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News Notes

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

Be sure to attend the Cobden Peach Festival, which is set for Friday and Saturday. The community celebration of the peach harvest once again is presented by the Cobden Lions Club.

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A Constitution Week celebration is planned Saturday afternoon, Sept. 14, at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro.

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Event organizers are noting that this year's Union County Fair community worship service is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. The service is sponsored by the Union County Alliance of Churches.

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The final day for swimming at the Anna City Pool is Friday, Aug. 9. A free swim day is slated.

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Doggie swim day is set for 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11, at the Anna City Pool.

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Southern 7 Head Start/ Early Head Start is enrolling students for the 2024-2025 school year.

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Shawnee Community College is plans to welcome new and returning students Saturday, Aug. 10, with a Student Success Saturday event. Fall semester classes are scheduled to begin Monday, Aug. 12, at the college.

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Shawnee Community College announced that Michelle Williams is the recipient of the Employee Excellence Award for August. This month's theme is fiscal stewardship.

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Shawnee Community College's truck driving program is celebrating recent graduates.

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Oops...a story in last week's paper should have said that a non-credit EMR being offered by Shawnee Community College begins Aug. 12 and continues through Oct. 4...not Oct. 6. The editor erred.

Weather

High 95, low 67; .81 of an inch of rain

Temperatures during the period of July 30 through Aug. 5 in the Union County area ranged from a high of 95 degrees to a low of 67.

Precipitation during the period totalled 0.81 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, July 30: high 94, low 72. 0.81 of an inch of rain.

Wednesday, July 31: high 93, low 72.

Thursday, Aug. 1: high 95, low 75.

Friday, Aug. 2: high 87, low 70.

Saturday, Aug. 3: high 89, low 68.

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Deaconess Illinois Union County

New name for hospital on North Main Street in Anna unveiled Monday

In a momentous and celebratory event on Monday, Aug. 5, Deaconess Illinois proudly announced the renaming of three of its hospitals: Union County Hospital in Anna, Crossroads Community Hospital in Mt. Vernon and Heartland Regional Medical Center in Marion.

They are now known as Deaconess Illinois Union County, Deaconess Illinois Crossroads and Deaconess Illinois Medical Center, respectively.

Deaconess Illinois shared in a news release that this significant change marks the beginning of a new era of care for Southern Illinois.

Shawn McCoy, Deaconess CEO, expressed his excitement, stating in the news release:

"Today, we're not just revealing a new name; we're ushering in a new era of care for Southern Illinois.

"This change represents our unwavering commitment to these communities and our dedication to elevating healthcare standards in the region.

"While the names on the buildings may be changing, our core values and mission remain the same.

"We are, and always will be, devoted to providing the highest quality care to every patient who walks through our doors."

"I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to our employees," McCoy said.

"You are the heart and soul of this institution. Your commitment to our patients and this community is nothing short of inspiring.

"Through every challenge, through every triumph, you've been there, delivering compassionate care with unwavering dedication.

"This new era we're entering is a testament to your hard work and devotion. Remember, this is more than just a name change. It's a symbol of Deaconess Illinois' promise to this community – a promise of continued growth, enhanced services, and a relentless pursuit of excellence in healthcare."



Counting down...

Harry Brockus, Deaconess Illinois Union County CAO, counted down to the unveiling of the hospital's new name Monday morning. Deaconess Illinois Union County is located at 517 N. Main St. in Anna. Deaconess Illinois photo.

William Davis, president of the Deaconess Illinois Region, shared his thoughts on the exciting developments.

"Since joining the Deaconess Illinois family, we've already made significant strides. We've welcomed over 51 new providers to our team in the region, expanding our ability to serve you and your loved ones," Davis said.

"We've added more services, specialists, urgent care facilities and clinics throughout the area. Moreover, we've made a significant shift in our strategy that will greatly benefit our community.

"We've begun working more collaboratively with independent physician groups who have been long-established pillars of healthcare in our area.

"This new approach represents an evolution in our philosophy and demonstrates our commitment to expanding access to high-quality healthcare services in Southern Illinois."

The renaming of the hospitals is a reflection of Deaconess Illinois' dedication to its patients, community and employees.

The celebration emphasized the importance of community support and collaboration in achieving healthcare excellence.

Deaconess Illinois shared in the news release that: "This new era of care is about our patients, our community. It's about ensuring they have access to the best possible care, close to home. It's about building a healthier, stronger Southern Illinois, together.

"As Deaconess embraces this new chapter, we want the community to know our commitment to this community is stronger than ever. We're here for you, today and every day, ready to serve your healthcare needs with skill, compassion and dedication.

"Deaconess Illinois extends its heartfelt thanks to the community, patients and employees for their continuous support and trust. This new chapter promises continued growth, enhanced services and a relentless pursuit of healthcare excellence, ensuring Southern Illinois residents receive the best care possible."

Cobden planning to host annual Peach Festival

The Cobden Peach Festival is planned Friday and Saturday, Aug. 9-10.

Once again, the festival will be sponsored by the Cobden Lions Club.

Activities will be taking place at the Cobden Lions Club's grounds near the Cobden Community Park.

Festivities begin at 5 p.m. Friday with the Cobden Lions Club food stand, peaches and cream and drinks.

Carnival rides also are scheduled, as are the Spin and Win, bingo and other games.

A wide range of raffle prizes will be awarded again this year at the festival. Raffle ticket prices are three for $5, six for $10 and 12 for $20.

The Party Express DJ show will be at the Peach Festival Friday starting at 6 p.m.

A queen pageant is part of the Peach Festival. The pageant is scheduled at 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, with candidates appearing in swim wear and evening wear.

A Cobden Peach Festival 5K Run/Walk and 1-mile fun are planned early Saturday morning. The events begin, and end, near the Cobden Community Park. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m.

A Peach Festival parade is planned at 4:30 p.m. Saturday. The parade route is through the downtown Cobden area. The parade is sponsored by the Village of Cobden.

The 1964 Cobden High School boys basketball team will serve as parade marshal as a celebration of Appleknocker Pride, which is the theme for the event.

Rides, food and games begin at 5:30 p.m.

Diamond Dog performs Saturday starting at 6 p.m.

Coronation of the Peach Festival queen is planned at around 9 p.m. Saturday.

Peach Festival Parking

The Cobden Lions Club shared the following information about parking for this year's Peach Festival:

Traffic access to the festival grounds will be from Cobden School Drive, and then to the parking area behind the school and softball field.

Traffic through this area will be one-way into the festival. Exit from this area will be on Cobden Park Alley and this will be one-way leaving the festival.

With the exception of the handicapped parking area, there will also be no parking on Cobden Park Alley.

The area directly in front of the high school is reserved

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Peach Festival queen candidates with reigning queen

Coronation of a new queen will be one of the highlights of the upcoming Cobden Peach Festival. Reigning queen Kaylee Hall was joined by this year's pageant participants for a photograph. From left are Malayna Korb, Anna Staley, Kaylee Stover, Avery Osman, 2023 Peach Festival queen Kaylee Hall, Hailey Wright, Eden Kaszubski, Lakelyn Carter and Kaylie Adams. Profiles of the candidates can be found on page 2. Photo by Stephanie Stroehlein.

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This year's Peach Fest queen candidates

A new Cobden Peach Festival queen will be crowned this weekend.

The naming of a new queen will be one of the highlights of the Peach Festival, which is planned Friday and Saturday, Aug. 9-10, in Cobden.

The pageant takes place over the two nights of the festival, which is sponsored by the Cobden Lions Club. Debbie Stroehlein is the pageant's coordinator.

Kaylee Hall, Reigning Queen

Kaylee Hall, 18, of Cobden, is the reigning Peach Festival queen. She is the daughter of Jason Hall and Jennifer Montoya and is sponsored by the Cobden Lions Club.

Kaylee attended Cobden High School and is a sophomore at Indiana State University.

The reigning queen enjoys going to church, shopping, playing pickleball and mini-golf and "going to Olive Garden to eat all the pasta a girl can dream of.

"Nothing makes me happier than being wherever my family and friends are," she said.

"God has truly blessed me in so many ways...one being able to have this wonderful title," Kaylee said about being the Peach Festival queen.

This Year's Candidates

Here's a look at this year's queen candidates:

Kaylie Adams

Kaylie Adams, 18, of Cobden, is the daughter of Jeannie Gerlach.

She attended Cobden High School. She will be attending Kentucky Wesleyan College in the fall to pursue a double major in theater arts and communication arts, with an emphasis in media studies. She hopes to one day work in the television industry and in local theaters.

She runs her own business, Kaylie's Creations, and enjoys crocheting, reading, hiking and camping with her friends and family.

Kaylie will be wearing purple to honor Taylor Tomazzoli.

"I am also a very service driven person who loves my momma and God," she said.

Kaylie said her favorite place is "sitting on the couch watching 'sMothered' with my momma and my dog because we enjoy each other's company and laughing with one another."

Her sponsor in the pageant is Lisa Tomazzoli, Shawnee Hills Real Estate.

Lakelyn Carter

Lakelyn Carter, 18, of Anna, is the daughter of Thomas and Amanda Carter.

She attended Anna-Jonesboro Community High School and is continuing her education at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau.



2023 Cobden Peach Festival queen

Kaylee Hall, the reigning Cobden Peach Festival queen, participated in the 2023 Veterans Day parade in Anna. The parade was held last November. Kaylee also will be the starter this weekend's Cobden Peach Festival run/walk and fun run events. File photo.

Lakelyn owns and operates her own business, Breezy Berries. She enjoys swimming, hiking and "hanging out with my friends and family." "I am a proud aunt to my little nephew, Jetson Thomas," she said.

Lakelyn said her favorite place to be is "at the lake with my family because I get to be at a place I enjoy with the people I love."

Her sponsor is Jim Carter Tire.

Eden Nell Kaszubski

Eden Nell Kaszubski, 17, of Cobden, is the daughter of Paul and Shannon Kaszubski.

She will be a senior at Cobden High School. She has performed in several musicals and plays.

Eden says she is "incredibly passionate about the performing arts." She plans to attend Millikin University to pursue a bachelor in fine arts degree for musical theatre.

She enjoys singing, crafting, dancing and participating in almost every school club there is to participate in, singing at church, spending time with her friends, playing video games with her little brother and driving her little sisters around.

Eden says she believes "it is essential to stand up for the right thing, even if it is an unpopular thing to do..." and that is why her favorite place is the stage.

Her sponsor is Josh Jackson Roofing.

Malayna Annagale Korb

Malyna Annagale Korb, 17, of Jonesboro, is the daughter of Marc and Rebecca Korb.

She is an Anna-Jonesboro Community High School and Shawnee Community College student.

Malayna has had 14 years of ballet. She enjoys roller skating, fashion and taking care of animals.

Malayna said her favorit place to be is her family farm, because of all of her happy memories have been made there.

Her sponsor is Double Bar S Ranch.

Avery Osman

Avery Osman, 19, of Anna, is the daughter of Eric and Janice Osman.

She graduated from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School and is continuing her education at the University of Mississippi, Ole Miss.

She is spending her summer and future training in the dental field. Over the summer, she has observed many dentists from across Southern Illinois. She said the opportunity to observe dentists will allow her to apply to dental school in the future and better prepare her to fulfill her ambitions.

She enjoys spending time outside, going out to eat with friends, visiting different ice cream shops, going to the gym and being with her family.

Avery is a member of the Alpha Phi Sorority at Ole Miss. She is active in the Ole Miss Pre-Dental Society, the Ole Miss Women in Dentistry Club, Ole Miss Big Event and she is a Provost Scholars.

She said her favorite place is Vaught-Hemingway Stadium at Ole Miss because she gets to watch her favorite team, the Ole Miss Rebels, her favorite sport, football, and be with her friends, all in the same place.

Her sponsor is Tooth Tech.

Anna Claire Staley

Anna Claire Staley, 18, of Cobden, is the daughter of Noble and Lynnette Staley.

She is a Cobden High School graduate and is continuing her education at John A. Logan College in Carterville.

Anna made her own electric guitar and ukelele. She loves acting and singing.

She enjoys wood working, kayaking, hiking, camping, cooking, hosting dinner parties for her friends, being part of a small community and learning about new cultures.

Anna says that her favorite place is kayaking on Little Grassy Lake where she can enjoy God's creation.

Her sponsor is Kenz Boutique.

Kaylee Stover

Kaylee Stover, 19, of Buncombe, is the daughter of Aaron and Paula Stover.

She attended Anna-Jonesboro Community High School and is continuing her education at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Kaylee owns her own business; she teaches swim lessons at her house each summer.

