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News Notes

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



A full moon...a super moon and a blue moon made an appearance in the sky over Union County Monday night, Aug. 19

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Union County Clerk Lance Meisenheimer reports that candidates could begin circulating nominating petitions Aug. 20 for 2025 elections. Voting will include school board and municipal elections (but not in Anna). Filing is set for Nov. 12-18.

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If you haven't been to this year's Union County Fair in Anna, make plans to go. There's still a lot going on at the fair.

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Four states were represented at a mini tractor pull held Sunday at the Union County Fair.

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The county fair posted a message on social media thanking Anna Police Department Officer Adam Tripp for "checking in our animals during the night shift."

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This week's weather has been "fair" for the fair. The forecast was calling for below normal temperatures through Wednesday. A warm up with above normal temperatures is expected by the weekend.

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The Anna Arts Center is planning to host a reception in honor of Girl Scout Gold Award winner Elizabeth Back at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25.

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A-J Meet the Teams event set

A Meet the Teams event is planned Saturday evening, Aug. 24, at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. The event begins at 6 p.m.

The school shared on social media that the community is invited to come and meet the A-JCHS students who are participating in football, golf, cross country, volleyball, boys' soccer, band and cheer.

Donations of items needed for the various programs will be welcomed, including:

Football/cheer: Gatorade/Powerade.

Soccer: Gatorade/Powerade or granola/protein bars.

Golf: Gatorade/Powerade or water.

Band: Frozen treats.

Volleyball: prepackaged snacks.

Cross country: water, body armor, protein/energy bars.

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Veterans Appreciation Day, junior livestock auction, demolition derbies planned

Union County Fair continues this week in Anna

Veterans Appreciation Day, a junior livestock auction and two nights of demolition derby action are among the highlights of the final days of this year's Union County Fair.

The 2024 fair is underway this week in Anna. Activities for the 143rd edition of the fair continue through Sunday, Aug. 25, at the Anna City Park.

Here's a look at the schedule:

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.



Union County Fair queens

A new royal court was crowned at the 2024 Union County Fair queen pageant on Friday night, Aug. 16, at the Henry Don Dillow Grandstand at the Anna City Park. Candidates in three different age groups competed for the queen's title and tiara. The winners for the evening were, from left, 2024 Junior Miss Union County Fair Queen Camiah Annalina Rose Lowe, 2024 Miss Union County Fair Queen Lakelyn Breeze Carter and 2024 Little Miss Union County Fair Queen Ella Louise Bailey. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

Mosquito trapped in Union County tests positive for West Nile

Southern 7 Health Department, S7HD, on Aug. 15 reported that it has confirmed one new positive test for West Nile virus in mosquitoes for the southern seven-county region of Illinois it serves.

The positive test involved a mosquito which was trapped in Union County.

This is the fifth positive case of West Nile virus in mosquitoes documented by the health department in 2024.

No human cases of West Nile virus have been reported so far this year in the region.

S7HD environmental health services confirmed the positive case was collected from mosquito traps set in Union County.

This follows positive tests reported from Alexander, Hardin and Johnson counties on July 11 and a positive test reported from Massac County on July 18.

A dead bird submitted to the state for West Nile virus testing also came back positive on July 18.

Traps were placed in each of the lower seven counties in May and are being tested weekly through mid-September.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a Culex pipiens mosquito, commonly called a house mosquito, that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird.

Common symptoms include fever, nausea, headache and muscle aches. Symptoms may last from a few days to a few weeks.

More information about West Nile virus is available by contacting S7HD environmental health services director Miranda Adams at 618-634-2297, extension 973114, visiting www.southern7.org or downloading the Southern 7 app.



Community choir sings at worship service

A community worship service was held Sunday evening, Aug. 18, at the Union County Fair in Anna. The service was presented by the Union County Alliance of Churches. A community choir, directed by Dee Rose from the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro, sang at the service.

Stinson Library receives endowment, grant funds

The landmark Stinson Memorial Library in Anna has received an endowment and a historic structure report grant.

Endowment

John Watkins, a dedicated former board member of the Stinson Memorial Public Library District, has left a lasting legacy through a $10,000 endowment to the library.

Stinson Memorial Public Library District director Sarah Watkins shared in a news release that "Watkins was a passionate supporter of the library, serving multiple terms on the board of trustees and playing a key role in helping guide the library in its mission."

Together with his wife, Judith Watkins, John helped establish the Friends of Stinson Library group, which has been instrumental in supporting the library's programs and services for over 20 years.

"An avid reader and active library patron, Watkins was known for his commitment to ensuring the library's success and accessibility to the community," Watkins stated.

The $10,000 endowment will support the library's ongoing mission to provide valuable resources and services to its patrons.

Watkins said that Stinson Memorial Public Library District expresses deep gratitude for Watkins' generosity, noting that his contributions will have a lasting impact on the community he loved.

Historic Structure Report Grant

The Jeffris Family Foundation has awarded Stinson Library a $33,000 Heartland Fund grant. The grant is matched by the library.

The grant covers half of the cost of a Historic Structure Report, which is a comprehensive study of the property, architectural value, building composition, and design.

Jeffris Family Foundations mission is to aid in the preservation and restoration of Midwest architecture and historic sites.

Stinson Library was awarded the grant based on the significance of historical legacy of the building. The awarding of the grant for the report could lead to further funding.

Stinson Library is a one of a kind building located along South Main Street in Anna.

The library was designed by world renowned architect Walter Burley Griffin, with the assistance of his wife, Marion Mahony Griffin.

Stinson Library was one of the last buildings designed by Griffin in America.

In his early career, Griffin worked for Frank Lloyd Wright, with similarities being evident in their designs in the Prairie School fashion.

Griffin paid attention to using local materials and natural aspects to create his designs in a unique way that married architecture with the natural world around it.

The library exterior is made uncut limestone and pour concrete.

The library's interior has two levels, the upper, which

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Union County landmark

The landmark Stinson Memorial Library is located at 409 S. Main St. in Anna. The library was designed by architect Walter Burley Griffin with assistance from his wife, Marion Mahony Griffin.

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Auxiliary chaplain shares special personal memories in Hospital History Highlights

By Barbara Boyd Bauer

These Hospital History Highlights have to do with my personal memories and experiences.

Hale Willard Hospital

I am wondering how many of today's readers remember running up that impressive big front stairway in Hale Willard Hospital?

In about 1940, I was so excited to go to see someone and must have been voicing my joy. I remember being promptly shushed by my parents because "We must be quiet in the hospital!"

Another note about Hale Willard Hospital comes from Anna Women's Club record books.

Years ago local organizations like Women's Club and church ladies associations volunteered to "sponsor" hospital rooms for furniture and other appointments.

An important project was to fund and make those curtains like we see in Hale Willard Hospital pictures.

(The photo is from "Pictures from the Past," Reppert Publications 1998.)

Anna City Hospital

"100 Years of Progress," the 1954 Anna Centennial Book, profiled the new Anna City Hospital which opened in 1951.

A much-needed asset to the community, the hospital provided a long list of diagnostic and medical services that included delivering babies.

Hospital volunteers in the 1950s were called "Pink Ladies." I remember donning the pink smock a few times to deliver fresh water to patients and to run errands.

Hospital Prayer Chapel

As the current (2024) Hospital Auxiliary Chaplain, I make note of the remarkable little Hospital Chapel that was commissioned in that new building in 1951.

In the thought that mental and spiritual health is as important as physical health, the tiny Chapel is designed as a quiet place for meditation.

Today in 2024, the Chapel is always open to patients, patient families, staff and employees. All are welcome to pause there for thought and prayer.

There is a registry for prayer requests. It is interesting that the prayer registry is used by staff as well as the families of patients.

Union County Hospital District

Sustainability of the hospital required that the Union County Hospital District be developed.

Under that umbrella, and in the 1970s time period, my daughter and other volunteer teenagers served as "Candy Stripers." They wore red-stripped aprons as they replenished water pitchers, delivered food and did other nurse/patient errands.

It is noteworthy that many of those young "Candy Strippers" have careers in the health field today.

Union County Hospital New Wing

The new front wing of Union County Hospital opened in 1984 with additional facilities and services.

Union County Hospital District Auxiliary has continued to award scholarships to men and women who study for careers in the health field.

The Auxiliary annually conducts a memorial moment to honor Lifetime Members who have passed. Two notable community leaders were recognized in 2024, the late Jerry Schaefer and the late Floyd Dallas.

Volunteer members have helped staff the front desk, operate the Gift Shop, contribute to grounds beautification by helping to care for flowers and plants and maintain the Chapel.

Once again, the invitation is extended to hospital staff and visitors to make use of the Chapel located in the main hall of the old building.

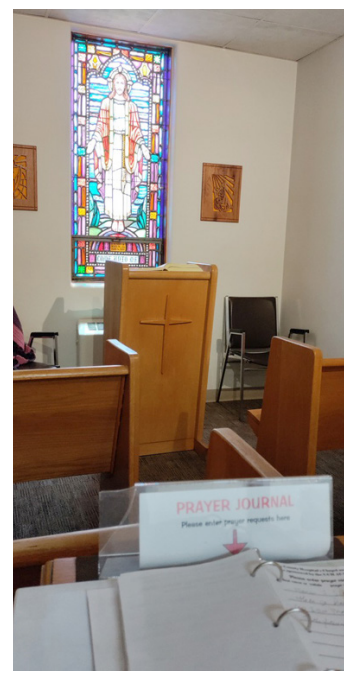
(Submitted by Union County Hospital District Auxiliary Chaplain Barbara Bauer.)



