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News Notes

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

A major park improvement project and its potential impact on the Union County Fair were addressed by a very well attended Anna City Council meeting last week. Anna officials declared their commitment to the continued success of the fair. More on this to come...

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The City of Anna hosted a recent meeting of 16 Southern Illinois mayors. Issues of concern to rural communities were addressed.

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Union County CEO program students paid a recent visit to the Union County farmers market in Anna. The students did a scavenger hunt to see what is offered at the farmers' market, which takes place on Tuesday mornings.

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A worship service is set for 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at historic Kornthal Church near Jonesboro.

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Anna-Jo Garden Club plans to have a fall perennial plant sale Saturday, Sept. 14. The sale is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Anna-Jo Garden Club Park in Anna.

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Cobden High School's Marching Appleknockers band spent Saturday, Sept. 7, at Band Day at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. Bands from throughout Illinois participated in event.

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Shawnee School District music teacher Dee Rose was in the winner in a "Favorite Teacher Contest" sponsored by K103 radio in Cape Girardeau. Rose, one of five finalists, was nominated by former student Megan Murray.

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The Shawnee School District 84 welcomed grandparents (and grandparent substitutes) for a Grandparent's Day picnic.

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The Lick Creek Foundation's 14th annual four-person golf scramble is planned Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Union County Country Club in Anna. Tee times are set for 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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Lick Creek School is welcoming individuals and businesses who may be interested in sponsoring the school's sports program. A goal of 40 sponsors has been set.

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Anna Junior High School's marching band earned second place honors at this year's Cache River Days parade in Ullin.

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Dongola School's 8th grade class officers include president Skyli Zinn, vice president Aden Lingle, secretary Bo Duke and treasurer Sam Sevenski.

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Tropical storm's remnants may bring heavy rain

The remnants of what was Tropical Storm Francine early this week may bring some much-needed rain to the region.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported Tuesday morning that Tropical Storm Francine was expected to become a hurricane before making landfall in Louisiana Wednesday afternoon.

The system was forecast to move north along the Mississippi River and weaken, eventually reaching the Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky region by early Friday.

As the system approaches, showers and storms with heavy rainfall are expected to overspread the region Thursday afternoon and evening (today).

As of Tuesday morning, the weather service reported that the greatest rainfall will occur across portions of Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky Thursday afternoon/night and may continue into Friday.

A map posted on the website for the weather service office in Paducah showed that the Union County area may receive 2 to 3 inches of rain.

Drought Update

A U.S. Drought Monitor update on Thursday, Sept. 5, showed that area counties were experiencing either abnormally dry or moderate drought conditions.

Abnormally dry conditions were reported in most of Union and Johnson counties and in all of Jackson and Williamson counties.

Moderate drought conditions were reported in a small part of southwest Union County. Moderate drought conditions also were reported in south/southeast Johnson County.

Moderate drought conditions were reported in all of Alexander, Pulaski and Alexander counties.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported early this week that very dry conditions were expected to continue through Wednesday.

Dry conditions were expected to produce a heightened risk of fire danger on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

Record Low Temperatures Monday

After a weekend with cool, fall-like temperatures, warmer weather was expected by midweek. Cooler weather is expected to return by Thursday, today, and Friday.

The weather service office reported that record low temperatures were set Monday morning in Carbondale, Cape Girardeau and Paducah.

The low in Carbondale Monday morning was 41 degrees, which broke the record of 42 set in 1986.

The low in Cape Girardeau also was 41, which broke the record of 47 set in 2004.

The low in Paducah was 44, which broke the record of 48 set in 1986.

The weather service office reported that temperatures fell into the upper 30s at several sites in the region.

A low of 41 was recorded Monday morning near Jonesboro by local weather observer Dana Cross.

Constitution Week event planned in Jonesboro

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

A Union County celebration of Constitution Week is scheduled to begin Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds at 521 N. Main St. in Jonesboro.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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'September 11, 2001...Never Forget'...

The terrorist attacks on the nation on September 11, 2001, once again are being remembered with a display at Anna City Hall. The banner and American flags have been displayed in front of city hall for a number of years.