This summer, as part of a nine-week mission trip, she worked at Seaworld in Orlando, Fla.

"My faith in Jesus Christ is the most important thing in my life, so being in fellowship with other Christians is one of my favorite ways to spend my time," she says.

She likes to spend time with friends and family, playing pickleball and volleyball, reading, working around the family farm, watching movies with friends, giving swim lessons in the summer and playing with her dogs.

Kaylee says that Campus Movement Project is her favorite place to be "because of the amazing Christian community and uplifting spirit everyone had on that Project. It was truly the best experience I have ever had.

Her sponsor is Stover Farms.

Hailey Rose Wright

Hailey Rose Wright, 19, of Dongola, is the daughter of Cherie and Donavan Wright.

She attended Dongola High School and is continuing her education at Shawnee Community College.

Hailey is a CPR certified lifeguard. She enjoys playing the clarinet, tumbling, photography, painting, hiking, fishing and shopping.

She says her favorite place is Panama City Beach "because I love the sound of the waves crashing, the smell of the salt in the air and the Florida sun on my face."

Her sponsor is Salon 109.

SIU Alumni Association awards scholarships, funds for textbooks

The SIU Alumni Association has awarded $59,288 to 46 new and returning Southern Illinois University Carbondale students for the fall 2024 semester.

Thanks to the support of new and legacy donors, students are receiving funds administered by the association from 15 regional and legacy scholarships and 20 textbook awards.

The scholarships often help students fill critical gaps in their financial aid packages.

This year's scholarship recipients are from Illinois, Delaware, Florida, Missouri and Texas.

Students from Union County are among those receiving scholarships and textbook awards.

Scholarship recipients for the 2024-2025 academic year from Union County include:

Anna: Elizabeth Back, Union County Chapter Scholarship, $1,000.

Cobden: Emily White, Legacy Scholarship, $1,000.

Liam Hale of Jonesboro received a $1,000 textbook award.

Olivia Capel of Anna and Emily White of Cobden received $1,000 SIU Alumni Association Student Alumni Council Senior Textbook Awards.

"The Saluki family is strong in heart and generosity and these scholarships are made possible by our alumni, who are always excited to share pride in their university and give back to the students," said Molly Hudgins, executive director of the SIU Alumni Association and a 1997 SIU Carbondale alumna.

"Awards like these make all the difference in the world to many of these students, and I'm proud we're not only maintaining but growing giving among alumni."

Funding for many of the scholarships awarded to students each year comes from regional alumni groups of the association.

The groups periodically host events to raise funds for the awards, such as the St. Louis Area Alumni Group, which typically raises more than $2,500 during its annual trivia night.

This year, the Chicagoland area has also seen massive gains in its regional scholarship fund. The group collected roughly $10,000 in donations during the SIU Day of Giving in February.

Hudgins attributes success like this to significant changes the association made in 2023, chiefly its decision to sunset its annual membership program for alumni and redirect more financial support to such areas as scholarships and student programming.

"Students are the most important part of SIU," she said. "Our organization and the more than 260,000 alumni we represent have roles to play in mentoring and supporting these Salukis. We're always proud to do our part in creating new Salukis for life."

Record number of DCFS scholarships awarded

State officials joined the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, DCFS, in late July to celebrate this year's student scholarship recipients at the department's annual luncheon.

This year, 352 current or former young people in care will receive scholarship certificates provided by the Illinois DCFS Scholarship Program, including up to five consecutive years of tuition and mandatory fee waivers valid at Illinois public universities and community colleges.

The program also provides student recipients with financial assistance for books and school supplies, a monthly grant payment to supplement other expenses, and an Illinois Medicaid card.

Historically, the department has awarded an average of 53 scholarships each year.

This year's record-breaking 352 scholarships follow 259 scholarships awarded in 2023.

The state's Fiscal Year 2025 budget provided $11.16 million in funding for DCFS scholarships, nearly doubling the $5.66 million provided in Fiscal Year 2024.

The DCFS Scholarship Program is available to youth who have an open DCFS case, whose cases were closed through adoption or guardianship or who aged out of care at 18 or older.

DCFS Scholarship Program recipients are selected based on their scholastic record and aptitude, community and extracurricular activities, three letters of recommendation and a personal essay illustrating their purpose for higher education.

Scholarship recipients receive up to five consecutive years of tuition and academic fee waivers to be used at colleges and universities, community colleges and trade schools, a monthly grant of $1,577 to offset other expenses and a Medicaid card.

Cobden Peach Festival

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parking for those involved in the Peach Festival queen pageant.

Union County Museum Announces Activities

The Union County Museum in Cobden is planning to have extended hours for the upcoming Cobden Peach Festival.

The museum is located along South Appleknocker Street. The museum's hours during the Peach Festival are scheduled to be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Cobden Review Newspaper

The museum will continue an exhibit on the Cobden Review newspaper.

The newspaper was founded in 1924 and was an important part of the Cobden community.

A variety of newspapers from the 1920s to the 1960s are featured in the exhibit.

Stories featured in the newspapers include the 1964 Cobden High School Appleknockers boys basketball team, the Peach Festival, the dedication of the Cobden Medical Clinic and more.

A special issue of the Review from Cobden's 1957 Centennial Celebration will be on display. The newspaper contains photos, business histories and local history.

Museum Shop

The Shop for the Benefit of the Museum will be open, featuring a variety of newly stocked merchandise such as fall/Halloween decorations, glassware and collectibles.

Special Exhibit

The Union County Historical & Genealogy Society plans to present a special exhibit about the 1964 Cobden Appleknocker basketball team.

The exhibit will be 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 will be featured in the exhibit.

An exhibit about former Peach Festival queens will also be on display.

The center is scheduled to be open from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 9, and from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10.

The center also is scheduled to be open for a limited time after the Peach Festival parade, which is set for Saturday afternoon.

Book Signing

A book signing also is being planned at the resource center during Peach Festival weekend.

The book signing is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10.

Authors Teri Campbell and Anne Ryman, along with some players from the 1964 team, are scheduled to be present to sign copies of the book titled "The Amazing Appleknockers, Illinois' Cinderella Basketball Team of 1964."

Copies of the book will be sold during the exhibit's hours and at the Union County Museum.

Regular Hours

The Union County Museum is scheduled to return to regular hours are the Peach Festival.

The museum's regular hours are from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Johnson inducted into U.S. Martial Arts Hall of Fame as Black Belt of Year



Hall of fame inductee

Cooper Johnson, right, recently was inducted into the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame as Black Belt of the Year. Johnson was congratulated by John Terry, the president of the International Martial Arts Council and the hall of fame. Photo provide.

Cooper Johnson, instructor at Coffman's Martial Arts Academy in Anna, Il, was recently inducted into the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame, USMAHOF, as Black Belt of the Year.

The United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame is a prestigious event recognizing and honoring those who have made a contribution to the martial arts around the world.

The mission of the USMAHOF is to recognize those martial artists that have made a profound difference, not limiting the inductees to celebrities and movie stars.

Their goal is to serve the fundamental martial arts community, honoring all people that dedicate themselves to excellence.

Inductees are carefully selected from thousands of nominations received each year.

This year's three-day event was held in Las Vegas, Nev.

Johnson began training at Coffman's Martial Arts when he was 9 years old. At 21, he holds a 3rd Dan in Taekwondo, a 1st Dan in ChunJiDo and a 1st Dan in Bojutsu.

In competition, Johnson recently won Black Belt Grand Champion honors at the River to River Tournament in Vienna.

He also won second place in traditional kata at the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame Tournament.

Cooper Johnson is the son of Wes and Crystal Johnson of Dongola.

When not working, you will find him instructing the students of Coffman's Martial Arts, furthering his own training or dedicating his time to his personal and church families. He is loved by everyone he meets.

Giorgia Thoms, Makanda, earns Taekwondo black belt



Earns black belt

Giorgia Thoms of Makanda has tested for and earned her black belt in Taekwondo. Photo provided.

Giorgia Thoms of Makanda recently tested for and earned her black belt in Taekwondo.

Giorgia is a member of Coffman's Martial Arts Academy in Anna.

Beginning when she was 8 years old, 13 year old Giorgia has been training in Taekwondo for five years.

Giorgia aced her three-page written exam.

The physical exam consisted of kata, self-defense, sparring, Kali sticks, throwing, rolling and falling, bojutsu, bag work, calisthenics, straddles and board breaking.

The judges panel was very impressed by her skill and determination.

The judges' panel consisted of Grandmaster Robert Cutrell (founder of ChunJiDo and ChunJiDo International), Master Heather Coffman (owner of Coffman's Martial Arts and Inheritor of ChunJiDo International) and Sensei Jerry Richey (Ambassador of ChunJiDo International).

"Giorgia is a very skilled martial artist and a great addition to the instructors' team at Coffman's Martial Arts," Heather Coffman said.

Check out the Gazette-Democrat online at
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Special visitors welcomed

The Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau recently hosted a media event which took place at Anna's Davie School Inn, in downtown Anna and along part of the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail.

The visitors included content creators, social media influencers, travel bloggers and two traditional travel writers.

Nine members of the group flew into Veterans Airport in Marion from Chicago O'Hare Airport to promote the new air service from Marion to Chicago. Tourism bureau staff picked them up at the airport.

The first stop was a catered lunch at Honker Hill Winery in Carbondale.

Others arrived by car from Missouri and Indiana to learn about and create content to promote visiting the Shawnee Hills area.

Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau also supported a weekend event for content creators in Alto Pass, curated by Caffeine Until Cocktails.

A variety of social media posts, photos, videos, blog posts and website articles were created, and an online article for Evansville Living magazine is scheduled to be posted in the coming weeks.

A-J Masons presents scholarships

Anna-Jonesboro Masonic Lodge No. 111 has announced 2024 scholarship recipients.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School students Payton Brust and Alexandria Kelly received academic scholarships.

The lodge offered a new trade school scholarship this year. A-JCHS student Edward Dahmer received the scholarship.

Olivia Ann Marie Clover and Karsynne Livingston also received academic scholarships. They are both students at Shawnee High School in Wolf Lake.

Anna-Jonesboro Masonic Lodge No. 111 congratulated all of the scholarship recipients "who have distinguished themselves through outstanding academic achievement and personal excellence."

Schools closed during pandemic

Illinois students struggling with learning loss

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SPRINGFIELD – As the flow of billions of dollars in federal pandemic-related aid is about to end, many students in Illinois are still struggling to catch up academically from the learning loss that occurred when schools were forced to close.

A new study from the University of Illinois System says only about one-fourth of all public-school students are back to pre-pandemic performance levels in English language arts, while even fewer students have returned to pre-pandemic levels in math.

Learning recovery has been especially slow at the high school level, where test scores have been declining, the study found. And recovery in math scores has lagged English language arts scores across grade levels.

The study was conducted by the Illinois Workforce and Education Research Collaborative, or IWERC, which is part of the University of Illinois System's Discovery Partners Institute.

The findings suggest school officials face some difficult decisions in the months and years ahead as they look for ways to continue their recovery efforts without the federal resources they've been relying on.

"Of course, we are concerned about the loss of things like high-dosage tutoring and the extended-day programs," IWERC director Meg Bates said in an interview.

"The research on those has always been pretty strong that more time in academic learning and more intensive one-on-one time are positive for learning.

"So, in as much as districts can't maintain those because they lose funding, I do expect to see some issues, but it's possible that districts have found ways to weave things like tutoring and extended day into their normal funding."

Bates said IWERC conducted the study in partnership with the Illinois State Board of Education. The findings were presented last month to the P-20 Council, a state organization that advises the governor and General Assembly on issues related to education from preschool through adulthood.

One of the key findings of the study, Bates said, is that recovery has been uneven, both across grade levels and among socioeconomic groups. Overall, academic performance has improved more quickly at the elementary school level than for high school.

But the study also found that districts with high concentrations of Black, Latino and low-income students remain furthest from their pre-pandemic performance levels. Those districts also tend to be the ones that relied the most on remote learning during the pandemic.

"We absolutely do see that districts that spent longer in remote learning lost more and as such, are not back to where they were prior to the pandemic," Bates said.

"But we also know that the districts that were more likely to spend time in remote learning are districts that serve high proportions of students from low-income families, and income is often correlated with achievement. And those communities were also hit harder by the pandemic itself."

Enrollment, Attendance

The study also found schools have not yet recovered from the enrollment declines that occurred at the height of the pandemic. And for those students who are still enrolled, chronic absenteeism has risen sharply.