Hale Willard Hospital.



Anna City Hospital, 1951, from "100 Years of Progress," the centennial history of Anna.



Hospital Chapel: a stained-glass window is a focal point in the chapel. The window is in memory of Mary M. and John W. Roy. The Roys were community leaders who advocated for development of the new hospital.



"Jesus Knocking on the Door": the print was a gift of the Presbyterian Church Women. Prayer shawls found on benches were gifts from women of the United Methodist Church and Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church.

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Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau has had two billboards placed along Interstate 57 to help promote the area. The billboards, featuring Garden of the Gods, Inspiration Point and the Shawnee National Forest, have been placed near Mt. Vernon and in Southeast Missouri.

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Fall sports seasons are underway at Union County schools.

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The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' golf team worked at Pizza Villa in Anna Monday night. The business made a generous donation of all the tips which were received to the team.

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Anna School District No. 37 has an outdoor classroom which is located across from the junior high school.

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Thanks to a Farm to School grant, Anna School District 37 had fresh peaches from Flamm Orchards.

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Lick Creek School had a successful Back to School Bash last week.

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A disc golf tournament is planned Sept. 8 in Cobden.

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Improvements are planned at the Discount Mart in Cobden; it is anticipated that gasoline once again will be available in October.

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The allied health and nursing program at Shawnee Community College is working with Arrowleaf to present a youth mental health first aid training event which is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, today, on the college's main campus near Ullin.

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Associate degree nursing students at Shawnee Community College spent time in an "OB Bootcamp."

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Shawnee Community College is planning to host auditions for its Nov. 7-9 fall musical production of "Tarzan." Auditions are slated from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, and from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, Aug. 24.

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Southern 7 Health Department is planning to host "Bundles of Joy" diaper drives throughout its service region in September. The schedule includes locations in Anna and Cobden.

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Local governing bodies are joining in the effort to promote the Sept. 23-29 observance of See Tracks, Think Trains Week.

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WSIL-TV reported another recent sighting of a black bear in the area...this time in Murphysboro.

Stinson Library

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contains the library collection and boasts beautiful stained glass windows, fused wood beams, and an abundance of natural light.

The lower level is a public meeting space, with stained glass lighting fixtures and curved stage.

Since its construction the library has been open to public, providing resources and materials to its community and welcome guests worldwide to visit and marvel in the structure.

Stinson Library was added to the Nation Register of Historic Places in 1978 for being recognized in having nationally important architectural value.

Walter Burley Griffin once told The New York Times: "I do not believe in any school of architecture. I believe in architecture that is the logical outgrowth of the environment in which the building in mind is to be located."

With the help of the Jeffris Family Foundation, this study will assist in directing the preservation of the historic building and help make visitors aware of the history of the treasured structure.

Weather

High 94, low 63; fog; 1.70 inches of rain

Temperatures during the period of Aug. 13-19 in the Union County area ranged from a high of 94 degrees to a low of 63.

Precipitation during the period totalled 1.70 inches of rain. Fog was recorded on three days.

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

Tuesday, Aug. 13: high 81, low 63. 0.77 of an inch of rain.

Wednesday, Aug. 14: high 81, low 69. 0.01 of an inch of rain.

Thursday, Aug. 15: high 92, low 67. 0.78 of an inch of rain.

Friday, Aug. 16: high 91, low 70. Fog.

Saturday, Aug. 17: high 94, low 70. Fog.

Sunday, Aug. 18: high 84, low 65. Fog.

Monday, Aug. 19: high 83, low 64.

Don't Miss This Year's Union County Fair in Anna

'This is what really happened...

...some thoughts about newspapers
from the Oregon Digital Newspaper program's website

"This is what really happened, reported by a free press to a free people. It is the raw material of history; it is the story of our own times." Henry Steel Commager

"Newspapers cannot be defined by the second word—paper. They've got to be defined by the first word—news." Arthur Sulzberg, Jr.

"A good newspaper is a nation talking to itself." Arthur Miller

"The newspaper is a greater treasure to the people than uncounted millions of gold." Henry Ward Beecher

"Were it left to me to decide if we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter." Thomas Jefferson

"Most of us probably feel we couldn't be free without newspapers, and that is the real reason we want newspapers to be free." Edward R. Murrow

"People don't actually read newspapers. They step into them every morning like a hot bath." Marshall McLuhan

"Every time a newspaper dies, even a bad one, the country moves a little closer to authoritarianism…" Richard Kluger

"I'd love to rise from the grave every ten years or so and go buy a few newspapers." Luis Bunuel

"All I know is what I read in the papers." Will Rogers



National Night Out event held

Emergency services and law enforcement personnel from throughout the Union County area, along with the vehicles and equipment they use, were on hand for a free National Night Out event which was held Tuesday evening, Aug. 6, at the Anna City Park.

National Night Out offered opportunities to see emergency services vehicles up close – and to meet the people who operate them. The evening also featured bounce houses, games, a dunk tank, donuts, popcorn and more.

Organizers shared prior to the event that "National Night Out triumphs over a culture that isolates us from each other and allows to rediscover our own communities."

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Plaque presented

Union County Sheriff David Wilkins, left, presented a plaque to Sgt. Robbie McGee in recognition of McGee's dedicated service.



Current, former sheriffs on hand

From left are former Union County Sheriff Jim Nash, Sgt. Robbie McGee, Union County Sheriff David Wilkins and former Union County Sheriff Dale Foster.

McGee retires after nearly three decades of service with sheriff's office

Nearly three decades of dedicated service to the Union County community were recognized at a special event last week.

Union County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Robbie McGee of Alto Pass has retired after 28 years of service.

His service was celebrated during a gathering held Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 14, in the community room at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

McGee officially retired as of July 5, 2024. He joined the Union County Sheriff's Office in August 1996 as a dispatcher. He subsequently would be assigned as a road deputy. About eight years ago, he was promoted to rank of sergeant.

Union County Sheriff David Wilkins presented McGee with a retirement badge and plaque. The sheriff said he is proud to have worked with McGee.

The plaque recognized McGee's "dedicated years of service" and wished him the best in a "well deserved retirement."

"It really has been a good career," McGee shared with the many people who came to the Aug. 14 event.

Former Union County sheriffs Jim Nash and Dale Foster were among the many people who came to join in honoring McGee.

McGee won't be entirely stepping away from a law enforcement career. He will be working as a school resource officer for Shawnee School District No. 84 in Wolf Lake.

"The Preaching Pen"

The Sayings of Satan: Job 1:7

And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."

In this particular passage, one can observe the activity of Satan. The verse highlights that Satan goes everywhere in his search for souls. We must be aware of his continual search for us, 1 Peter 5:8. Some view Satan as a mere opponent to God for our souls. This is a dangerous miscalculation. Scriptures state that Satan is our ADVERSARY (enemy seeking destruction). Satan is steadfast, unwavering in his pursuits, and relentless in his methods to draw us away from God, 2 Corinthians 11:12-14. We must always be on guard; our salvation is at stake.

Salvation requires obedience to God's plan: Hearing the gospel Romans 10:17,

Believing the gospel John 3:16, Repenting from our sinful lives Luke 13:3, Confessing Christ before men Matthew 10:32-33, and Immersing oneself into the water of baptism Acts 8:37.

This process was the only way Christians were made in the first century Acts 11:26; it still is the only way today. Have you followed God's word?

---Ryan Thornsberry, Anna church of Christ---

Ryan Thornsberry,
Anna Church of Christ

Free camp offered for young people with diabetes

Camp BETA, a free overnight camp for young people ages 10-16 who have Type 1 diabetes, is scheduled to return to Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Touch of Nature Outdoor Education Center this fall.

Registration is underway for the popular annual camp, which is set for Sept. 7-8. The deadline to register is Aug. 23. Sign up is available online at campscui.active.com.

Organizers incorporate a wide variety of camp and outdoor experiences into each day, including hiking, climbing, paddling, arts and crafts, team building activities and much more at the center, which is about 8 miles south of Carbondale off Giant City Road.

The camp is a collaborative effort involving SIU's Touch of Nature Outdoor Education Center, Southern Illinois Healthcare and the Diabetes Today Resource Team, with sponsorship from civic organizations, private companies, families, individuals and others.

Organizers coordinate to ensure a safe, healthy camp experience for participants. They attribute the camp's continued success and popularity to the hard work of many community members, parents, students, nurses, dietitians and volunteers.

Highest-ranking woman in state police history reflects on experience as force looks to diversify

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The night before Rebecca Hooks started at the Illinois State Police Academy in 2002, she spoke on the phone with her father and her brother – both of whom worked in law enforcement.

Her father encouraged her, telling her she was strong and could get through the boot camp-like experience. Her brother, in typical sibling fashion, offered encouragement by warning her against messing up and embarrassing him.

More than 20 years later, Hooks was promoted to first deputy director of the Illinois State Police in 2023, becoming the first woman to be second in command of the agency despite never setting out to be a trailblazer.

"I wanted to work hard and be the – do the – best I could at every seat that I was in," Hooks said.

Illinois State Police Director Brendan Kelly said Hooks' compassionate professionalism made an "outstanding first impression" on him five years ago when he took over the agency.

He told Capitol News Illinois Hooks led him through a "very visceral, very intense" crime scene while also making sure the officers impacted by the incident were supported during an investigation of a state trooper's death.

"She was one of many people that I've seen over the five years I've been director where I've seen great potential and strong leadership and strong skills," Kelly said.