'Idea of Democracy in Southern Illinois' event to feature 10 of region's historians

Artspace 304 and Illinois Humanities announce the upcoming presentation of "The Idea of Democracy in Southern Illinois, from 1700 to Present."

The event is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at the Murphysboro Event Center. The center is located at 1329 Walnut St. in Murphysboro.

The event is free but requires online preregistration. Preregistration is available at https://b2ndxndf.paperform.co/.

Organizers said that 10 of the region's historians will share the important, and very relevant, history about how the idea of democracy evolved through the region from the 1700s until today.

The afternoon will be broken into four eras, with the dividing lines being the appearance of the French among the indigenous peoples, the declaration of American independence, the end of the Civil War, and the lead up to World War II.

Speaking from the perspective of different populations, each talk will explore: Who belonged? and Who decided who belonged?

The answers will vary, based on the era and the identity of the person. For example: Were they a farmer, a soldier, female, indigenous or of black heritage?

Speakers are scheduled to include Jane Adams, Kay Carr, Darrel Dexter, Tony Girard, John Jackson, Aaron Lisec, Sharon Person, Kay Rippelmeyer, Judy Simpson and Judy Travelstead.

The event is made possible through funding from the Illinois Humanities Foreground Rural Initiative in partnership with Artspace 304.

It was developed as a collaboration of members of the Illinois Humanities Hub of Jackson and Union counties.

Illinois Humanities activates the humanities through free public programs, grants and educational opportunities that foster reflection, spark conversation, build community and strengthen civic engagement.

Illinois Humanities is a nonprofit organization and the state's affiliate for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Artspace 304 supports Southern Illinois' diverse and vibrant cultural arts community by growing leadership, education, funding, connections and regional economic development.

Shawnee Hills Wine Trail in Southern Illinois

'Fine wines, great outdoors are perfect pairing'

By Celeste Huttes
Illinois Farm Bureau Partners

While the proverbial "road not taken" might appeal to poets, wine lovers prefer a trail well-traveled. In the southernmost stretch of Illinois, the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail proves that fine wines and the great outdoors are the perfect pairing.

A Wine Trail Is Born

The roots of the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail stretch back 40 years ago to a visionary farmer.

"It all started in 1984 when Guy Renzaglia established Alto Vineyards by planting five acres of then-unheard-of grape varieties...Chancellor, Chambourcin, Vidal and Villard Blanc...that are now widely accepted by Midwestern wine drinkers," says Carol Hoffman of the Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau.

"Word got out, curiosity grew and by the time the winery was built and the first wine released in 1987, people were standing in line waiting to buy this new Illinois wine as fast as the crew could label it."

By the summer of 1995, the owners of Pomona Winery and Owl Creek Vineyard had joined Alto Vineyards and, with the help of local tourism bureaus, Illinois' first wine trail was born.

Today, the trail spans 40 miles and 12 wineries, each offering striking views and their own unique spin on fine wine, good food and fun times.

In 2006, the region earned the prestigious American Viticultural Area designation, recognizing Shawnee Hills as a unique wine grape growing region.

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Shawnee Hills Wine Trail

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Along with eccentric wines, the area boasts a range of outdoor activities and other attractions, plus views that will take your breath away.

"Along the trail, you'll encounter an array of specialty shops, farms, unique eateries, art galleries and a growing number of breweries," Hoffman says. "And the Shawnee National Forest provides some of the most beautiful scenery in the Midwest."

Peaches & Dreams

According to Hoffman, the trail adds an estimated $126 million to the local economy every year and welcomes 150,000 visitors, including people like Jenny Schroeder.

When not working as a nurse anesthesiologist, Jenny's favorite pastime involved visiting wine trails in Illinois and Michigan with a group of friends.

During one visit, Jenny had an "aha! moment" while chatting with a server.

"She mentioned that she had friends who had retired and opened a winery," Jenny recalls. "It hit me like a lightning bolt that maybe my husband, Scott, and I could do that, too."