From 2019 to 2021, according to the report, statewide enrollment fell by nearly 60,000 students, to 1.71 million. That included a drop of more than 15,000 students from Chicago Public Schools alone.

By 2023, according to the report, enrollment outside of CPS had rebounded slightly, but CPS enrollment continued to fall to less than 300,000.

Enrollment had been trending downward even before the pandemic, due largely to declining birth rates in Illinois, but Bates said the declines that occurred during the pandemic were beyond what would otherwise be expected.

"Of course, we are seeing some declines due to birth rate, families having fewer children," she said. "But we also see, sort of curiously, that enrollment declines were happening in the middle grades. So that's not from birth-rate decline. That's from choosing to leave."

Chronic absenteeism, defined as missing 10 percent or more of the school year, has also risen sharply in Illinois and remains above pre-pandemic levels.

Using data from the Illinois State Board of Education, the study found chronic absenteeism peaked at 30 percent statewide, and 45 percent in Chicago Public Schools, during the 2021-2022 school year.

The rates were highest among Black and Latino students and students from lower-income households. Absenteeism was also higher among high school students than elementary students, which the authors suggested may help explain the decreasing SAT scores.

Federal Funds

To help schools throughout the country deal with the effects of the pandemic, Congress approved three separate federal relief packages that included billions of dollars in emergency education funds known as Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief, or ESSER funds.

Illinois' share of that aid totaled just over $7.8 billion.

The flow of those funds, however, will come to an end when the current federal fiscal year ends Sept. 30, meaning programs and services that have been funded with those federal dollars will either come to an end, or schools will have to fund them through other means.

According to the state's ESSER Spending Dashboard, about one-third of the money that came to Illinois, or nearly $2.4 billion, went toward salaries for teachers, substitutes, paraprofessionals and other school personnel, including those who ran summer and after-school learning programs.

"We saw just about over a thousand expenses on what we would call a full-time teacher," Bates said. "So we do expect there to be some difficulties this fall with teachers."

She said she expects a bigger loss in staffing for after-school, summer school and tutoring programs.

"That's where we expect to see a real cliff, these extended opportunities. We suspect schools will find ways to keep their teacher core relatively intact," she said.

Bates said the challenge facing school districts now is integrating the programs and practices that worked for them during the pandemic into their normal budgeting process.

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Constitution Week, Strictly Digital exhibits set at Anna Arts Center

The Shawnee Hills Arts Center is welcoming entries for upcoming Constitution Week and Strictly Digital exhibits.

Both exhibits are scheduled Sept. 8-29 at the Anna Arts Center. The center is located in the 100 block of West Davie Street.

Constitution Week

Patriotism is the theme for the Constitution Week exhibit. Constitution Week is Sept. 17-23.

Entries for the exhibit will be welcomed in three categories: painting and drawing, photography and fine arts.

The event is not a juried art show. Sales will be encouraged.

For the awarding of prizes, each category will be divided into adults and two student groups.

Fees to enter the exhibit will be $5 per entry for adults and $3 per entry for young people 18 and under.

Cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded to adults and young people for the top entries.

Strictly Digital

The Strictly Digital open juried competition welcomes entries in the categories of person(s), animal(s) and structures.

Only digital photography will be accepted in the competition which is being held in memory of Phillip T. Egelston.

Mr. Egelston was the original creator and sponsor of the Strictly Digital exhibits in 2013.

Entry fees are $10 for one entry, $15 for three entries and $20 for four entries.

Cash prizes will be awarded. Additional merit award ribbons may be presented as well.

Delivery of Work, Reception

Entries for the exhibits will be accepted from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 29 or from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 3.

A reception and presentation of awards are planned from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8.

Information about both exhibits is available by contacting Lee Hackney at 904-625-1109 or by email at vabchlee@gmail.com.

ACS benefit concert set in Metropolis

The 2024 American Cancer Society Gospel Benefit Concert is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, 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.

Based out of Nashville, Tenn., Tribute was organized in 2006 by lead vocalist Gary Casto and baritone and pianist Josh Singletary.

The Tribute Quartet has been through a couple of changes in the years since, with tenor Gus Gaches joining in 2019 and bass Ian Owens in 2021.

The multi-Dove Award nominated group's several No. 1 hits include "Good News from Jerusalem" and "Fear Not."

The benefit concert began in 1993 and has been an annual event since 1995, except for a two-year hiatus due to COVID.

For information about the concert, call 618-524-5601.

News from

Anna First Baptist Church

Anna First Baptist Church met for worship Sunday, Aug. 4.

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

Opening prayer was said and announcements were shared.

The church's library has had a children's book reading club for the last month. Sunday was awards day for the children.

Menda Cash, Barb and Bob Hase and Cissi Cuthbertson worked in the library with the children helping with their reading and their books.

Sunday School teachers Jean Denny, Laura Sadler, Shirley Ray and Bruce Henderson also helped.

All of the children received certificates. Other awards for outstanding reading accomplishments also were presented to some of the children.

The call to worship was about "Providence." Scripture was from Romans.

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

The worship team led contemporary worship with "Graves into Gardens" and "How Great is Our God."

The guest speaker was Pastor Mike Ortiz from Anna First Baptist's sister church, Casa de Gracia in Mexico.

He and his wife, Lilly, and their family were here visiting. This is the church where Anna First Baptist did a recent mission trip.

The congregation said it was wonderful to meet them and to hear Pastor Mike speak about the two churches. Casa de Gracia and Anna First Baptist are truly "Sister Churches" working together to "Build up the Kingdom of God."

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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1930s

1938, Delores Flamm Osbourne

1939, Mary Jane Lamer Norton

1940s

1940, Ruth Rich Davidson

1941, Corinne Goodman Rich

1942, Annette Wallace Gardiner

1943, Mary Jane Norris

1944, Carol Casper Bostian

1945, Faye Lamer Ballance

1946, Lorraine Wallace Seiner

1947, Sue Jacques Lingle

1948, Mary Lou Lence Duryea

1949, Hazel Tripp Harvey

1950s

1950, Sharon Bell Mulliniz

1951, Margaret Flamm Arter

1952, Jo Ann Griffith Geiselman

1953, Marjorie Miller Kimbro

1954, No Queen

1955, Nancy Kelley Wiesser

1956, Kay Guthrie Cottone

1957, Jackie Sue Ferrill Blackman

1958, Glenda Blessing Ridgeway

1959, Pam Hudgens Koch

1960s

1960, Sue Rodgers Abney

1961, Linda Mangold Warren

1962, Bobby Sue Parker McCall

1963, Antoinette Flamm Campbell

1964, Shirley Sweitzer Starr

1965, Marilyn Draper Winn

1966, Gayle Baggott Fox

1967, Maribeth Inman Smith

1968, Sherry Goodman Stull

1969, Kathy Flamm Reeves

1970s

1970, Debbie Clutts Stroehlein

1971, Sharon McKinney Harris

1972, Betsy Hutton Flamm

1973, Martha Smith Sensmeier

1974, Trina Schaefer Lyons

1975, Belinda Davis Hatfield

1976, Karen Kay Schlenker Boyd

1977, Norine Stadelbacher Keller

1978, Crystal Walker Cerny

1979, Carolyn Rich Ortiz

1980s

1980, Malina Heil Bonifield

1981, Barbara Flamm James

1982, Pam Keil Boyd

1983, Tina McCleland Orsborn

1984, Rebecca Keil Dillman

1985, Terri Hogue Harfst

1986, Diane Williams Ward

1987, Cari Lucas Glasco

1988, Kelly South Hand

1989, Tara Yancey Tedrow

1990s

1990, Gretchen Berkheimer Mason

1991, Rebecca Bruchhauser Farris

1992, Tammy Bailey Smith

1993, Pamela Rich Turner

1994, April Poole Merriman

1995, Jill Dillon Bolin

1996, Cherie Reeves Wright

1997, Dr. Amber Moreland

1998, Amanda Smith Sheridan

1999, Rebecca Taylor Guest, Sarah Sullivan

2000s

2000, Elizabeth Lloyd

2001, Kasey Evans Clutts

2002, Rhiana Hopkins Draper

2003, Dori Lloyd

2004, Amy Heinrichs Jahnel

2005, Andrea Mays

2006, Laura Dillow Pingel

2007, Sarah Panici Brown

2008, Jenna Harner Herbst

2009, Kaci Clary Melody

2010s

2010, Lindsey Pitts LeFevre

2011, Crystal Davis

2012, Lindsey Carter

2013, Valerie Pender Heins

2014, Clare Bunyan Weaver

2015, Wendy Flamm Grasinger

2016, Karlyn Furry Cogun

2017, Janna Harner Myers

2018, Grace Pitts

2019, Addison Osman

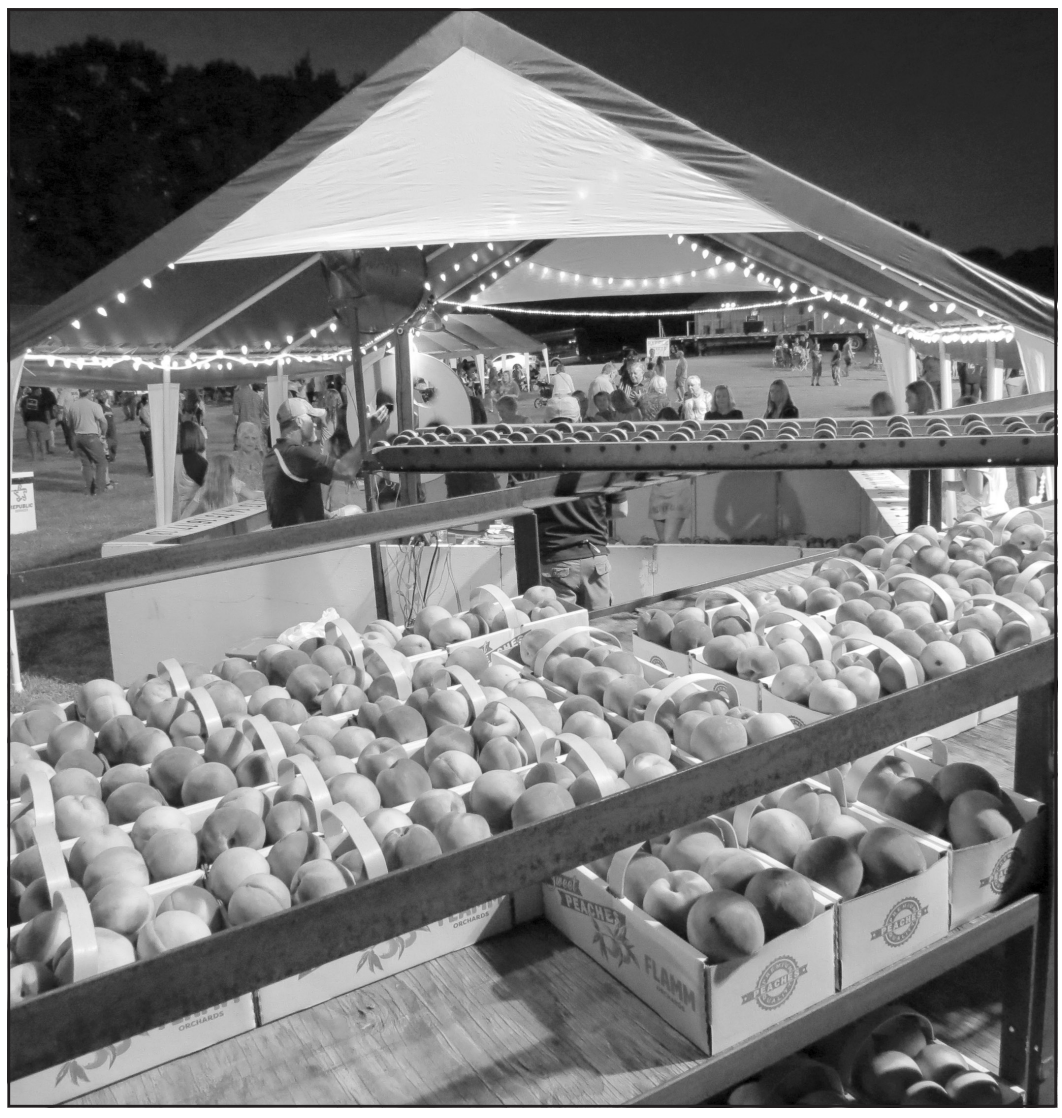
2020s

2020, No Peach Festival, No Pageant, Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

2021, Hannah Stillman

2022, Makenzie Howell

2023, Kaylee Hall



Peaches are the prize in the always popular Spin and Win game at the Cobden Peach Festival.