Many women are not choosing a similar path though. Of the last 86 Illinois State Police Academy graduates, only eight – or 9 percent – were women. As of February, only 10 percent of the ISP's total 1,812 sworn officers were women.

The Illinois State Police do have a higher-than-average presence of women in law enforcement leadership, however. Women make up 14 percent of ISP's leadership, according to an agency spokesperson.

But the 30x30 Initiative, a coalition of law enforcement experts and agencies trying to diversify police forces across the United States, reports that women hold just 3 percent of leadership positions across the country on average.

In 2021, the Illinois State Police signed a pledge through the 30x30 Initiative to make police cadet classes at least 30 percent women by 2030 and further increase the representation of women in the agency.

Hooks said the effort is important because police forces perform better when they represent the communities they serve.

"We have sworn personnel as well as civilian personnel and everyone plays a role in what we do and we fulfill the mission together," said Hooks. "So, we need all different types of people – all different shapes, all different sizes, all different genders."

Tanya Meisenholder, director of gender equity at New York University's Policing Project and a 30x30 founding partner, said "the research is clear" that women use less force, receive fewer complaints,and are perceived as more compassionate and empathetic while caring for victims.

A 2021 case study published in the research journal Science that used data from the Chicago Police Department found female officers were 28 percent less likely to use force than male officers in general, and 31 percent less likely to use force against Black people.

Because women are less likely to use force, they are less likely to be involved in civil liability cases, which can save taxpayer money, according to research from 2002 published by the National Center for Women and Policing, a prior branch of the Feminist Majority Foundation.

Other studies published in Feminine Criminology and Oxford University Press on behalf of The Review of Economic Studies suggest women officers do a better job reporting, closing and managing rape and domestic violence cases.

The Illinois State Police is one of over 350 other organizations that have signed the 30x30 pledge, which requires the agency to regularly share progress reports on its inclusion policies.

Meisenholder said partner organizations have "seen positive results" from intentional recruitment strategies.

"With recruitment ads in particular, I think we've had a lot of success in getting people to think very carefully about what their ads represent," Meisenholder said. "Are they showcasing the reality of policing, are they showing all the diversity in their workforce? And I think that makes a difference."

Kelly said the Illinois State Police are focusing their "messaging and outreach" on barriers women might face when joining the force and opportunities they can have with the agency.

"By talking about the many career paths that are possible for anybody who wants to serve the Illinois State Police, that allows us to engage in a conversation with women that may be thinking about serving in law enforcement," Kelly said.

Kelly said sometimes potential cadets, including women and their loved ones, might have concerns about safety and the ability to raise a family while on the force.

"I think the greatest challenge that we have is that people think that this is only a job for men, and that's because for, you know, hundreds of years that's the way it's been perceived," Kelly said.

But Hooks, who comes from a family of law enforcement and medical professionals where things like "crazy schedules" are normal, said none of these barriers impacted her.

"I didn't have anyone in my family who was against me doing it," Hooks said. "It was just, 'okay, we're getting another cop in the family,' and it was great."

For those who are worried, Hooks said, "you get the skills and the training that you need" to safely do the job. She also said the notion that women are unable to have a family or life outside the force is a "false concept."

"We have a lot of women in the department who have families, there's a lot of men in the department who have families," Hooks said. "It's not a barrier, there's more opportunities in the department than people realize." Hooks said beyond division patrol – the officers who enforce traffic laws on state highways – ISP officers can go into internal or criminal investigations or forensics, which is where Hooks spent much of her career.

In an attempt to better demonstrate those opportunities with the Illinois State Police, a spokesperson said the agency is developing a public recruitment campaign with Southern Illinois University Carbondale that is "specific to women" and includes elements of their partnership with 30x30. The campaign also includes other marketing materials recruiters can share at hiring events.

The spokesperson said ISP recruiters regularly attend the Women in Criminal Justice Conference, an annual Midwestern networking and continuing education event, and participate in career fairs at historically women's colleges.

Hooks said managing her new schedule can be difficult, but "a good team and good communication" within her department allows for flexibility. She said she has time to spend with her family and friends, as well as participating in activities like training for marathons.

Part of 30x30's mission is to ultimately change agency cultures and welcome diversity across all demographics in policing by making recruits feel supported in the profession.

Meisenholder said the theory of representative bureaucracy suggests that when minority representation reaches 30 percent, the organization's culture reaches a tipping point of being more welcoming.

"So, I think when you feel heard, when you have people that are supportive, perhaps mentors, then you can engage a bit more and feel more comfortable talking about whatever it is you're experiencing," Meisenholder said.

In addition to thinking about recruitment strategies, Meisenholder said agencies could examine policies, such as those relating to additional support for pregnant people and new parents, like lactation rooms.

"We also ask them to think about how they're engaging with their workforce and their women in particular," Meisenholder said. "And are they listening to the challenges they might be facing?"

The Illinois State Police filed its 24-month check-in survey with 30x30 in June 2023 and indicated policies supporting nursing mothers are "still a work in progress," although women "are given the opportunity to work their schedule if necessary." The agency also responded that it requires sexual harassment and bias training and supports a yearly mentorship program. It also shared that it is continuing to focus on social media recruiting initiatives highlighting 30x30 and its mission.

Hooks – who attributes much of her own success to hard work and good mentors – emphasized that the agency's culture of integrity and accountability was another key to her success.

"And I've looked at positions in the ISP and thought, 'oh, I wouldn't be good at that' or 'that's really not my skill set, I'm not interested in that,'" Hooks said. "But I never looked at a position and thought 'oh, I can't do that because I'm a woman,' and no one ever treated me that way."

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SIU Covid memorial dedication set

The COVID-19 pandemic affected everyone in one way or another.

Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Student Health Services has created a new Saluki Covid Memorial Garden to provide a quiet, healing place where anyone can come to relax, remember and reflect.

The space will be formally dedicated at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 30, and everyone is welcome to attend.

The garden, located on the east side of the Student Health Center at 374 E. Grand Ave., features a swing, benches, a picnic table with umbrella, flowers, a bird bath and a mural.

Participants are invited to bring a small, personalized memento to commemorate their experiences, celebrate a loved one, honor someone lost, recognize shared hopes or in some other way mark their own pandemic journeys.

The items will be placed in a time capsule that will be buried in a safe garden location until a date to be determined.

811 Day proclaimed

At the request of the Illinois Commerce Commission, ICC, Gov. JB Pritzker proclaimed Aug. 11 as 811 Day.

The proclamation was issued in an effort to encourage every excavator and homeowner to call 811 before starting a digging project.

The phone call is free. The ICC said in a news release that the call "is necessary to keep people safe and to protect the integrity of Illinois' underground utility infrastructure."



Smokey Bear's birthday celebrated

An 80th birthday party celebration was held Saturday, Aug. 10, in Union County for Smokey Bear. The celebration was hosted by the U.S. Forest Service/Shawnee National Forest at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro. The event featured a variety of activities highlighting fire safety and wildfire prevention. Smokey Bear was introduced in 1944 by the U.S. Forest Service to help prevent the spread of forest fires. Smokey was joined by anti-littering advocate Woodsy Owl for pictures with area children. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.



Union County Fair pet parade

Over a half dozen different species were represented at the 2024 Union County Fair pet parade, which was held Sunday afternoon, Aug. 19, in the junior livestock ring at the Anna City Park. Pets and their owners from the area competed in several categories, including smallest, prettiest, most unusual, best dressed and best trained. Prizes for the winners was donated by Anna-Jonesboro National Bank. Ribbons were provided by Moreland EyeCare. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.



Harness racing at Union County Fair

Harness racing was among the featured events during the opening weekend of this year's Union County Fair in Anna. Harness racing took place last Saturday afternoon on the track in front of the Henry Don Dillow Grandstand at the Anna City Park, which is the home of the fair.



Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds, Jonesboro

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Obituaries

William Brian Barkley



It is with a heavy heart that we share the passing of our beloved Brian on Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024.

William Brian Barkley was born on Aug. 27, 1961, the son of William Joseph and Verneda Packard Barkley.

He was many things to many people. Father, son, brother, uncle, nephew, but most of all he was a great friend. Brian leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness and unforgettable memories.

He is survived by his soulmate and Love of His Life, Patti Cato Reeves of McClure; daughter Sierra Burton (Chuck Holsapple) of Lawrenceburg, Ky.; step-son, Blaine Reeves of Salina, Texas; mother Verneda Hope of Salem, Ind.; sister Lisa Barkley (Bill Hautz) of Salem, Ind.; brothers Brent Barkley of Bloomfield, Ind., and Brandon (Shannon) Barkley of Scottsburg, Ind.; sisters-in-law Sue Schierbaum of Sherman, Texas, and Burna Ryan of Ullin; nephews Ryan Young, Derek Barkley and Jacob Barkley; uncle Richard Packard of Orleans, Ind.; aunt Mary Barkley Spencer of French Lick, Ind.; and several cousins.

Brian was preceded in death by his father; and grandparents, Adolphus and Evia Barkley and Woodrow and Irene Packard.

Graveside services for William Brian Barkley will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, with inurnment in Ames Cemetery in Paoli, Ind.

The cremation of Brian was personally handled by the staff at Crain Funeral Home.

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

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms is handling the arrangements.

Crain Funeral home

Marvalee Hope 'Marlee Girl' Dougherty



Marvalee Hope "Marlee Girl" Dougherty, 22, of Thebes, passed away on Monday, Aug. 12, 2024, peacefully at home, surrounded by her loved ones.

