game at the Cobden Peach Festival could take home some Cobden peaches. The Peach Festival, sponsored by the Cobden Lions Club, was celebrated last Friday and Saturday in the Appleknocker Town.



Williamson County Motor Patrol

The Williamson County Motor Patrol participated in last Saturday afternoon's Cobden Peach Festival parade. The unit is a crowd favorite at local parades. The parade was in the downtown Cobden area.