Peach Fest parade set

A Cobden Peach Festival parade is planned on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 10.

The parade will begin at 4:30 p.m. The parade route will be through the downtown Cobden area.

The parade is sponsored by the Village of Cobden.

The 1964 Cobden High School boys basketball team will serve as parade marshal.

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Cobden Peach Festival 5K run/walk, fun run set

The 2024 Cobden Peach Festival 5K run/walk and 1-mile fun run are planned Saturday morning, Aug. 10.

The run/walk and fun run are sponsored by the Cobden Runners-Walkers Club.

The events are held in conjunction with the annual Cobden Peach Festival.

Proceeds will benefit the Cobden School District cross country team and junior high track and field team.

The starting and ending point for the events is on Locust Street at the Cobden Community Park, between old U.S. Route 51 and Appleknocker Road.

Same day registration begins at 6:30 a.m. The 5K run/walk begins at 7:30 a.m. The 1-mile fun run starts at 8:30 a.m.

Awards which will be presented include:

5K run: Overall male and female.

5K walk: Overall male and female.

Top three places awarded in each age group.

Stroller division: top three participants.

Participation ribbons will be award in the fun run.

Categories include:

Walkers: (female/male): 9 and under, 10-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80 and over.

Runners (female/male): 9 and under, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80 and over.

Costs include $25 for 5K runners and walkers and $5 for the fun run for ages 13 and up. The fun run is free for ages 0-12. There is a $35 entry free cap for families (which includes any variation of mom, dad and kids).

Online registration is available at RunSignUp.com.



A run/walk and fun run event takes place early on Saturday morning during the Cobden Peach Festival.

Favorite cobbler recipe shared

Cobden Women's Club has helped support festival for many years

Peach cobbler and ice cream is a favorite treat each year at the Cobden Peach Festival.

In 1987, the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society published a booklet titled "Cobden Peach Festival 1938-1987."

The booklet recalled the work done by the members of the Cobden Women's Club to help support the Peach Festival in a special way:

COBDEN WOMEN'S CLUB

For the past 30 years the Club's major fundraising project has been the Peaches 'n Cream concession at the Peach Festival.

At the June meeting, the Club draws up a list of tasks, assigns time slots to work at the stand, and estimates the number of cobblers needed each night.

Members call women to bake cobblers and to help out in the stand. At least 40 to 50 women are needed to work in the stand.

When the Red Haven peaches are at their height, Flamm's Orchards donates peaches and members gather at Hallie and Wilma Nebughr's house to peel and slice the peaches.

The Women's Club estimates the number of peaches needed, and the several gallons of Red Havens, which do not turn brown, are frozen until the Festival.

The Lions Club supplies the ice cream, and each evening women bring in cobblers and cakes as arranged.

If any cobblers are left over, they are sold at the end of the evening. Any leftovers are donated to the school.

The Lions Club makes a contribution to the Women's Club each year, which the women use for a variety of civic projects. They have made contributions to the band, helped children attend music camp, and other educational projects.

In addition, they have worked with the Lions Club on most of their civic improvements projects.

PEACH COBBLER

(As made by Lou Stadelbacher)

Crust:

2 c. flour

1 tsp. salt

2/3 to 1 c. Crisco

1/4 c. ice water (enough to form a ball)

Cut shortening into flower. Mix in water until a ball is formed.

(For a large batch of crust, use 6 c. flour, 1 T. salt, 2 1/2 c. shortening, and enough ice water to form a ball). Chill and roll out to form a bottom and a top crust. Place in a 9 X 13 pan.

Filling: Slice enough peaches to fill the pan. Sprinkle 3/4 to 1 cup sugar and approximately 2 T. flour on peaches. Toss together. Place in pan. Dot with butter. Place top crust on, cut vents for steam to escape.

Bake about 1 hour in 400 degree oven, until crust is browned.

Cobden Lions Club presents Peach Festival

The Cobden Peach Festival is planned Friday and Saturday, Aug. 9-10.

Once again, the festival will be sponsored by the Cobden Lions Club.

Activities will be taking place at the Cobden Lions Club's grounds near the Cobden Community Park.

Festivities begin Friday evening with the Cobden Lions Club food stand, peaches and cream and drinks. Carnival rides also are scheduled, as are the Spin and Win, bingo and other games.

The Party Express DJ show will be at the Peach Festival Friday night.

A queen pageant is part of the Peach Festival. The pageant is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m., with candidates appearing in swim wear and evening wear.

A Cobden Peach Festival 5K Run/Walk and 1-mile run are planned early Saturday morning. The events begin, and end, near the Cobden Community Park. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m.

A Peach Festival parade is planned at 4:30 p.m. Saturday. The parade route is through the downtown Cobden area.

Rides, food and games begin Saturday evening.

Diamond Dog performs Saturday evening.

Coronation of the Peach Festival queen is planned at around 9 p.m. Saturday.

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Our Union County Roots

Cobden Peach Festival: a long and successful community event

This article originally appeared in 2020 as part of the Union County Roots series, which was a monthly column shared by the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society. The Society owns the Union County Museum in Cobden.

Early Days of the Peach Festival

August 13, 1938, marked the beginning of a long and successful social event in Cobden that was initially conceived to showcase and elevate the importance of peaches in the region.

The Cobden Lions Club, organized earlier in 1938 under the sponsorship of the Lions district governor, C. W. "Runt" Bishop, had 31 charter members. Bishop, two years later, was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Frank Petty, the first president of the club, was joined by almost every Cobden business owner in creating the first Peach Festival, along with the wives of the members.

The event, a Saturday afternoon and evening affair, was held on the high school grounds.

Temporary stands were built for the queen coronation, food, games and music.

Bushels of peaches were judged and prizes awarded. Hugh Lamer Jr. took first place for Elbertas and J.E. Venerable and Sons won first and second for Hales. The winning peaches were then raffled off.

The coronation of the Peach Festival queen, Delores Flamm, preceded the final event of the festival: a dance with a live band in the high school gymnasium.

Attendance was estimated at between 1,200 and 1,500 people.

The Lions declared the event a success and pledged to use their profit of $130 for community projects.

The initial format of the festival remained the same for many years, but eventually changes were made.

Different kinds of events were held to create interest in the festival, including ball games, amateur talent contests, bicycle races, a magic show, water fights between fire departments, bingo, pony rides, attendance prizes, gospel quartets and radio personalities.

In 1950, the festival was moved to the new, lighted ball park. Two couples were married on stage after the queen coronation. The prize winning bushel of peaches was sent to President Harry Truman. The crowd was estimated at 5,000.

The queen was chosen by popular vote. One cent bought one vote. As many as 25 young women sought the title some years. In 1952, the National Beauty Contest rules were adopted and judges from outside the area chose the queen.

In 1953, the queen contest was opened to any girl living in the county. The judges selected Marjorie Miller of Anna. Rebellion! No one ran for queen in 1954 to protest the rule of county-wide inclusion of girls. The rule was rescinded and Nancy Kelly was selected queen in 1955.

In 1956, Friday evening and additional events were added to the Saturday festival. The third Friday and Saturday of August were declared the dates of the festival. Joe Thomas, with a team of local talent, entertained the crowd from 1956 through 1964 with a minstrel show.

The Cobden Women's Club in 1958 set up a Peaches 'n Cream stand featuring homemade peach cobbler, ice cream and cakes they had solicited from local women along with sliced, fresh peaches.

In 1960 a professional carnival was added. The event became a homecoming and a popular venue for class reunions.

In 1964, once again, the Lions Club opened the queen contest to the entire county. No one objected. Times had changed.

A booth for the iconic Appleknocker basketball team of 1964 was provided for the boys to autograph plastic apples, with the proceeds going to the Thomas Crowell Memorial Trophy Room. A dunking booth was added and was a moneymaker through 1982.

The Cobden American Legion organized a Saturday afternoon parade in 1982.

The Cobden Lions Club has always used its Peach Festival proceeds for the benefit of the community, including:

A new fire truck in 1947 and help with another in 1972. Christmas baskets and eyeglasses for the needy, support for the Scouts and 4-H, the United Fund, the school band, the American Legion, the ball park and school groups are among those who over the years have benefited.

Beginning in 1958 and continuing through 1971, the Lions focused their attention and finances on the construction of a new medical building in Cobden to aid in securing much-needed doctors for the area.

The heat and humidity of August along with torrential rains never deterred the Lions from producing the festival.

Many peach crops were killed by late spring freezes, hail storms and minus 25 degree winter nights. Peaches were purchased and hauled in from other states.

World War II nor the Great Depression stopped Cobden's ode to the peach, but in 2020 an unseen, little-known virus put an end to the festival.



Big crowds come out at night each year to enjoy the Cobden Peach Festival.

Reprinted from April 1964

How Appleknockers Got Their Name

By Gerald E. Dawes

During the State Tournament at Champaign many people brought up the question, "How did the Appleknockers get their name?"

Some people said that an Appleknocker was a tall person who knocked apples out of the tops of the tallest trees, while others said an Appleknocker was a person who knocked apples out of trees in the spring to "thin" them.

"Thinning" refers to the process of using poles, rubber hoses, or sticks to knock excess fruit from limbs which have too many apples or peaches in a cluster.

If this is not done the fruit will overload the limbs and, in some cases, causes them to break or produce (a) smaller, poorer quality apple or peach.

To set the record straight, we called on Mayor Frank Petty of Cobden, who defines an Appleknocker as a person who "thins" apples.

So until someone produces evidence to the contrary, Mayor Petty's definition will have to be recognized as the most accurate of the two.

"Appleknockers" was adopted as the school nickname while Joe Hickey, who is now Principal of Glen Ellyn Junior High, was the basketball, baseball, and track coach at Coben High School nearly 35 years ago.

His daughter, Jo Ann (now Mrs. Jim Williams of Glen Ellyn) was only six months old at the time and was the team mascot.

The student body was allowed to choose between two names in a school election.

Principal G.E. Goforth wanted "Peachpickers", but Coach Hickey wanted "Appleknockers." "Appleknockers" won by a landslide and teams representing the school have been labeled that ever since.

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This story about Cobden appeared in a history of Union County which was written in the 1940s by Lulu Leonard:

Cobden, originally known as South Pass was laid out in 1857 and upon the completion of the Illinois Central was made a station.

The land was then owned by Benjamin L. Wiley, whose wife was Emily, the daughter of Winstead and Anna Davie.

The town was located on Section 30 of Township 11, Range 1 West, on the west side of the railroad.

The original plat was recorded May 28, 1857, but afterward other additions were made: Buck's addition west of the original plat; Hartline addition, south of Buck's; Frick's addition east of Hartline's and on the east side of the railroad; and Clemens addition, east of Wiley's.

Cobden was brought into existence by a real estate company whose office was in Anna.

Isaac N. Phillips located here February 1, 1858, as the agent of L. W. Ashley, Benjamin L. Wiley and J. L. Phillips. He occupied a log cabin just back of what became known later as the Phillips House.

In the summer of 1860, Richard Cobden, one of the owners of the Illinois Central and an Englishman, made a tour of the railroad and stopped at South Pass and, because he liked the climate, stayed a few days to picnic and hunt.

The town was then named Cobden in his honor and the railroad station was called Cobden.

The settlers who came to this part of the county, before 1850, like the others in the county were originally from North Carolina.

However among the settlers who came after the building of the railroad were many New Englanders, attracted by the suitability of this part of the country for growing orchards.

In May, 1858, Amos Bulin and Moses Land moved into Cobden and later in the summer Col. Bainbridge came and bought the Bell farm on Bell Hill east of Cobden.

Henry Ede lived in a house built in the Buck Addition and Jerry Ingraham, foreman of the repair shop of the railroad, lived next to his shop.

Thomas Baker built a house which was occupied by Isaac Phillips and later became known as the Roth Hotel.

The first store, kept by William Henry Harrison Brown was opened early in 1859. He sold out to Adam Buck because he had been indicted by the grand jury for selling a deck of playing cards.

The second store was opened by John Davis and the next by Frick and Lamer.

Mathias Clemens came during the time of the comstruction of the railroad and ran a boarding house for the workers.

LeBar and Davie built a mill about 1860.

The first school built in the town was a brick building costing $10,000. This was one of the first brick schools in the county.

The Presbyterian, the Congregational, the Methodist Episcopal and the Catholic were the first churches established in Cobden.

The Masons and Odd Fellows organized Cobden Lodge No. 466, A. F. and A. M., October 3, 1861 and Relief Lodge, No. 452, I. O. O. F. October 10, 1871.