She was born on Aug. 30, 2001, in Cape Girardeau, the daughter of Kevin G. and Tamra Monahan Dougherty.

Marlee Girl brought light and joy to everyone's life. She was always happy and greeted everyone with her beautiful smile. You became a better person if got to know Marlee. She was a member McClure United Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include her mother and bonus dad, Tamra Monahan-Schilling (Russell Schilling); brother Dustin (Kristen) Easton; sister Keri Jo Easton; grandparents Jimmie Lee and Marvalee Monahan; grandmother Honey Dougherty; God parents Neil and Helen Kefauver; aunts and uncles; nieces and nephews Camryn, Jimmie, Jayce and Elaina; and special nurse of many years, Deanna.

She was preceded in death by her father and grandfather Charles Dougherty.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms, with Dustin Easton and the Rev. Robert Smithey officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Family Room at St. Louis Children's Hospital.

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.

Crain Funeral home

James Calvin Wright



James Calvin Wright, 67, of McClure, died Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2024, in Jonesboro.

He was born on March 11, 1957, in Anna, the son of William and Grace Trexler Wright.

He married Elizabeth Lane on Sept. 3, 1975, in Jackson, Mo.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Wright of McClure; children James Albert Wright of Texas and Joshua Noah (Kim) Wright of Jonesboro; grandchildren Paige Haymaker, Brian Haymaker, James A. Wright Jr., Jacob Wright and Natalie Wright; great-grandchildren Christopher, Silas, Kathryn, Liam and Maddie; siblings Ralph, Everett, Robert and Elizabeth; a sister-in-law, Kathy; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Christie Tilley; and two brothers, Clarence and Wayne.

He was a wonderful and loving husband, father and grandfather. He loved spending time with his family and friends. He brought sunshine everywhere he went. He was a hard worker and good provider.

Graveside funeral services for James Wright were at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19, at the Alto Pass Cemetery, with the Rev. Randy Morgan officiating. Interment followed.

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

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES

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Sue Rendleman



Sue Rendleman, 83, of Anna, died Friday, Aug. 16, 2024, at her home, surrounded by her family.

She was born on Dec. 13, 1940, in Ware, the daughter of James Elbert and Gladys Irene Eudy Shelton.

She married the love of her life, Stewart Leon Rendleman, on Jan. 8, 1963, at the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Leon Rendleman of Anna; son Stuart and wife Amy Rendleman of Anna; daughter Becky (Chris) Finley of Navarre, Fla.; grandchildren Grace and husband Logan Rich of Jonesboro, Keri and husband Jayden Moore of Buncombe, Garrett (Jacqueline) Barringer of Buncombe, Eli Barringer (Clair Lamb) of Lick Creek, Brenley Barringer (Zack Smith) of Goreville and Ashley Barringer (Austin Adams) of Villa Ridge; great-grandchildren Bayler Smith of Goreville and Jolee Adams of Villa Ridge; step-grandchildren Tanner Tidwell, Jack and Maddox Finley; sisters Kay DeFossett of Anna and Linda Banks of Herod; nieces and nephews; other family and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; twin granddaughters Baylee and Sibyl Rendleman; a sister, Joyce Duncan; brothers-in-law David Banks, Clarence Duncan, Jesse Tutt and Lewis Rendleman.

She was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro for many years. She was a woman of strong faith and loved Jesus.

She owned and operated the Doll House Beauty Salon in Jonesboro for over 40 years.

Sue and Leon loved vacationing and traveling across the country on their Gold Wing. They rode through every state except Alaska, covering over one hundred thousand miles together over the years.

Sue's family was the most important part of her life; they all brought her joy and she adored the time they spent together. She will be dearly missed and her memories will live forever in the hearts of those lives she touched.

Funeral services were at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18, at the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Perry Williams officiating. Interment was in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Residential Hospice, the First Baptist Church of Jonesboro or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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.

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

The focus Sunday was on "Back to School," a celebration and blessing.

Cash Quick and Vodra Gerard received the tithes and offerings.

Just before the sermon, Jaydn Thornton read "I Asked Jesus Why?"

Bro. Easton's sermon was titled "Guard Your Heart," with scripture from Proverbs 4. He highlighted four teachings from the chapter.

To begin, Solomon tells his "students" to really listen, "not just merely hear and ignore advice or God's voice."

Second, he states that "if one wants to be wise, they must pursue it." Solomon reminds his listeners that "the beginning of true wisdom is a healthy fear/respect of the Lord."

Next, Solomon reminds his listeners "to stay away from evil; it is easy to just go along with the crowd, but we must hold to what is right."

Most importantly, Solomon states, "is to guard your heart; if the 'enemy' is allowed to 'invade' our hearts, it will affect our whole life."

Bro. Easton closed by reminding the congregation that these teachings not only apply to the young people as they return to school, but to everyone in their daily lives.

Before the closing hymn, the students present came forward and the congregation gathered around them and prayed for them and their school year.

Then each student was presented with a gift from the church.

Those celebrating birthdays this week were LaDonna Miller on Sunday, Aug. 18, and Jerrie Clayton on Monday, Aug. 19.

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

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.

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.

Mystify Music is scheduled to be at the post from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Aug. 30.

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.

ACS benefit concert set

The 2024 American Cancer Society Gospel Benefit Concert is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, today, at the First Methodist Church in Metropolis.

The concert will feature the Tribute Quartet. The church is located at 100 E. Fifth St. Admission is free. All are welcome.

An offering will be taken, with all proceeds benefiting American Cancer Society research. For information about the concert, call 618-524-5601.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Aug. 18, Pastor Perry Williams spoke in the morning service regarding "the fact that we all have one thing in common. We will all die...and we don't know the day." The message was based on scripture from Genesis in the Old 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.

Taylor Schuster was baptized during the Sunday morning worship service and welcomed to the church family.

Music director Dee Rose led worship. Debbie York played the piano. Robert McCain and Connor Benbrook sang a special medley which included "No, Not One" and "The Lily of the Valley."

Men's and women's Bible study groups were scheduled to meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 19.

The Dig-In program for children was 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: Walt Jackson, Kinnley Shadowens, Aug. 19; Darrell Pender, Aug. 20; Connor Benbrook, Tom Wright, Aug. 22; Joyce Hill, Aug. 23; Todd Clary, Aug. 24.

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

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

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

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

County Line News

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

On the Mend

Lula Belle Tripp had an unfortunate fall this week and has been in the hospital. What at first seemed to be a broken tailbone instead turned out to be severely pulled muscle. It hurts nearly as bad, I imagine. She's on the mend though and we thank God above it wasn't any worse.

Visitors

We've had bits and dabs of company this week. Martha Harvel brought two of her granddaughters up to see their Grandma Shirley for a bit.

Mary Powles also dropped by to visit and check up on Shirley.

Then Chuck Harvel stopped by and stayed for a bit of homemade pizza.

Finally, on Sunday our daughter, her husband and the grandkids from Cape Girardeau came to spend the afternoon.

The boys were treated to a lesson from their Pa on how to make homemade ice cream. It was a hit.

Of course, now we use an electric one, but I well remember the days when we had the hand-crank type that I and my siblings and cousins used to fuss over who had a turn next.

Sometimes we'd have company and there would be four or more of them going with different flavors in each. Cold watermelon and cantaloupe, a big potluck spread or charcoaled burgers and hot dogs. Cakes and pies to dab that ice cream on, too.

Then there was the chasing and capture of lightning bugs or each other in hide and seek, swinging high as we could on the old tire swing, climbing trees, or heading to the pond to drown worms. Good days… better memories.

Mill Creek Baptist Church, Prayer List

Mill Creek Baptist welcomed four new members this Sunday. Welcome to the Jimmy Poole family.

We also added a few more names to our prayer list. Gary Rider's surgery has been postponed a bit. James Sullivan, stationed in Italy, has an unspoken request. Brother Bobby Richardson is having some eye problems that need prayer.

Please remember the families of those who have lost loved ones, like the James Wright family and the Sue Rendleman family.

In a praise report, Ashley Poole said her father, Melvin Lessar, is home and is going to have a lot of doctor's appointments in follow up to being out of the hospital. We wish him continued healing.

First Day of School

First day of school photos have been pouring in to my social media. It's astounding at the transformations from babies to that first day of school and, even more so, from children into young adults.

My prayer is that all of them have a blessed, safe year. As most schools have started or will this week, please keep all our children and school staff in prayer as the new school year gets started.

Remember to watch for those school buses and keep an eye out for children loading and unloading from them.

Also be attentive around school pick-up areas and parking lots. Speed limits drop dramatically in school zones.

PAST Meeting

PAST of Union County plans to have a monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27. The meeting will be at the PAST House in Jonesboro. New members are always welcome.

Union County Fixin's

By Suzan Harvel

Parmesan Zucchini

By Suzan Harvel

2 zucchinis, trimmed and cut into wedges

2 tablespoons olive oil

1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese

1/2 cup dry bread crumbs, or panko if desired

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1 teaspoon onion powder

1/2 teaspoon of paprika

1/8 teaspoon of salt and pepper

Heat oven to 425 degrees.

Clean and prepare zucchini, then add it and olive oil into a bowl and toss until zucchini is coated.

Set wedges onto a parchment paper lined cookie sheet, placing wedges close together.

Mix other ingredients into bowl and sprinkle over wedges.

Bake for 20 minutes, until browned. Serve warm.

Author, book signing event set in Mounds

The Mounds Public Library is planning to host a meet the author/book signing event.

The library will welcome Dr. Lisa Childs Thomas for the special event, which is scheduled from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 24. The library is located at 418 1st St. in Mounds.

Dr. Thomas is the author of the book titled "I am Somebody."

Illustrations for the book were done by Jaren Holley, who is an alumnus of Meridian High School in Mounds.

Dr. Thomas is from Cairo and teaches 5th grade at Meridian.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A morning worship service was held Sunday, Aug. 18.

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

A message titled "Take Up My Cross and Follow Me" was brought by Pastor Wright. Scripture was from 1 Corinthians, 2 Timothy, Matthew and Luke.

At Sunday evening's worship service, a message titled "Lord of the Harvest" was brought by the pastor. Scripture was from Matthew.

Birthdays: Bill Wright, Aug. 19.

Anniversaries: Marshall and Carla Ramage, Bradley and Madi West, Aug. 21.

Sunday, Aug. 25

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

Wednesday, Aug. 28

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.

News from

Anna First Baptist Church

Anna First Baptist Church met for worship Sunday, Aug. 18.

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

Announcements and the prayer list were shared.

The call to worship was about God's Word. Scripture was from different books in the Bible.

Jean Denny led hymns worship with "Heavenly Sunlight" and "He Keeps Me Singing."

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

Pastor Lupe's sermon was titled "Queen Esther." Scripture was from Deuteronomy, Genesis and Esther.

Esther is a prominent figure in the Bible, specifically in the Book of Esther, which is part of the Hebrew Bible and the Christiam Old Testament. She was a Jewish woman who became the queen of Persia by marrying King Ahasuerus (often identified as King Xerxes I).

When Esther learned of the plan to kill all the Jews in the kingdom, she risked her life by approaching the king without being summoned, a serious offense that could have led to her death.

Members of the church went to Lincoln and Davie Schools in Anna for their Back to School Bashes. They helped the schools by serving popcorn and snow cones. They also gave out 1,500 pencils for the new school year.

The church will be represented this week at the Union County Fair in Anna with a booth for prayer and talking with people.

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.

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An increasing emphasis on physical fitness has more of us training with weights to build our endurance. But if we lift weights to excess with no time to recover, our muscles will wear out and lose their strength. Consider that worry is a weight on our spirit; when we worry all the time it weakens us and we are not as effective in our daily lives. God instructs us not to worry too much. In 1 Peter 5:7 we hear the soothing words, "Cast all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you." Balance in all things, both worry and weights, will keep you the strongest. Visit your house of worship this week and lighten your load.

Daily Bible Readings

Judges 16:23-31	Ruth 1:1-22	Ruth 2:1-23	Ruth 3:1-18	Ruth 4:1-22	1 Samuel 1:1-28	1 Samuel 2:1-11

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YARD / GARAGE SALE

CARPORT SALE: 402 Springfield Ave., Anna. August 22nd, 1-5p, August 23rd & 24th, 7a-5p. Clothing all sizes (Children's, Women & Men's) groceries, bed linens, lawn glider, shoes, books, toys, collection of Piggy banks, metal detector, Beanie Babies, misc. – too much to list.

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YARD SALE: 108 Cherry St. this Friday & Saturday, August 23rd & 24th, 7am to 3pm. Too much to list.

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NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2024-2025 BUDGET

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of Anna-Jonesboro CHSD #81 in the State of Illinois that the tentative budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, is on file and conveniently available for inspection at the District Office, 608 S. Main St., Anna, Illinois, after 8:00 a.m. on the 20th day of August 2024. Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 5:45 p.m. on the 23rd day of September 2024, at the AJCHS Library at the address listed above.

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8221-945769

Hospital District Board Special Meeting Planned

The Union County Hospital District Board of Directors will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, September 10th, 2024. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:00 pm in the third-floor conference room of Union County Hospital.

The purpose of this meeting is to present an update on the helipad project and request additional funding.

8221-945401

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

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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

Potential buyers may contact John R. Schneider of the law firm of Johnson, Schneider & Ferrell, L.L.C., 212 North Main Street, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701, Phone Number 573-335-3300 for information regarding this real estate.

At said sale, the Court will give the purchaser a certificate showing the amount of the bid, a particular description of the property sold, and the time when the purchaser will be entitled to a deed for such property unless same shall have been redeemed according to law.

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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A.P.N.: 14-00-09-179

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REAL ESTATE

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Five-year plan for business growth in state also unveiled

Governor signs executive order for strategic plan on aging Illinoisans

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Gov. JB Pritzker on Tuesday, Aug. 13, kicked off a decade-long process to address the needs of aging Illinoisans, signing an executive order to hire a chief planning officer within the state's Department on Aging.

With the U.S. Census Bureau estimating that approximately one quarter of Illinois' population expected to be 60 or older by 2030, the chief planning officer will oversee the creation of a 10-year strategic plan "with the goal of strengthening Illinois as an aging-friendly state," according to the executive order.

Pritzker's office did not indicate who might fill that role, but after the position is filled, the clock will start ticking toward a December 2025 deadline to deliver a comprehensive plan to the governor and the General Assembly that could eventually be turned into policy.

In his second term as governor, Pritzker has proposed more state investments in areas like child care and preschool, but he has not yet launched any large-scale efforts to address the growing needs of caretaking for elder adults, especially as the Baby Boomer generation ages.

"We know that it's not just about supporting aging adults, but also being mindful of caretaker needs and the complex needs of individuals with disabilities, and this plan will ensure no one is left behind," the governor said in a statement announcing the executive order.

For more than two decades, the state has operated the Illinois Caregiver Support Program, which offers resources to those taking care of elderly parents, neighbors and grandparents, along with grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. But the program is small and not well-known.

Past governors' administrations have made two-year plans on aging, which continued under Pritzker as Illinois is currently on the state's fifth such plan.

Under the 10-year plan, the state's chief planning officer is asked to coordinate across agencies including the Departments of Corrections, Insurance and Housing.

Business Development Plan

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity on Monday, Aug. 12, published a five-year plan outlining how it hopes to attract and retain businesses in the state.

At the plan's center is a strategy to invest in six industries that will receive "prioritized support," capital investment and job training. They are life science, quantum computing, clean energy production, advanced manufacturing, next generation agriculture and transportation.

Some of these industries, including agriculture, have long been staples of the state's economy. Others, like clean energy and quantum computing, have become policy priorities for the Pritzker administration in recent years.

In the last two years, the state has given just over $1 billion in tax incentives to companies in the supply chain for electric vehicles and clean energy production through the Reimagining Energy and Vehicles program.

In July, the state awarded a $92 million tax incentive to quantum technology company PsiQuantum Manufacturing under the Illinois Chips for Real Opportunity Act, the first agreement of its kind.

Deals brokered through those programs are often part of larger packages of tax breaks, state-backed loans and other incentives. The governor's office estimated PsiQuantum's total incentives package was worth $200 million.

The five-year plan was put together by DCEO in "consistent collaboration and consultation" with Intersect Illinois, a nonprofit economic development agency founded eight years ago with backing from then-Gov. Bruce Rauner.

Intersect is a major player in "Team Illinois," an informal coalition of business groups and government officials that lobbies companies to set up shop in Illinois.

The group, which has so far operated on a somewhat ad hoc basis, consists of the governor's office, DCEO, Intersect, trade associations, public utilities and other groups, according to the department's five-year plan.

DCEO's plan also said it is formalizing the process these groups use to court new business developments, hoping to operate as a "unified front" for attracting investment.

The plan also lays out several proposed "areas for improvement" to state policy on business incentives.

These include expanding the incentive program available to advanced manufacturers like vehicle and electronic manufacturers, granting regional economic development officials the ability to establish geographic "enterprise zones" that provide tax breaks, and further extending a tax credit for research and development.

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Insect Awareness, Appreciation Day set

The Shawnee Chapter of the Illinois Audubon Society is planning to host Insect Awareness and Appreciation Day Saturday, Aug. 24, at War Bluff Valley Wildlife Sanctuary near Golconda. The sanctuary is located at 228 Bushwack Rd.

The event is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. and continues into the evening. Workshops, field trips, an insect zoo and insect crafts and activities will be featured.

A potluck dinner is planned at 6 p.m. A main dish and drinks will be provided. Guests are asked to bring a dish to share.

Following the potluck, a raffle of nature-related and local items is planned. All are welcome to bring contributions to the raffle.

Insect Open Mic will be interspersed with the raffle, along with bug jokes and insect poetry. Everyone is welcome to bring their talents and participate.

The evening will end with local favorites: the musical trio RognboB & Ruth - The Anns.

Insect Awareness and Appreciation Day is free and open to the public. Organizers ask those who plan to attend to bring their favorite beverage, lawn chairs and a friend...but to leave pets at home.

The following directions to War Bluff Valley Wildlife Sanctuary from Golconda were provided by the organizers:

Take Route 146 north 3.5 miles and turn left onto Bushwack Road (look for the brown binocular sign). Follow the road about 2.2 miles to the sanctuary entrance on the right; watch for signs.

Bushwack Road turns into a gravel road and crosses a low water ford; don't give up, just keep going and you'll get there. (It is recommended by organizers that a map be downloaded, since there is no signal along Bushwack Road).

For more information about the event, call or text 618-534-7870 or email shawneechapterias@gmail.com

Selfie signs showcase forest

The U.S. Forest Service/ Shawnee National Forest recently installed five selfie signs that offer cell phone holders for visitors to place their phones on after setting the camera's timer.

The Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau had the new selfie signs made through a grant program facilitated by University of Illinois Extension.

The signs were placed at five scenic locations in the Shawnee National Forest in Southern Illinois.