B-I-N-G-O is a popular game played which is played each year at the Cobden Peach Festival.

A look back at Cobden businesses in 1870

Fifteen Cobden businesses were advertising in the Jonesboro Gazette newpaper around 1870.

Among the businesses were:

W.H. Eden, a boot maker. Renschler Nursery. Cobden Stove and Tin Shop.

LaBar and Davie's Cobden Mills (flour). Cobden Saddlery and Harness Manufactory.

Cobden Drug Store. P. Nutto, a manufacturer of furniture and coffins. South Pass Fruit Box Manufactory.

Richard Cobden paid visit to South Pass in 1859

(Editor's note: The following item is reprinted from the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society's "South Pass Revisited: A 150 Year History of Cobden, Illinois." The item makes reference to South Pass, which was Cobden's original name.)

In the spring of 1859 Richard Cobden, an eminent English statesman, member of Parliament, an ardent free trade supporter, and the man responsible for the repeal of the British Corn Laws, passed through the village of South Pass.

Richard Cobden strongly believed in the concept of equal rights and of helping the common man.

Even though Cobden has been referred to as "Sir Richard," he actually declined the royal title of "Sir" because he did not want to be elevated among others.

He was a major stockholder in the Illinois Central Railroad and had encouraged several associates to invest in the company.

He came to America to assess the railroad enterprise in which he had invested and to tour the United States. His trip included a visit with President James Buchanan.

South Pass was just emerging as a community but was attracting attention as a fruit and vegetable growing center.

Cobden traveled on the railroad from Chicago to New Orleans and made several stops along the way.

He does not mention South Pass or detraining in Union County in the diary he kept of his trip to America.

He does record "passing through Jonesboro" which he referred to as "the neighborhood of which is the garden of Illinois."

Cobden was either misinformed about the name of the community he was passing through or recorded the wrong name of the town in his diary because at that time there was no railroad through Jonesboro.

Regardless, South Pass was referred to informally as Cobden shortly after Cobden's trip to America.

The identity of the person responsible for the village's name change remains a mystery.

An article titled "Genesis of Refrigerator Car" from the October 1928 Illinois Central Railroad magazine stated that George B. McClellan, vice president of the railroad at the time of Cobden's visit to Illinois, renamed the town in honor of the distinguished visitor.

Another source claims that William Osborn, President of the ICRR, asked that the town be renamed Cobden.

The people of the area and the railroad company embraced the name Cobden although it was not officially changed to Cobden until September 9, 1901.

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The Cobden High School Marching Appleknockers band participates in the Peach Festival parade each year. The parade is held in the downtown Cobden area.

Recipes that are just peachy

By Dixie Terry

Peach season has arrived in Southern Illinois, where the tastiest peaches can be found.

Use some luscious Southern Illinois peaches in these recipes for the season.

Skillet Fried Peaches

5 medium peaches, sliced into 1/2-inch wedges, about 6 cups
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
1/4 cup butter
1 teaspoon almond flavoring

Toss together peaches, lemon juice, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt in medium bowl. Set aside.

Melt sugar and butter in a skillet over medium-high heat, stirring often, until mixture is bubbly, about 2 minutes.

Stir in peach mixture. Cook, stirring often, until softened and sauce is thickened, about 6 minutes. Stir in almond flavoring and remove from heat.

Let stand 5 minutes before serving with vanilla ice cream. 6 servings.

Peach Crisp

6 cups coarsely chopped fresh peaches, with skins on
1/2 teaspoon almond flavoring
1 cup flour
1 cup white sugar
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup cold butter, cubed

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Spray an 8-inch square baking dish or pan.

Place peaches in pan or dish. Add almond flavoring and gently toss.

Stir together flour, sugar, brown sugar, cinnamon and salt in a bowl.

Cut butter into flour mixture with a pastry cutter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Sprinkle topping evenly over peaches.

Bake until peaches are bubbling and topping is browned, about 45 minutes. 6 servings.

Peach Galette

One package pie crusts, at room temperature
Flour for dusting
1/4 cup light brown sugar, packed
1 tablespoon cornstarch
2 teaspoons grated lemon zest
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon ginger
1 1/2 pounds firm ripe peaches, cut into 3/4-inch wedges
1 teaspoon vanilla flavoring
1 tablespoon heavy whipping cream
Vanilla ice cream or whipped cream

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Position oven rack in bottom third of oven.

Unroll one pie crust on lightly floured surface and lightly brush top with 2 tablespoons water.

Unroll remaining pie crust and place on top of first pie crust. Roll stacked pie crusts into a 13-inch circle

Transfer to a large rimmed baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Refrigerate, uncovered, until ready to use, up to 15 minutes.

Whisk together brown sugar, cornstarch, lemon zest, salt and ginger in a large bowl until combined.

Gently stir in peaches, vanilla and lemon juice until peaches are fully coated. Arrange peach slices in an even layer in concentric circles on pie crust, starting from outside and leaving a 2-inch border around edges. Drizzle peaches with any remaining juices from bowl.

Fold edges of pie crust over fruit, pleating as needed. Brush crust with cream; sprinkle crust and fruit with sparkling sugar. Bake in bottom third of oven until filling is bubbling and crust is golden brown, about 50 minutes.

Let galette cool to room temperature on wire rack, about 30 minutes. Serve with ice cream or whipped topping. 8 servings.

Peach Butter Cream

1 1/2 cups butter
5 peaches, peeled and coarsely chopped
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 pounds powdered sugar
3 teaspoons vanilla extract
8-9 tablespoons whole milk

Cook butter in a small heavy saucepan over medium heat, stirring constantly, until butter begins to turn golden brown, 8-10 minutes.

Immediately, remove pan from heat. Pour butter into a freezer-proof bowl. Cover and chill until butter is cool and begins to solidify, about 1 hour.

Meanwhile, process peaches in a food processor until completely smooth. Pour peaches through a fine mesh strainer into a bowl and discard solids.

Place strained peaches in a small heavy saucepan over medium heat. Cook, stirring often, until reduced to 1/2 cup, 10 to 15 minutes. Cool completely, about 20 minutes.

Beat together the cooled butter and salt with a heavy-duty mixer on medium speed until creamy.

Gradually add powdered sugar alternately with reduced peaches, vanilla and milk, beating well after each addition.

Peach Caprese Salad

4 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese
2 cups torn leaf lettuce
1 medium peach, cut into wedges
1 large heirloom tomato, cut into wedges
1/2 cup loosely packed basil leaves
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
1/4 teaspoon flaky sea salt
1/8 teaspoon black pepper

Tear mozzarella into large pieces. On two large salad plates, arrange lettuce, peach wedges, tomato wedges, mozzarella pieces and basil.

Drizzle with olive oil and vinegar; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Makes two salads.

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FOR SALE: CITY OF ANNA, ILLINOIS - NOTICE OF SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY. Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-76-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code, the City of Anna has declared the following Surplus Property List, as surplus personal property and offers the same for sale.
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ORDINANCE NO. 24-03

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BE IT ORDAINED, that the Stinson Public Library District of the County of Union, State of

Illinois shall levy a tax of .02% of the value of all taxable property within said District, for building and maintenance purposes, subject to the right of the electors in said District to petition and require an election concerning the imposition of such tax, pursuant to 75 ILCS 16/35-5.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that within fifteen (15) days from the date of adoption of the

ordinance, it shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Stinson Public Library District and it is effective immediately upon adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands in Anna, Illinois this 29th day of July, 2024.

1. The specific number of voters required to sign a petition requesting that the question of adoption of the ordinance be submitted to the electors of the District is 924.

2. The petition must be filed on or before September 6, 2024.

3. The referendum would be held April 1, 2025.

Misty Yates
Secretary of the Board
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c/o Stinson Public
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UNION COUNTY
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REQUEST OF:
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CASE NUMBER 2024MR8

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from:
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to the new name of
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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
Petitioner
8221-944961

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

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

Filed this 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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Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
8221-945027

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

ESTATE OF: LARRY JOE BIRKHEAD, Deceased. 2024-PR-16

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Larry Joe Birkhead, of Union County, Illinois, on April 25, 2024. Letters of Office were issued on July 11, 2024, to his Independent Administrator, Blaze T. Birkhead, 194 Peaceful Lane, Carbondale, Illinois 62901, whose attorney is D. Brian Trambley, 803 W. Vine Street, P.O. Box 899, Vienna, Illinois 62995.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952 or with the representative, or both,

on or before January 27, 2025, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

/s/ D. Brian Trambley,
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County Line News

(Mill Creek and Upper Elco)

By Suzan Harvel

PAST Meets

PAST of Union County had a monthly meeting July 30.

Plans are underway for fall and Christmas activities, so please keep an eye on the paper for those events.

QR codes have been posted outside the PAST building and other buildings in and around Jonesboro. You can scan these codes to link to information about them. Keep a watchful eye out and see if you can find them all…I believe there are seven.

PAST's next meeting is planned at 6 p.m. Aug. 27 at the PAST House in Jonesboro. New members are welcome.

Heat Sticks Around

The heat finally decided to stick around and it seems the rain showers have stopped.

That generally means prepare to bake when you step outside. You might want to leave a window cracked in your car too, or you'll be spending precious time fanning the door before it's safe enough to sit inside.

We actually had a window implode from the heat many years ago. There were still bits of safety glass being found in that car when we traded it off six years later.

Most importantly, don't leave children, the elderly or pets in your vehicles. Get a sitter.

Visitors

Cheryl McKinney and her sister, Gaylen Tunberg, have been visiting with their father, Bon Kohler, of Mill Creek for the last couple of weeks.

Cheri was baptized this morning at the Mill Creek Baptist Church. Praises to our Heavenly Father and we are so proud of Cheri for taking that next step in her salvation walk.

Both of her parents, both sets of grandparents, her siblings, her aunts and uncles and two of her cousins have all been baptized at Mill Creek Baptist Church… there may be even a few farther back in the genealogy. It's a wonderful legacy and a testament to the family's faith and longevity at one church.

Lula Belle and Junior Tripp made it back safe and sound from their trip to Barkley Lake.

They had a wonderful time and were able to help celebrate their eldest daughter, Barbara, and her husband Bob Layman's 50th wedding anniversary.

They had their children and grandchildren on hand to celebrate and others, so it was a joyous family event. Congratulations, Barb and Bob.

Justin and Natalie Richardson and family are back from Tennessee. Clinton, Tonya and Ameila Marshall are back from Florida. Michael and Selina Sadler and family are back from vacation as well.

Time to get those kids ready for school. Many took advantage of the tax-free weekend to do just that. My eldest daughter and I were out among them, and with the exception of items ordered online, my grandkids are ready and are actually looking forward to it.

Mill Creek Baptist Church

Mill Creek Baptist Church plans to have a fellowship dinner on Sunday, Aug. 11, after morning services. All are welcome.

There was another profession of faith this morning too, and that's another cause to celebrate.

Brother Bobby Richardson brought his message from Hebrews 11, which is called the "Faith Chapter."

The writer of Hebrews lists in this chapter all the examples of God chosen in their walks of faith. From Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, to Rahab and so many others…their faith was strong and held up.

How strong is your faith? Are you exercising your faith? What has your faith done for you?

Putting your faith to work will bring you to salvation, it will help in your walk and service to God, it teaches us how to lead others; and ultimately, our trust and faith in God will be rewarded, just like it was to all of those mentioned above.

Prayer List

Those added to the prayer list are the following families who have lost loved ones: our church family mourns the loss of Albert Reynolds, please keep his family in your prayers; and our extended family is mourning the loss of John Sadler, also. Please remember them and the Ellen Eads family.

Also, please remember those who are ill: Eric Trexler, who had a stroke and is in the hospital in St. Louis; Richard Harvel, who has infection in both legs; Shirley Vines' daughter, Karen, whose cancer has come back; Gary Sullivan, who has cancer; Gary Rider, who is battling pain and infections from procedures done; Shirley Harvel for back pain; and while Jerry Richardson is doing better, he still needs our prayer.

Please take a moment to remember all of these folks and their families.

Union County Fixin's

By Suzan Harvel

Banana Cake
By Suzan Harvel

1/2 cup of butter, softened
3/4 cup of sugar
1 egg, beaten
1 cup smashed ripe bananas (about 1 1/2 bananas)
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 1/2 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup nuts, minced, if desired

Mix butter and sugar together until smooth. Add egg, bananas and vanilla and blend well. Add dry ingredients and nuts, then mix thoroughly with spoon.

Spray a 9-inch round cake pan with cooking spray and dust with flour. Pour batter into pan and bake at 350 for 25 to 30 minutes. Check center with toothpick to make sure it's done. Toothpick should be clean.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Aug. 4, Pastor Perry Williams spoke in the morning service about the story of Moses "and the importance of obedience and following the Lord and keeping His covenant. This should be on your mind daily." The message was based on scripture from Exodus and 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.

Music director Dee Rose led worship. Lucas Tehandon played the piano. Jerri Tehandòn sang a solo, "I am Yours."

Men's and women's Bible study groups were scheduled to meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 5.

The Living Longer and Loving It senior adult group planned to have a meeting and potluck meal Tuesday morning, Aug. 6.

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

Birthdays: David Whitaker, Aug. 1; Michael Freeman, Aug. 2; Rodger Goines, Aug. 5; Larry Treanor, Aug. 6; Lyman Eudy, Aug. 7; Larry Keller, Aug. 8.

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.

An Homage to Hometown Happenings

By Kate B. Jerome

No matter where my travels take me, I always seek out the local newspaper.

I know. My smartphone easily provides more detail about a town than I will ever need.

But the local paper does so much more. That's because it fits the many pieces of the community puzzle together. Where else can you get a glimpse of what a citizenry most values and fears – all within a few recyclable pages?

In the tiny town where I grew up, the local paper was a powerful tool – no doubt for many reasons beyond my young comprehension. However, I looked forward to the daily delivery for two simple reasons.

First, I loved to read the personal stories – from tragedy to triumph – about the people in my own community. It was the first inkling I had that I might be part of something larger than the family who lived at 12 Parkview.

Second, I couldn't wait to hear the interesting dinner conversations that some tidbit in the paper was bound to spark. Of course, my favorites were the most heated discussions. And when my parents resorted to spelling out words? Well, let's just say the training led to considerable success in my grade school spelling bees!

Decades of educational publishing experience later, I know my hometown paper was just one arrow in the successful child-raising quiver my parents used. But it was an important tool, and the outcomes it helped produce are still of the utmost importance today.

You see, building a strong sense of place plays a key part in a child's social and emotional development. When children connect with the community around them, it helps them develop their own personal identity. An added benefit is the sense of stewardship it often inspires.

And the value of generating meaningful conversations? In my view, it's off the charts. Too often in our busy world, dialogue with our kids tends toward the practical (Did you pick up your toys?) rather than the profound (Keep trying even when it's hard!). So any tool that inspires discussion of such issues as friendship and community should be deeply valued. Why? Because that's when our own stories of personal grit and resilience begin to flow.

And aren't those the kind of Hometown Happenings that we really want our children to remember?

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Kate B. Jerome is the author and series creator of two Read Together/Do Together children's book series from Arcadia Kids that are designed to jump-start meaningful conversations between kids and their favorite adults. A publishing executive, an award-winning children's book author, and a recent Fellow in Stanford's Distinguished Careers Institute, Kate is a passionate supporter of intergenerational communication.

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Obituaries

Betty L. Duschl



Betty L. Duschl, 99, of Jonesboro, died peacefully at home on Tuesday, July 30, 2024.

She was born on Aug. 20, 1924, in Union County, the daughter of Roy and Lena Wildy Brimm.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda Britt of Jonesboro; son Robert (Linda) Duschl of Fort Myers, Fla.; three grandchildren, Christie (Tim) Etherton of Murphysboro, Theresa (Caleb) Hale of Jonesboro and Timothy Duschl of Fort Myers, Fla.; two great-grandchildren, Liam and Hannah Hale; a sister, Carolyn Timms of Jonesboro; other extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant brother, Freddie Brimm; a brother, Harold Brimm; two sisters, Helen and Bernice Kelly; and a son-in-law, William Britt.

She was a faithful member of Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro for many years. She enjoyed cooking, baking and always was ready to make chicken and dumplings for church events.

She retired from Jonesboro Grade School, where she worked as a cook. She later worked for H.J. Hines Barge Company as a cook on the river boat. Her table was always welcoming to anyone with her bounty from the garden and warm pie from the oven.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro, with Pastor Mark Hasty officiating. Interment followed in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro or to Hospice of Southern Illinois.

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

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES

Marlene Flamm Rich



Marlene Flamm Rich, 92 of Marion, and formerly of Cobden, died Monday, July 22, 2024, at Parkway Manor in Marion.

She was born on Nov. 1, 1931, in Cobden, the daughter of Fred C. and Mae Hodges Flamm.

She married H. Gordon Rich on Nov. 1, 1949, in Cairo. He preceded her in death on July 11, 1996.

She is survived by her two sons, Steven C. (Jo) Rich of Marion and Chris (Linda) Rich of Hamilton, Ala.; three grandchildren, Steven Matthew (Becky) Rich, Jenni Jo Rich and C. Collin (Erin) Rich; numerous nieces and nephews; extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, H. Gordon Rich; two sisters, Ethel Mae Blunt and Audrey Ann Vitt; and a brother, Charles Flamm.

She was a member of the Heartland Christian Church in Marion. She loved having Bible study with her friends at Parkway. She was formerly a member of the Cobden Presbyterian Church.

She enjoyed singing in the choir and playing the piano. She was known to love crocheting, and later in life she enjoyed adult coloring books.

She cherished her time traveling with her husband in their RV and camping with their Cobden friends. She was proud to be part of the American Legion Auxiliary for World War II wives.

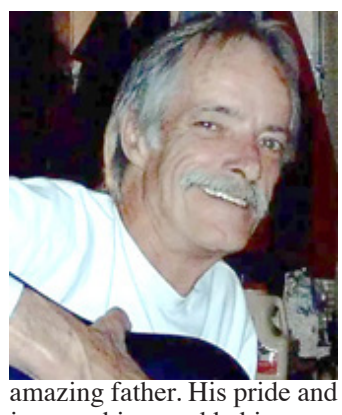
Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 25, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden, with Greg Gibbs officiating. Interment immediately followed in the Cobden Cemetery.

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.

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES

Richard Knight



Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning. I say to myself, "The Lord is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him! The Lord is good to those who depend on him, to those who search for him. So it is good to wait quietly for salvation from the Lord. For no one is abandoned by the Lord forever. Though he brings grief, he also shows compassion because of the greatness of his unfailing love. For he does not enjoy hurting people or causing them sorrow

Richard Knight was a beloved brother, friend, son and amazing father. His pride and joy was his grand babies.

Rick passed away July 22nd, 2024, in Christopher, Ill. He was surrounded by his family. Rick did not want a funeral but wanted a celebration of life.

Rick was 70 years old when he passed and left behind three daughters and one step son.

Donald Dean Pearson

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

Funeral arrangements were pending at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden.

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

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES

Ellen Jane Eads



Ellen Jane Eads, 92, of Anna, died Thursday, July 25, 2024, at Mercy Hospital Southeast in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on Feb. 24, 1932, in Jonesboro, the daughter of Cecil and Freda Dillow Craft.

She is survived by four sons, Larry Eads of Cobden, Bill (Yavonne) Eads of Cobden, Roger (Lisa) Eads of Anna and David Eads of Cobden; a daughter, Patti Eads Jackson of Anna; two sons-in-law, Jimmy Mount of Anna and Donnie Verble of Jonesboro; grandchildren Lisa (Marty) Penrod, Erika (Josh) Wheaton, Matt (Sara) Verble, Sara (Jacob) Livesay, Jessica (Troy) Matlock, all of Anna, Leslie (Jack) Doublin of Dongola, Aaron (Joline) Eads of Makanda and Chad (Brandy) Eads of Cobden; great-grandchildren Aurora Wheaton, Brianna, Mirranda, Barret and Summer Eads, Corey Penrod and Austin Doublin; great-great-grandchildren Vince Matlock and Leelah Verble; a brother, Ernest (Charlotte) Craft of Altenburg, Mo.; sisters Sharon Tuschhoff and Martha Barlow, both of Anna; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Donna Mount and Teresa Verble; a son, Bobby Eads; twin brother and sister James and Julie Eads; son-in-law Craig Jackson; brother Alfred Craft; a sister, Ada Clendenin; and many other cherished family members and friends.

She was a lifelong member of Gospel Assembly Church in Anna. She worked at Florsheim Shoe Company for many years and then at the Anna State Hospital (Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna) for 15 years.

She loved gardening and working with her flowers. She was a wonderful, hardworking mother who always put her family first. She was loved by many.

Funeral services for Ellen Jane Eads were at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Gaylen Holden officiating. Interment followed in the Anna Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Gospel Assembly Church.

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 Jonesboard was in charge of arrangements.

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES

Emerenciana Carmona

Emerenciana Carmona, 85, of Cobden, died Thursday, Aug. 1, 2024, at her home.

She was born on Aug. 20, 1938, in Mexico, the daughter of Jose and Angela Murillo Martinez. She and Mariano Carmona were married for 70 years.

Emerenciana is survived by her husband, Mariano; children Asuncion, Mariano, Salvador, Miguel, Amalia, Carmen, Nicolas, Rosario, Pedro, Gloria and Yazmin Carmona; 37 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by a daughter, Maria DeJesus.

Funeral Mass for Emerenciana Carmona was celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden, with Father Uriel Salamanca as celebrant. Interment followed in the Cobden Cemetery.

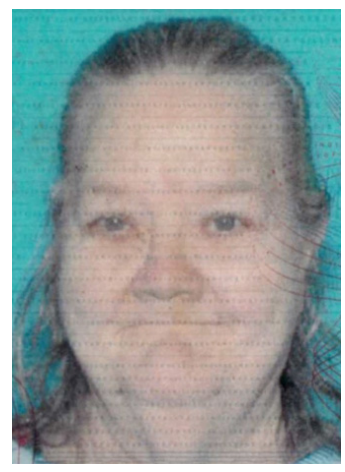
The Holy Rosary was said at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 5, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden.

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 Cobden was in charge of arrangements.

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES

Mildred L. Smith



Mildred L. Smith, 77, of Dongola, died Thursday, Aug. 1, 2024, at her home.

She was born on June 23, 1947, the daughter of Andrew Jackson and Ora Marie Pierce Harris.

She married William Eugene Smith. He preceded her in death on Dec. 12, 1999.

She is survived by her son, Thomas Wayne Smith of Dongola; a daughter, Mary Ellen Golden of Pound, Va.; a grandson, Andrew Claude Golden; a sister, Linda Thurston; numerous nieces and nephews; extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, William Smith; three brothers, Ray Stevens, Gene Bridges and David Harris; and two sisters, Lois Cavaness and Carolyn Murray.

Mrs. Smith was a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Dongola for many years. She worked for Florsheim Shoe Factory and later for Gilster Mary Lee until her retirement. She loved her family and will be dearly missed.

Graveside services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7, at Meisenheimer Mt. Olive Cemetery in Dongola, with the Rev. Victor Duckworth officiating. Interment immediately followed.

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

View Obituaries Online at annanews.com

Lonnie Hall

Lonnie Hall, 77, of Murphysboro, died Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

He was born on Jan. 10, 1947, in Springfield, Tenn., the son of Willie Earl and Eleanor Bilyeu Hall.

He married Victoria Roxanne Schuyler on March 10, 1972. She preceded him in death on Jan. 9, 2001.

He is survived by his children, Thomas Hall of Austin, Texas, Vanessa (Kevin) Holloway of Murphysboro and Lonnie (Jessica) Hall of Carbondale; a brother, Arthur Hall of Rockford; sisters Sheila O'Rourke of Chicago and Audrey Gallegos of Crystal Lake; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents and his twin sister, Bonnie Remillard.



Mr. Hall served in the U.S. Army. He was very fond of his dogs, but most of all, he loved his family. He will be greatly missed.

Private graveside services for Lonnie Hall will be held at the Cobden Cemetery. A celebration of life is being planned. Further arrangements will be announced soon.

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

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 HOMES

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A morning worship service was held Sunday, Aug. 4.

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

A message titled "The Power of Prayer and Fasting" was brought by the pastor. Scripture was from Mark, Isaiah, Matthew and Ephesians.

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.

Communion was served at the close of the service.

At Sunday evening's worship service, music was led by Pastor Wright and Trey Morrison. A message titled "Desperate Prayer" was brought by the pastor.

Birthdays: Teddy Anderson, Aug. 4; Marshall Ramage, Aug. 7; Abigail Hinkle, Aug. 10.

Anniversaries: Jason and Kathy Cook, Aug. 5; Jim and Tonya Hammer, Aug. 7.