Visitors can use the signs to take a photo showcasing their visit.

The signs have been placed at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro, at McGee Hill in LaRue-Pine Hills near Wolf Lake, as well as at Trigg Tower near Simpson, Dutchman Lake near Vienna and Sexton Creek in Alexander County.

Television Listings

THURSDAY AUGUST 22, 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	Little League Wrld Series (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	(5:05) Gaga	**"The Strangers"** ('08)	**"Cloverfield"** ('08)
:30						Bang (HD)		**"Zombies 2"** ('20) Milo Manheim.			
7 PM	Press Your Luck (HD)	Big Brother (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU		**"Taken"** ('09) Liam Neeson. (HD)	**"Semi-Pro"** ('08) Will Ferrell. (HD)	**"The Perfect Storm"** ('00) George Clooney.
:30						Bang (HD)					
8 PM	Lucky 13 *"High Roller"*	Young		Decision 2024: Democratic Convention	College Football Live *"2024 Season Preview"*	Bang (HD)	The Anonymous (HD)	Wizards			
:30		Ghosts				Bang (HD)		Wizards Waverly (HD)	**"Eye in the Sky"** Helen Mirren.	(:32) **"The Assistant"** ('19) (R)	
9 PM	Democratic (HD)	Democratic (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*			Jokers	(:15) The Anonymous *"Handle It?"*	Wizards			(:10) **"Boogie Nights"** ('97, Drama) Mark Wahlberg. (HD)
:30						Jokers		Miraculous			
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (Live)	★★★ **"Hitch"** ('05, Comedy) Will Smith. (HD)	The Anonymous (HD)	Miraculous	**"Open Water"** Blanchard Ryan.	**"The Box"** ('09, Thriller) Cameron Diaz. (HD)	
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)				Bluey			
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)						
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night			Chrisley	Bluey	**"Into Blue"**		**"1-800-Hot"**

THURSDAY

7:00pm

HBO Taken ★★★ (2009, Action) Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace. After his daughter is kidnapped by human traffickers, a retired government operative puts his skills to work tracking her down and punishing her abductors. PG-13 TV14 (HD)

8:00pm

USA The Anonymous "Welcome to the Anonymous" Twelve players live double lives in the ultimate game of strategy and deception to win $100,000. TV14 (HD)

FRIDAY AUGUST 23, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	High School Football Kickoff	Bang (HD)	Countdown	(:20) **"Zombies 3"** ('22, Family) Milo Manheim.	**"Furious 7"**	**"Big Mommas"** ('11)	(:15) **"Past Lives"** ('23, Drama) Greta Lee.
:30						Bang (HD)	NASCAR Xfinity Series *"Daytona"* (Live) (HD)		(:25) Chimp Crazy		
7 PM	Jeopardy! Masters	Let's Make a Deal	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	America's Got Talent *Talent search.* (HD)		**"The Suicide Squad"** ('21, Action) Margot Robbie. (HD)			(:25) **"Smoking Tigers"** ('23)	**"Everest"** ('15, Thriller) Jason Clarke. (HD)	
8 PM	(:01) 20/20 *Investigative news.* (HD)	Lingo (HD)						Wizards Waverly (HD)			**"Memory"** ('24) Jessica Chastain.
9 PM		Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*	Dateline NBC	Fighters League (Live)	(:37) **"Wild Wild West"** ('99) Will Smith. (HD)	Post Race	**"Wizards of Waverly Place"** ('09)	Real Time with (HD)	(:02) **"Frontera"** ('14) Ed Harris.	(:45) **"Miss Sloane"** ('16, Thriller) Jessica Chastain. (HD)
10 PM	Local	Local		Local			The Anonymous (HD)		Industry (HD)		
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)			(:45) The Anonymous *"Handle It?"*	Big City		**"White Men Can't Jump"** ('92)	
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)			Big City	Real Time with (HD)		
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night		**"Zohan"**		Big City			

FRIDAY

7:00pm

MAX Everest ★★★½ (2015, Thriller) Jason Clarke, Josh Brolin. Two separate expeditions to ascend to the peak of Mount Everest are endangered by a violent winter storm that prompts them to work together to survive. PG-13 (HD)

8:00pm

CBS Lingo A battle of the sexes between brothers and sisters; kickball buddies from Vegas face off against a mother and daughter from Southern California. TVPG (HD)

SATURDAY AUGUST 24, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Local	Local Programs	MLS Soccer *Seattle vs Minnesota United FC*	NASCAR Cup Series *"Daytona"* (Live) (HD)	College Football *"FCS Kickoff" Southeast Missouri vs North Alabama*	Bang (HD)	**"The Fate of the Furious"** ('17) Vin Diesel.	Big City	To Be Announced	★½ **"The Prince"** ('14)	**"Casino Royale"**
:30	College Football *"MEAC/SWAC Challenge Kick-Off" Norfolk State vs Florida A&M*					Bang (HD)		Big City			
7 PM		The Equalizer (HD)				★★½ **"Pitch Perfect 3"** ('17) Anna Kendrick.		**"Big Hero 6"** ('14) Ryan Potter.	To Be Announced *Info unavailable.*	**"First Reformed"** ('18, Drama) Ethan Hawke.	★★★½ **"The Wolf of Wall Street"** ('13, Crime) Leonardo DiCaprio. (HD)
8 PM		48 Hours (HD)	The Quiz with Balls				The Anonymous (HD)	ZOMBIES			
:30										★★½ **"Death Race"** Jason Statham.	
9 PM		48 Hours *"Andreen"*	Local Programs		UFC Fight Night: Round: Main Card (Live)	(:03) ★★★★ **"Back to the Future"** ('85) Michael J. Fox. (HD)	(:15) The Anonymous *"Handle It?"*	ZOMBIES			
:30								ZOMBIES			
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs *Local info.*	I Can See Your Voice	Local				ZOMBIES	(:20) Nikki Glaser: You'll Die (HD)	(:39) **"Hot Summer Nights"** ('18)	**"Brooklyn's Finest"** ('10) Richard Gere. (HD)
:30				Saturday Night Live (HD)			The Anonymous (HD)	Big City			
11 PM	Local Programs		Local Programs					Big City			
:30						**"Future II"**	Chrisley	Big City	John Early		

SATURDAY

7:00pm

CBS The Equalizer "Condemned" Dante and Big Ben are ambushed by shady characters and McCall races to rescue them; Aunt Vi struggles to maintain her place as top cobbler baker. TV14 (HD)

8:54pm

MAX Death Race ★★½ (2008, Science Fiction) Jason Statham, Tyrese Gibson. A man framed for the death of his wife must fight against violent criminals from America's roughest prison in a deadly road race to win his freedom. R TV14 (HD)

SUNDAY AUGUST 25, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Home Videos (HD)	NFL (Live)	MasterChef (HD)	America's Got Talent	MLB Baseball *Houston Astros at Baltimore Orioles* (Live) (HD)	**"Ocean Thirteen"**	(:15) The Anonymous *"Handle It?"*	ZOMBIES	(4:35) To Be Announced *Info unavailable.*	(5:04) **"The Box"** ('09)	(:15) **"Rocky Balboa"** ('06) Sylvester Stallone.
:30		60 Minutes (HD)						Hailey			
7 PM	Videos		Simpsons	NFL Preseason Football *New England vs Washington* (Live) (HD)		Bang (HD)		**"Moana"** ('16) Dwayne Johnson.		★★★½ **"Gangs of New York"** ('02) Leonardo DiCaprio. (HD)	
:30	★★½ **"The Princess Diaries"** ('01) Julie Andrews. (G) (HD)	Tulsa King	Burgers			Bang (HD)	The Anonymous (HD)		Industry *"It"* (HD)		★★★★ **"Pulp Fiction"** ('94, Crime) John Travolta. (R) (HD)
8 PM			Family Guy			Bang (HD)					
:30		Big Brother (HD)	Krapopolis			Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Primos			
9 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)	Bang (HD)		Primos	Chimp Crazy		
:30		Tracker *"Camden"*				Bang (HD)		Primos		(:47) **"San Andreas"** ('15) Dwayne Johnson.	
10 PM	Local Programs *Local info.*		Local Programs	Local Programs *Local info.*	SportsCenter (Live) (HD)	Jokers	Law & Order: SVU	Primos	(:01) Industry *"It"* (HD)		
:30		Local				Jokers		Bluey			(:35) **"Outlaw Posse"** ('24) (HD)
11 PM		Local Programs	Local Programs			**"Ocean's Twelve"**	Law & Order: SVU	Bluey	(:01) Chimp Crazy	**"Altitude"**	
:30					Sports		SVU (HD)	Bluey			

SUNDAY

7:00pm

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

8:30pm

FOX Krapopolis "Eclipse" A solar eclipse causes panic in the city until Tyrannis learns that it's a natural phenomenon, rather than a cruel punishment from the heavens. TV14 (HD)