Thursday, Aug. 8

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

Sunday, Aug. 11

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

Wednesday, Aug. 14

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

Camp Ground Church, Community

On Sunday, Bro. Easton concluded his sermon series titled "Forget Not All His Benefits," based upon Psalm 103. Sunday's study was on verses 7-18.

Psalm 103 opens and closes with the reminder of the importance of praising God and remembering the blessings He bestows.

The message shared that "God forgives, heals, loves and secures justice for the oppressed.

"God is compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love, will not remember our sins and will not punish us according to what we deserve.

"We need a healthy fear of the Lord: a reverent respect for our Creator and loving Father.

"God knows we are weak but He still wants us to grow and 'bloom' where we are 'planted.'

"Even in our problems, we need to praise God, which will give us peace."

Kayton Crane and her grandfather, Rodney Miller, took up the tithes and offerings.

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

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend. Contrary to some publicity circulating, the Union County Fair worship service sponsored by the Union County Alliance of Churches will be at 7 p.m. at the grandstand on Aug. 18.

Anyone wanting to participate in the community choir which will lead the worship service is invited to attend the final rehearsal Sunday, Aug. 11, at 4:45 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro.

Camp Ground Church plans to host its annual "Back to School" service, including prayers over the church's students, during morning worship Aug. 18. A potluck meal is planned following worship.

Camp Ground Church was happy to have members back in services with us Sunday after a hot week at the annual 9-Day Trail Ride in Pope County.

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.

Elks sponsor orthopedic assessment for children

South District Elks Lodges, in cooperation with the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation, are planning to sponsor a free children's orthopedic assessment clinic.

The clinic is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, at Marshall Browning Hospital, which is located at 900 N. Washington St. in Du Quoin, and is by appointment only.

Appointments can be made by calling the Illinois Elks Children's Care office at 800-272-0074 between the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. There are no charges for any services at this clinic.

Dr. Alan Froehling from Mount Vernon is scheduled to be the clinician.

No medical referral is necessary for the clinic, but physicians are welcome to refer patients to the clinic for a specific reason or second opinion.

School nurses also are welcome to refer children and families to the clinic.

Anna library plans events

Stinson Memorial Library in Anna has shared information on social media about two upcoming events. The library is located at 409 S. Main St. in Anna.

A back to school movie showing of "Elemental" is set for 1 p.m. Aug. 12.

Getting ready for college will be the focus of a "FAFSA Night at Stinson" event planned from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 22.

Information is available by contacting the library or visiting its Facebook page.

Giant City offers photo, canoeing programs

Giant City State Park near Makanda is planning to offer programs about outdoor photography and canoeing.

The programs are free and open to the public. Registration is required. To register, or for more information, call the visitors center at 618-457-4836.

Outdoor Photography

An outdoor photography workshop is scheduled from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, at the park.

Local photographer and nature enthusiast Jennifer Wharton will share tips on how to improve photography skills.

Those who want to attend are invited to bring their camera phone or fancy camera for a hands-on workshop all about photographing nature.

Wharton will share some go-to technical, composition and lighting tips which are designed to improve photographs. Space is limited.

Canoeing

A "You Too Can Canoe" program is planned from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17.

Participants will join the Giant City State Park Naturalist at nearby Lake Murphysboro State Park for a casual paddle around the lake in the morning.

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.

Positive West Nile test in Jackson County

Routine mosquito testing has identified the first batch of mosquitoes to test positive for West Nile virus in Jackson County in 2024.

The Jackson County Health Department reported in a news release that the mosquitoes were collected Aug. 2 near Murphysboro.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird.

One out of five people who are bitten by an infected mosquito will experience illness, with symptoms such as fever, nausea, headache and body aches within three to 14 days of the bite. In rare cases, illness such as encephalitis and meningitis, with lingering complications and even death, are possible.

Public health officials note that individuals can reduce their risk of West Nile illness and other mosquito-borne diseases by practicing the three "R's": reduce, repel, report.

Television Listings

THURSDAY AUGUST 8, 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)	(5:00) 2024 Paris Olympics (Live)	Big City	House of the Dragon	**"San Andreas"** ('15)	(5:45) **"Erin Brockovich"** ('00) Julia Roberts.
:30			Local			Bang (HD)		Big City			
7 PM	Press Your Luck (HD)	Young	Don't (HD)	2024 Paris Olympics *"Primetime"* (T)		Bang (HD)		Hailey's	**"Elizabeth Taylor: Tapes"** ('24)	**"Altitude"** ('17) Denise Richards.	
:30		Ghosts				Bang (HD)		Hailey's			★★★ **"Irena's Vow"** ('24) Sophie Nélisse. (HD)
8 PM	Lucky 13 (HD)	(:01) Elsbeth (HD)	Ramsay's Food Stars		Little League World Series *"Teams TBA"* (Live)	Bang (HD)		Moon Girl			
:30						Bang (HD)		Miraculous	(:45) ★★★ **"Something's Gotta Give"** ('03) Jack Nicholson.	(:28) **"Everest"** ('15, Thriller) Jason Clarke.	
9 PM	Who Wants to Be a	Fire Country (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*			Jokers		Miraculous			
:30						Jokers		Miraculous			**"Burning at Both Ends"** ('21) Cary Elwes.
10 PM	Local	Local		Local		★★ **"Paul Blart: Mall Cop"** ('09) Kevin James.		Jessie		**"Out of Time"** ('03, Thriller) (HD)	
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		2024 Paris Olympics *"Late Night"*	Sports			Jessie			
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)		2024 Paris Olympics	Miraculous	House of the Dragon		
:30	Nightline	Midnight						Miraculous			

FRIDAY AUGUST 9, 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)	(5:00) 2024 Paris Olympics (Live)	Big City	**"Uncut Gems"** ('19)	**"Scott Pilgrim"** ('10)	**"Outlaw Posse"** ('24)
:30						Bang (HD)		Big City			
7 PM	Shark Tank (HD)	Lingo *Host RuPaul.*	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (HD)	2024 Paris Olympics *"Primetime"* (T)		★★★ **"Hitch"** ('05, Comedy) Will Smith. (PG-13) (HD)		**"Movie"**	★★★★ **"The Dark Knight"** ('08, Action) Christian Bale. (HD)	★½ **"The Prince"** ('14) Jason Patric.	★★★½ **"The Hateful Eight"** ('15, Western) Samuel L. Jackson. (R) (HD)
:30											
8 PM	(:01) 20/20 *Investigative news.* (HD)	S.W.A.T. (HD)			Little League World Series *"Teams TBA"* (Live)					★★½ **"Death Race"** Jason Statham.	
9 PM		Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*			(:22) **"Guess Who"** ('05, Comedy) Bernie Mac.		Big City			
:30								Big City	House of the Dragon		
10 PM	Local	Local		Local				Big City		(:16) ★★½ **"Friday the 13th"** ('80) Betsy Palmer.	**"Everything Everywhere All at Once"** ('22)
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		2024 Paris Olympics *"Late Night"*	Sports			Big City			
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)		2024 Paris Olympics	Miraculous	**"Wonder Woman"** Gal Gadot.		
:30	Nightline	Midnight				**"Hitch"**		Miraculous			

SATURDAY AUGUST 10, 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	UFC Fight Night *"Main Card"* (Live)	**"Doctor Strange"**	(5:00) 2024 Paris Olympics (Live)	Villains	**"Terminator"** ('09)	★★½ **"Strangers"** ('18)	**"Enemy"** Jude Law.
:30								Kiff			
7 PM	TBA	NCIS: L. A. (HD)		2024 Paris Olympics *"Primetime Weekend"* (T)		★★★★ **"Thor: Ragnarok"** ('17) Chris Hemsworth. (HD)		**"Movie"**	**"Taken"** ('09) Liam Neeson. (HD)	**"Krampus"** ('15) Allison Tolman.	★★★ **"One Life"** ('24) Anthony Hopkins. (HD)
:30	To Be Announced *Info unavailable.*										
8 PM		48 Hours (HD)						(:40) Kiff	★★½ **"Ride Along 2"** ('16) Ice Cube.	(:38) ★★½ **"Splice"** ('10) Adrien Brody. (R) (HD)	
:30								Big City			
9 PM		48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs		Top Rank Boxing on ESPN (Live)	(:45) **"Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2"** ('17) Chris Pratt.		Big City			**"The Perfect Storm"** ('00) George Clooney.
:30								Hamster	(:20) House of the Dragon (HD)		
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs *Local info.*	I Can See Your Voice	Local				Hailey's		**"The Strangers"** ('08)	
:30				2024 Paris Olympics (T)				Bluey			**"Southpaw"** ('15) (R)
11 PM	Local Programs		Local Programs		SportsCenter (HD)		2024 Paris Olympics	Bluey	**"Planet"**	**"Assassin"**	

SUNDAY AUGUST 11, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	MasterChef (HD)	2024 Paris Olympics *"Primetime Weekend"* (T)	MLB Baseball (Live) (HD)	**"Infinity War"** ('18)	(5:00) NASCAR Cup Series *"Richmond"* (Live)	**"The Rise of Red"**	**"Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire"** ('24)	**"The Losers"** ('10)	(5:05) ★★½ **"Shaft"** ('19)
:30											
7 PM	Videos *Reel comedy.*	Tulsa King	Krapopolis			Bang (HD)		Primos		**"Get Shorty"** ('95) John Travolta.	Mayor of Kingstown
:30			Krapopolis			Bang (HD)		Primos			
8 PM	To Be Announced *Info unavailable.*	Big Brother (HD)	Krapopolis			Bang (HD)	Post Show	Primos	Industry (HD)		To Be Announced
:30			Krapopolis			Bang (HD)	Throwback	Big City		(:45) ★★½ **"The Family"** ('13) Robert De Niro.	
9 PM		Tracker *"St. Louis"*	Local Programs	2024 Paris Olympics	SportsCenter (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	(:05) Industry (HD)		To Be Announced
:30						Bang (HD)		Big City			
10 PM	Local Programs *Local info.*	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (Live) (HD)	Jokers	Law & Order: SVU *Serial rapist.*	Big City	Last Week		(:05) **"The Wolf of Wall Street"** ('13, Crime)
:30				(:35) 2024 Paris Olympics (R)		Jokers		Chibiverse	(:50) Industry (HD)	(:37) ★★½ **"Gemini"** ('18) Lola Kirke.	
11 PM		Local Programs	Local Programs			**"Infinity War"** ('18)		Bluey			
:30							(:21) SVU	Bluey			

MONDAY AUGUST 12, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	MLB Baseball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	9-1-1 *"Crash & Learn"*	Big City	(:20) Last Week (HD)	(5:04) **"The Box"** ('09)	**"Rocky Balboa"** ('06)
:30			Local			Bang (HD)		Big City			
7 PM	The Bachelorette (HD)	NCIS (HD)	Name Tune (HD)	American Ninja Warrior *Endurance course.*		Bang (HD)	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	Miraculous	Industry (HD)	**"Up in the Air"** George Clooney.	Mafia Spies (HD)
:30						Bang (HD)		Miraculous			
8 PM		NCIS: Sydney (HD)	The 1% Club (HD)			Bang (HD)		Miraculous	(:05) **"Date Night"** ('10) Tina Fey.	**"White Men Can't Jump"** Wesley Snipes. (R)	★★★ **"Tropic Thunder"** ('08) Ben Stiller. (HD)
:30						Bang (HD)		Miraculous			
9 PM	(:01) Family Feud (HD)	NCIS: Hawai'i (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*	The Wall (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	Dad (HD)		Primos			
:30						Dad (HD)		Primos	Last Week		
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (Live)	Dad (HD)	Throwback	BUNK'D	(:15) Hard Knocks '24		★★★★ **"Pulp Fiction"** ('94) John Travolta. (HD)
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)		Dad (HD)	**"The Fast and the Furious"** ('01)	BUNK'D		(:46) **"Gangs of New York"** ('02)	
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)	Dad (HD)		Bluey	**"Translation"** ('03) (R)		
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night		Dad (HD)		Bluey			

TUESDAY AUGUST 13, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	ESPN Films (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	**"Wonder Woman 1984"** ('20) Gal Gadot. (HD)	★½ **"The Prince"** ('14)	(5:50) **"Tombstone"** ('93) Kurt Russell. (R) (HD)
:30						Pre-Game		Big City			
7 PM	Family Feud (HD)	FBI *Protect America.*	Beat Shazam (HD)	America's Got Talent *Talent search.* (HD)		MLB Baseball *Los Angeles Dodgers at Milwaukee Brewers* (Live) (HD)	WWE NXT (Live) (HD)	Big City		**"The Strangers"** ('08) Liv Tyler.	
:30					In the Arena *"EP. 5"*			Big City	Hard Knocks '24		**"Outlaw Posse"** ('24) Mario Van Peebles. (R)
8 PM	Judge Steve Harvey	FBI: International	The Quiz with Balls					Big City		**"The Witch"** Anya Taylor-Joy. (R)	
:30								Big City			
9 PM	What Would You Do?	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs *Local info.*	Password (HD)	The Ultimate Fighter		(:12) **"The Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent"** ('22)	Big City	(:59) Industry (HD)		
:30								Big City			
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (Live)	Post-Game		Raven Home	(:01) Hard Knocks '24	(:59) **"Brooklyn"** ('15, Drama) Saoirse Ronan.	**"The Kid"** ('19) Ethan Hawke. (HD)
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)		B/R		Raven Home			
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)	Family		Bluey	House of the Dragon		
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night		Family	**"Talent"**	Bluey			**"Boogie"**

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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	Little League World Series *"Teams TBA"*	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	**"Terminator"** ('09)	**"The Weekend"** ('18)	★★ **"Boomerang"** ('92)
:30						Bang (HD)		Big City			
7 PM	Who Wants to Be a	Big Brother (HD)	MasterChef (HD)	Chicago Med (HD)		All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite	Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous	Hard Knocks '24	**"Hot Summer Nights"** ('18) (HD)	**"Training Day"** ('01) Denzel Washington. (HD)
:30								Miraculous			
8 PM	Claim To Fame (HD)	The Real CSI: Miami	Ramsay's Food Stars	Chicago Fire (HD)	ESPN Films (HD)		Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous	★★★½ **"Watchmen"** ('09, Adventure) Malin Akerman. (HD)	**"Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son"** ('11)	
:30								Moon Girl			
9 PM	Shark Tank (HD)	Tracker *"Lexington"*	Local Programs *Local info.*	Chicago P.D. (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	Family	Law & Order: SVU	Hailey's			(:05) **"Brooklyn's Finest"** ('10, Crime) Richard Gere. (HD)
:30						Family		Hailey's			
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (Live)	Family	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie			
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)		Family		Jessie	★★½ **"Knox Goes Away"** Al Pacino. (R)	★★½ **"Flashdance"** Jennifer Beals.	
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)	Family	Law & Order: SVU	Bluey			
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night		Family		Bluey			**"Thunder"**

THURSDAY

7:00pm

FOX Don't Forget the Lyrics! Host Nicey Nash welcomes guests to a revival of the popular trivia show which tests contestants' musical knowledge. TVPG (HD)

8:00pm

PARSHO Irena's Vow ★★★ (2024, Drama) Sophie Nélisse, Dougray Scott. A Polish nurse who tends to wounded Nazi soldiers risks her life to secretly conceal Jewish refugees within the walls of her home. R (HD)

FRIDAY

7:00pm

HBO The Dark Knight ★★★★ (2008, Action) Christian Bale, Michael Caine. A new district attorney joins Batman in the fight against crime, but the grandiose attacks of a giggling psychopath plunge Gotham City back into fear. PG-13 (HD)

8:00pm

CBS S.W.A.T. A Los Angeles-born S.W.A.T. sergeant struggles to maintain a delicate balance between his loyalty to the city he was raised in and those he works with. TV14 (HD)

SATURDAY

7:00pm

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

8:35pm

HBO Ride Along 2 ★★½ (2016, Comedy) Ice Cube, Kevin Hart. Detective James Payton reluctantly takes his brother-in-law, Ben Barber, with him to Miami in order to investigate a lead related to a drug ring. PG-13 TV14 (HD)

SUNDAY

7:00pm

FOX Krapopolis "Ty's Tail Tale" Shlub steps in after Tyrannis is possessed by his dead grandfather; Hippocampus and Stupendous unleash chaos on the city after bringing home a pregnant pegasus. TV14 (HD)

8:45pm

MAX The Family ★★½ (2013, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Michelle Pfeiffer. A mafia family finds it to be more difficult to fit in than they had expected when they're relocated to Normandy, France under the witness protection program. R

MONDAY

7:00pm

CBS NCIS "The Stories We Leave Behind" The team mourns Ducky even as they set out to solve one of his unfinished cases involving a woman whose father was dishonorably discharged from the Marines. TV14 (HD)

8:05pm

HBO Date Night ★★½ (2010, Comedy) Tina Fey, Steve Carell. When a New Jersey couple pretends to be another couple during a night out, two thugs approach them and demand a flash drive they don't know anything about. PG-13 (HD)

TUESDAY

7:00pm

ABC Celebrity Family Feud "Flavor Flav vs Bobby Lee and Donny Osmond vs Ken Marino" Rapper Flavor Flav competes against comic Bobby Lee as they answer survey questions to win big before musician Donny Osmond takes on actor Ken Marino. TVPG (HD)

8:00pm

CBS FBI: International "Cowboy Behavior" While in Bulgaria, the Fly Team tracks down a wanted criminal accused of exploiting underage American girls; Forrester asks Raines to keep an eye on Powell. TV14 (HD)

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm

MAX Hot Summer Nights ★★★ (2018, Drama) Timothée Chalamet, Maika Monroe. When a teenage boy decides to spend his summer visiting his aunt in Cape Cod, starts dealing drugs and secretly dating the sister of his criminal partner. R (HD)

8:00pm

HBO Watchmen ★★★½ (2009, Adventure) Malin Akerman, Billy Crudup. A group of retired superheroes returns to action to solve the murder of one of their own and discovers a conspiracy that may provoke a nuclear war. R (HD)

Opinion and Commentary

Illinois 4-H to lead parade at state fair

In celebration of youth in agriculture and the growth and diversity that continues to expand access to the state's number one industry, Illinois 4-H will serve as Grand Marshals for the annual Twilight Parade at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield.

The 2024 Twilight Parade is set for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, today, at the state fair. The Illinois State Fair is scheduled Aug. 8-18.

Illinois 4-H provides opportunities and experiences for all youth in Illinois through over 190,000 4-H experiences in all 102 counties in Illinois. Illinois 4-H experienced a 13 percent growth throughout the last year, with minority youth making up 30 percent of all youth served through educational programs.

"We have prioritized agricultural education programs for all youth in Illinois because today's young people will become tomorrow's agricultural leaders," Gov. JB Pritzker said in a news release. "It is an honor to announce that Illinois 4-H will serve as Grand Marshals for the annual Twilight Parade. I look forward to another successful fair celebrating Illinois agriculture."

"The Twilight Parade is a beloved state fair tradition, and I am grateful to 4-H participants and leaders for accepting the invitation to serve as Grand Marshals," said Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton. "I can't think of a better way to lift up agriculture than by showcasing those next in line to feed Illinois' communities and nourish our shared land. Ag really does connect us all."

"4-H captures the spirt of agriculture in Illinois," said Jerry Costello II, Illinois Department of Agriculture Director. "I couldn't be happier to watch ag education programs continue to grow in both rural and urban communities, expanding opportunities through hands-on experience and exposure to the industry."

Illinois 4-H has more than 6,100 youth who participate in the state fair each year through various projects, supported by their families, 4-H staff and volunteers.

"Illinois 4-H continues to innovate and lead the 4-H movement at a national level. Providing nearly 200,000 program experiences across the state, Illinois 4-H is empowering youth with the skills they need to thrive in the present while building a strong foundation for success in the future," said Lisa Diaz, national 4-H Work Readiness director/assistant dean and director of Illinois 4-H. "Recently released research has shown 4-Hers are resilient, confident life-long leaners; two times more likely to feel competent; two times more likely to feel positively about their well-being and two more likely to live life with purpose."

"Illinois 4-H is honored to be serving as the Grand Marshal for the parade at the Illinois State Fair," said Kevin Carey, acting director of 4-H youth development and senior program lead, Positive Youth Development. "4-H represents a diverse group of youth who are finding belonging in their local, statewide, and nationwide opportunities. We hope that our continued presence and engagement as an organization inspires and invites any youth interested in pursuing their passions. 4-H shapes future leaders by providing hands-on experiences, fostering skills and instilling a project-based mentality."

Homelessness likely to lead to significantly reduced life expectancy

People experiencing homelessness are likely to have a significantly reduced life expectancy and are more likely to be the victim of a violent assault or homicide, according to a report prepared for the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, by the University of Illinois Chicago, UIC, School of Public Health.

The "Illinois Homelessness Morbidity and Mortality Report 2017-2022" is only the second report on the mortality of people experiencing homelessness undertaken by a state government, after the 2023 Minnesota Homeless Mortality Report.

The report, which draws on statewide hospital records and death certificates, was developed as part of an ongoing multi-agency effort by Illinois state government to promote housing access and stability across the state.

The effort is led by the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, OPEH, which works with IDPH and other state agencies through the Illinois Interagency Task Force on Homelessness to deepen strategies to prevent and end homelessness.

The report highlights the scope of health issues disproportionately faced by people experiencing homelessness and the need to increase health-promoting interventions.

"Housing is an important social and structural determinant of health," IDPH director Dr. Sameer Vohra said in a news release.

"Only the second report of its kind in the United States, the information presented draws into sharp focus the enormous toll that homelessness takes on unhoused Illinois residents, and the health system that works to care for them.

"The report diagnoses the problem, but it is only the first step. With partners across government, community, academia, and the private sector, the State of Illinois will move forward to design new and improve our current programs and policies to address disparities and achieve optimal health for our residents."

"The health inequities highlighted by this report are stark. The findings validate what we have long understood: all people need safe, affordable housing to live healthy lives," Illinois Chief Homelessness Officer Christine Haley said.

"Homelessness is the product of generations of inequitable public policies. We must choose to collectively chart a new path- one that strengthens communities by prioritizing access to housing, particularly for our most marginalized neighbors."

IDPH intends for the report to be a tool to help partners communicate and understand the health inequities facing this population and to shape policies and programs to address these inequities.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



July 28...clouds billowed into the sky over Cobden during the evening. The photographer (that would be me) did a little magic in Photoshop to highlight the steeple at the First Baptist Church in Cobden...just to give an idea of the immensity of the clouds.

The Journey Through Life is just peachy...

Once again this week, we'll be offering a little bit of this... and a little bit of that...and some pics of the sky...

...a "weather map" posted online shortly before 7 o'clock Tuesday evening, July 30, was rather interesting. "Watches, Warnings & Advisories" for parts of Southern Illinois (including Union County), Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky were featured. The map showed a tornado warning...a severe thunderstorm warning...a flash flood warning...a severe weather statement...an excessive heat warning...a severe thunderstorm watch...a heat advisory...a flood advisory...a flood watch...a special weather statement...a hazardous weather outlook...and not a single word about the wind chill or snow...

...by the way...our local weather observer reported that we had no snow in July...

...as you may have noticed, I like to take photos of squirrels. They're cute. Silly. Photogenic. I've not quite figured out why the critters seem to need to scamper higher in a tree when I take pictures of them munching on a treat of some sort. I guess they must think I want to steal their goodies...

...speaking of critters...

...last Friday, your writer went on a shopping trip. Such adventures are not really my cup of tea, but sometimes they just have to happen.

...while wandering aimlessly through the aisles of a local retailer, I experienced what we'll just call a "first" on a shopping trip.

...well, I think it was a first...because until Friday, I had never seen a raccoon in a shopping cart being pushed by a customer. As you might guess, the raccoon was getting a lot of attention. I stopped and had a brief chat with the human being who was accompanying the critter, which, it turns out, is a pet...that apparently likes to go shopping...

...another critter note...I have finally been noticing cicada choruses during recent sultry summer evenings. I am pretty sure, though, there are not millions...or billions...of the bug-eyed bugs out looking for love...

...on a personal note...The Other Half is "back home" after a rather lengthy absence...and a bittersweet ending to a chapter on The Journey Through Life.

...we'll close with a peachy thought...

...the Cobden Peach Festival is coming up this Friday and Saturday. A lot...as in a whole lot...has transpired in your writer's life since the last Peach Festival which took place a year ago. This week, we're offering a bit of a "tribute" to a former toiler at The Paragraph Factory in honor of the Peach Festival... We're going to once again say that the weather for the big celebration in Cobden should be just peachy...

...enough for this week. Make plans to attend the Peach Festival in Cobden. And be sure to look up in the sky...you just might see some really neat clouds...



July 30...the sky over Cobden after a round of stormy weather.

Be Sure to Attend the Cobden Peach Festival
Friday and Saturday, August 9-10
Presented by the Cobden Lions Club