MONDAY AUGUST 26, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	2024 US Open Tennis *"First Round" from USTA B.J. King Nat'l Tennis Ctr, Flushing, NY, USA* (Live)	Bang (HD)	9-1-1 *"Starting Over"*	Big City	(4:54) **"Joy"** ('15) (HD)	**"Semi-Pro"** ('08) (HD)	**"Days of Thunder"**
:30			Local			Bang (HD)		Big City			
7 PM	The Bachelorette (HD)	NCIS *"Left Unsaid"*	Name Tune (HD)	American Ninja Warrior *"Las Vegas"* (HD)		Bang (HD)	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	**"Raya and the Last Dragon"**	Industry *"It"* (HD)	**"Get Shorty"** ('95) John Travolta.	Mafia Spies (HD)
8 PM		NCIS: Sydney (HD)	The 1% Club (HD)			Bang (HD)			**"Elizabeth Taylor: Tapes"** ('24)		**"The Untouchables"** ('87) Kevin Costner. (R)
:30						Bang (HD)		(:50) ZOMBIES (HD)		(:45) **"Be Cool"** ('05, Comedy) John Travolta.	
9 PM	(:01) Family Feud (HD)	NCIS: Hawai'i (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*	The Wall *"Joel and"*		Dad (HD)		Primos	(:45) Chimp Crazy		
:30						Dad (HD)					
10 PM	Local	Local		Local		Dad (HD)	The Anonymous (HD)	BUNK'D	(:46) Hard Knocks '24	★½ **"Big Mommas: Like Father"**	**"The Hateful Eight"** ('15) Samuel L. Jackson.
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott (Live)	Dad (HD)		BUNK'D			
11 PM			Local Programs			Dad (HD)	9-1-1 *"Fear-o-Phobia"*	Bluey			
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night		Dad (HD)		Bluey	**"Men"** (R)		

MONDAY

7:00pm

MAX Get Shorty ★★★ (1995, Comedy) John Travolta, Gene Hackman. A tough guy sent to L.A. to retrieve a gambling debt from a film producer decides to turn his attentions to breaking into show business himself. R (HD)

8:00pm

CBS NCIS: Sydney "Brothers in Arms" The team investigates after a shark spits up an arm wearing U.S. Navy equipment, with the case severely straining the loyalty of a group of ex-Navy divers. TV14 (HD)

TUESDAY AUGUST 27, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	2024 US Open Tennis *"First Round" from USTA B.J. King Nat'l Tennis Ctr, Flushing, NY, USA*	Pre-Game	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	(:19) ★★½ **"Hercules"** ('14) Dwayne Johnson.	**"Bill & Ted"** ('89) (HD)	**"The Firm"** ('93) (HD)
:30						MLB Baseball *Houston Astros at Philadelphia Phillies* (Live) (HD)		Big City			
7 PM	The Bachelorette *"The Men Tell All"* (HD)	FBI *"Ring of Fire"* (HD)	Beat Shazam (HD)	America's Got Talent *"Quarterfinals 3"* (HD)			WWE NXT (Live) (HD)	★★★ **"Beauty and the Beast"** ('91)		**"Keanu"** ('16) Jordan Peele. (HD)	★★★ **"Point Break"** ('91) Patrick Swayze. (HD)
8 PM		FBI: International	The Quiz with Balls						Hard Knocks '24		
:30								ZOMBIES		(:40) **"The Informant!"** ('09) Matt Damon. (HD)	
9 PM	To Be Announced	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs *Local info.*	Password (HD)		Post-Game	(:08) ★★★ **"Fast Five"** ('11, Action) Vin Diesel. (PG-13) (HD)	Primos	Chimp Crazy		★★½ **"Heist"** Jeffrey Dean Morgan.
:30								Primos			
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (Live)	B/R		Raven Home	(:02) Hard Knocks '24		
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)		Family		Raven Home		**"Scott Pilgrim vs. World"** ('10)	**"New Jack City"** Wesley Snipes.
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)	Family		Bluey	Industry *"It"* (HD)		
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night		Family		Bluey			

TUESDAY

7:00pm

MAX Keanu ★★★ (2016, Comedy) Jordan Peele, Keegan-Michael Key. When a man's beloved kitten is stolen, a man enlists the help of his cousin, and to get it back, they are forced to work for the thug who took the cat. R (HD)

8:40pm

MAX The Informant! ★★★ (2009, Thriller) Matt Damon, Eddie Jemison. An executive at a prolific corporation is hired by the FBI to investigate the company's illegal activities, but the new secret agent causes more trouble. R (HD)

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	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	2024 US Open Tennis *from USTA B.J. King Nat'l Tennis Ctr, Flushing, NY, USA* (Live)	Bang (HD)	SVU (HD)	Big City	(:02) Chimp Crazy	**"The Family"** ('13) (R)	**"We Were Soldiers"**
:30						Bang (HD)		Big City			
7 PM	Who Wants to Be a	Big Brother (HD)	MasterChef (HD)	America's Got Talent		All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite	Law & Order: SVU	**"Aladdin"** ('92) Scott Weinger. (G)	Hard Knocks '24	★½ **"The Prince"** ('14) Jason Patric.	★★★ **"Tropic Thunder"** ('08) Ben Stiller. (HD)
:30											
8 PM	Claim To Fame (HD)		Ramsay's Food Stars	Toby Keith: American Icon (HD)					Industry *"It"* (HD)		
:30							Law & Order: SVU	ZOMBIES		**"Friday the 13th"** Betsy Palmer.	
9 PM	Shark Tank (HD)	The Real CSI: Miami	Local Programs *Local info.*			Family		Primos	★★★★ **"The Batman"** ('22, Crime) Robert Pattinson. (PG-13)		★★★ **"The Lincoln Lawyer"** ('11, Crime) (HD)
:30						Family	Law & Order: SVU	Primos			
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (Live)	Family		Jessie		**"Cedar Rapids"** ('11) Ed Helms.	
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)		Family	The Anonymous (HD)	Jessie			
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)	Family		Bluey			★★ **"I.S.S."** ('24) (HD)
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night		Family	Anonymous	Bluey		**"Weekend"**	

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm

DISN Aladdin ★★★½ (1992, Fantasy) Scott Weinger, Robin Williams. A youth who lives on the streets of an Arabian kingdom frees a wise-cracking genie who offers to help him win the heart of the princess he loves. G TV G (HD)

9:00pm

PARSHO The Lincoln Lawyer ★★★ (2011, Crime) Matthew McConaughey, Marisa Tomei. A lawyer defending a wealthy man begins to believe his client is guilty of more than just one crime. R (HD)

Opinion and Commentary

Health department: Stay up to date with routine vaccinations

August is National Immunization Month. As part of the CDC's "Stay Up To Date" Campaign, Southern 7 Health Department, S7HD, reminds area families to stay up to date on children's back-to-school shots. Adults are reminded to stay up to date on their vaccinations, too.

"As parents, when it comes to going back to school, we tend to focus on filling backpacks and scheduling fall sports, but vaccinations should be at the top of your to-do list, not just for the kids but for the whole family," S7HD community outreach coordinator Shawnna Rhine said in a news release.

"Scheduling your child's appointment early gives you plenty of time to collect necessary paperwork, confirm what vaccines are needed and helps to ensure there are no delays at the vaccine appointment. Just don't forget to check your shot record, too."

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the CDC reported a concerning drop in routine immunizations for children and adults. Vaccination rates among kindergarteners have remained high and stable for decades in the United States.

However, during the two school years following the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, coverage dropped from 95 percent to 93 percent, which was the lowest level in the last decade.

Routine vaccination is rebounding but unevenly and has not yet recovered among all groups. Many children and adults who delayed vaccination during the pandemic are still behind schedule.

Public health officials note that vaccines are one of the greatest defenses against many serious and potentially life-threatening illnesses and have proven to be safe and effective in protecting them from serious diseases.

S7HD provides the recommended vaccinations for all ages at each of its seven public health clinic offices. Children and adults can also schedule their flu and COVID-19 shots at the department as needed.

To help make the process a bit easier for kids, children immunized through Southern 7 Health Department will receive a coupon, while supplies last, for a free ice cream cone from Dairy Queen restaurants in Anna and Vienna as part of the department's annual "Ice Cream for Vaccines" program.

To find out if you and your child are current for routine vaccinations, or to schedule an appointment at a public health clinic, call 618-634-2297, visit southern7.org, or download the Southern 7 app.

Suicide Prevention, Awareness Walk scheduled in Cobden

The Cobden Women's Club and the Village of Cobden are joining to present the first Suicide Prevention and Awareness Walk in the Union County community. The walk is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Cobden Community Park and soccer field. The park and soccer field are located at 217 Locust St. Organizers hope to make the walk an annual event. Participation is free.

In addition to the walk, organizers plan to welcome Beth Morrison, who is a board member for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Memorial crosses with the name of a friend or loved one can be placed along the walk's route. Those who would like to have a cross placed along the route can contact either Sherri Lukes at 618-521-3392 or Diana Yates at 618-534-8935.

Saluki Stair Climb honors those who lost their lives in 9/11 terrorist attacks

Southern Illinois University Carbondale plans to pay tribute to the victims of Sept. 11, 2001, with a workout session at 6 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11.

The 9/11 Saluki Stair Climb at SIU's Banterra Center involves a simulated 110-floor stair climb, representing the 110 floors of the World Trade Center twin towers that were destroyed that day.

The public can participate individually or as a team. Organizers said participants should plan to arrive by 5:45 a.m. Alternatively, participants have the option to walk for 2 miles around the Banterra Center concourse. The distance represents the evacuation from Ground Zero to a site across the Brooklyn Bridge.

The workout, carried out annually by SIU Air Force and Army ROTC cadets, honors first responders, members of the military and civilians who lost their lives as a result of the 9/11 terrorist attacks and the ensuing War on Terror.

The event is free and open to the public, but registration and a waiver are required. Information is available online at universityevents.siu.edu. Organizers will give away a limited number of t-shirts commemorating the event.

Air Force ROTC, SIU Department of Public Safety, Saluki Athletics, SIU Veterans Services and Events and Outreach are collaborating to host the event.

The event is sponsored by the SIU Office of the Vice Chancellor for Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, SIU Veterans Services and Diana House and family.

Be a part of a tradition. Attend this year's Union County Fair in Anna.

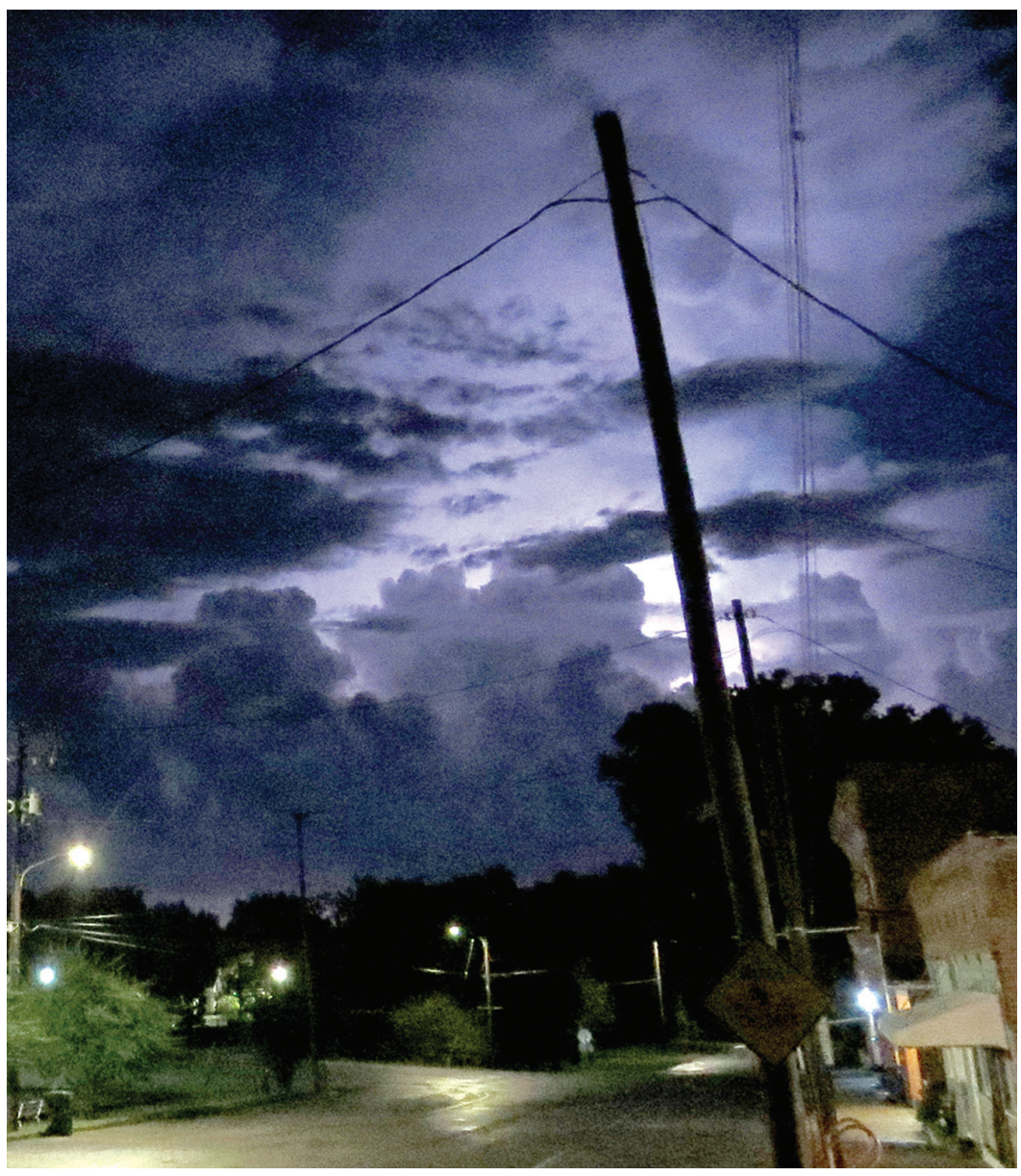
Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



Rain appeared to be falling somewhere in the east when this image was captured early Thursday morning, August 15, in metropolitan Anna. The "good stuff" came that night.

It was a dark and stormy night...really...



Lightning filled the southern sky when this photograph was taken Thursday, August 15, on what was indeed "a dark and stormy night."

Bob tapped me on the shoulder...he wanted to share an article he was reading in USA TODAY...

(Wait a minute...the cat was "reading" the newspaper? Of course. If you have a cat, the critter probably reads the newspaper, too...)

The article was about cats in New York City...more specifically...bodega cats...

Bodegas are corner stores that one finds in New York City. As far as I can determine, we do not have any bodegas in our little corner of the world. And that means we don't have any bodega cats...

We do, of course, have "barn" cats. One of them found his way to our humble abode and manages the two humans in his household. He also likes to read the paper.

Bob was eager to point out a quote in the second paragraph of the story...

"...everybody loves cats, they're the best pet you could ever have" a fellow in the Big Apple declared.

Seems that in the Big Apple, the bodega cats offer a bit of peace, quiet and calm in the midst of Big City Chaos. To be honest with you, my firsthand experience with New York City is somewhat limited. Back in another lifetime, our family lived not far from New York City...as the crow flies. Our crows didn't want to go the city.

One time, we drove through some part of New York City. And in 1966, our family flew out of John F. Kennedy International Airport. We were coming to the Midwest. Thank goodness. Actually, we were coming back to the Midwest. That's another story, for another day...

Meanwhile...

It was a dark and stormy night...

By the way...did you know that "it was a dark and stormy night" (which should never be used by a "serious" writer) had its origins in a novel written by an English author named Sir Edward George Earle Bulwer-Lytton? I guess with a name like that, he had to be an English novelist.

The website dictionary.com shares that Sir Bulwer-Lytton's famed prose read: "It was a dark and stormy night; the rain fell in torrents – except at occasional intervals, when it was checked by a violent gust of wind which swept up the streets...rattling along the housetops..." He could have written those words sitting next to me on our porch swing in the midst of a severe thunderstorm.

Anyway...since it was storming, again, your writer had to venture into the great outdoors to see what was happening. It was dark. It was stormy. The rain fell in torrents, except at occasional intervals, when it was checked by a violent gust of wind rattling along the housetops. Throw in a severe thunderstorm warning...and it was, once again, a great time to go outside.

This particular storm didn't last long. After the tumult, a sensible person might have called it a day and headed back inside. But at that point, I happened to notice that Mother Nature was putting on quite a display of fireworks off to the south. Naturally, I headed out into the dark to find some sort of vantage point which might allow me to attempt to shoot a photo or two of the lightning.

Enough for now. Bob is hinting that he's found another article he thinks I should read...

'Views of Cobden and Alto Pass...'

SIU Photojournalism Weekend Workshop exhibition to feature students' works, discussion

The works of Southern Illinois University Carbondale photojournalism students will be highlighted at an upcoming exhibition and panel discussion.

The free, public discussion, "Views of Cobden and Alto Pass from the 2024 SIU Photojournalism Weekend Workshop," is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, in the rotunda at Morris Library on the SIU campus.

The panel discussion is part of a display of 31 photographs taken by eight SIU Carbondale and four Eastern Illinois University students who participated in a three-day workshop in April.

The SIU students were part of Julia Rendleman's intermediate photojournalism class during the spring semester.

The photo exhibition is scheduled to be on display in the library's rotunda through Oct. 31.

Rendleman, an assistant professor in the SIU School of Journalism and Advertising, said the workshop was a valuable experience for students.

The students were able to work with "seasoned journalists who have been in the field and have come across difficulties that come up in reporting and overcame them."

That allowed them to show students how to "navigate the sometimes difficult situations that this job requires," she said.

Rendleman added the panel discussion is also about "community responsibility and showing the people of Alto Pass and Cobden how we covered them, the pictures we made and the stories we told. In a way, we are growing the relationship SIU has with the Southern Illinois community."

The exhibition will also give students the opportunity to see actual printed work, Rendleman said.

"We live in the digital age, but there is something so cool and timeless about a tangible photo...something that you cannot swipe away, something that you have to look at and interact with even if for just a minute."

During the workshop, students received immediate feedback from some of the industry's top photojournalists.

Photojournalist and Pulitzer Center grantee Justin Cook, who will be part of the Aug. 24 panel discussion, was among the professionals who worked with students as part of the center's Origin Photojournalism Workshop.

Cook said he will be curious to see how the students' relationship with Alto Pass and Cobden has grown nearly four months later, adding that he felt "renewed" after the workshop.

"Watching the students push themselves and grow in skill and love for the craft of photojournalism was a jolt of energy in my own practice," Cook said.

"The environment of the workshop was unlike others that I've attended and coached: It felt collaborative and playful as opposed to competitive. During the panel, I hope to glean how the students have applied the lessons they've learned and what they are working on currently."

Rendleman said she hopes the workshop returns next spring and it can be expanded to include journalism students.

The event is similar to "A Weekend in …" workshops by now-retired SIU Carbondale photojournalism assistant professor Mark Dolan that started in 2009.

Communities featured then included Alto Pass and Cobden; Carbondale; Murphysboro; the Tri-C communities of Cambria, Carterville and Crainville; Chester and Harrisburg.

Rendleman, who is also an award-winning freelance photojournalist, participated in SIU's first two workshops and was a student fellow at the Pulitzer Center in 2011.

For more information, call the library's Special Collections Research Center at 618-453-2516.