The unexpected dream became a reality when the Schroeders, originally from Watseka, purchased the Peachbarn Winery & Cafe in Alto Pass in 2020.

Scott, a former construction contractor, volunteer fire chief and beer-over-wine guy, began learning the ropes of grape farming and winemaking.

Jenny took the reins of managing and rebranding the business, which had previously specialized in traditional Swedish food and formal dining.

"We try to stay authentic to our roots," Jenny says. "The Peachbarn Winery & Cafe is in a real barn that was once a livestock and produce barn built in 1946. The kitchen used to be a horse stall, and the rental suite in the basement was once a manure pit...it's fun to tell guests that."

The Schroeders grow red grape varietals Corot noir and Chambourcin, which is similar to Merlot, and Chardonel, a white grape similar to Chardonnay...and, of course, peaches.

"We only make wine from grapes that grow right here," Jenny says. "We are definitely known for our Peach Fuzz wine...it's pretty unique. It's like biting into a fresh peach. In the winemaking world, if you're making a non-grape-flavored wine, you typically start with a white wine base. But our peach wines are 100 percent peaches. Even more unique is that we have a dry peach wine, too."

From the sangria to the salads, the Schroeders strive to incorporate seasonal, locally sourced ingredients into their menu, like the lavender that grows at the farm just down the road every June.

"It's really fun to feature something from local farms in our creations," Jenny says. "The farms and restaurants in this region are mutually supportive. We all try to source ingredients from area producers."

Camaraderie vs. Competition

The mutual support helped seal the deal for the Schroeders to do business in Southern Illinois. It becomes even more critical today as area grape growers navigate challenges related to weather and higher costs.

"There is an obvious camaraderie in the way the Shawnee Hills wineries support each other and emphasize each other's strengths," Jenny says. "Even as a customer, I could see the cohesiveness of the trail. As winemakers and wineries, we want to produce the highest quality and most regionally authentic wines."

From the sweet peach wines and rustic charm of Peachbarn Winery & Cafe to the Apple Knocker hard cider and outdoor entertainment at Owl Creek Vineyard near Cobden, you'll find something special at every stop along the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail.

As the trail's slogan suggests, you may come for the wine but you'll stay for the experience, which Jenny learned firsthand.

"It's gorgeous down here, and the people are really laid back and friendly," she says. "The Shawnee Hills Wine Trail has always been my happy place."

Planning a Visit...

Planning a visit to the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail? Carol Hoffman with the Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau offers some tips.

Choose four to five wineries to visit in any one day. This allows you ample time to learn something about each winery and experience its full tasting experience without overwhelming your palate.

If you have a large group, call ahead. This helps the wineries better prepare for your visit.

Stay overnight and make the most of your visit. Many of the wineries offer lodging options, and there are many lodging opportunities along the trail, from cabins to bed and breakfasts, to make your visit more enjoyable.

Consider booking a shuttle to drive you around.

Mark Your Calendars

Every year, the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail hosts popular wine-and-food pairing events on the first weekends in March, August and November.

A tasty way to experience the entire trail, each winery offers a mouth-watering bite paired with their wine of choice. Tickets are required.

For event updates and more information, visit shawneewinetrail.com.

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Giant City volunteer among those honored by IDNR

Eleven individuals and organizations have been recognized as 2024 outstanding volunteers of the year for their volunteer efforts on behalf of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR.

Nancy Cottom, a volunteer at Giant City State Park near Makanda, is one of those honored by IDNR.

Cottom has volunteered at Giant City State Park in Southern Illinois for the past eight years.

She and her dogs, Arlow and Kelsey, greet visitors at the park and are known as Giant City's "bark rangers."

She has done everything from answering visitor questions to general office work and directing traffic with a smile.

"IDNR is blessed to have marvelous volunteers, and their work is vital to the operation and upkeep of Illinois state parks, historic sites, state museum facilities and nature preserves," IDNR director Natalie Phelps Finnie said in a news release.

"Volunteering can be hard work, but it's important work that benefits everyone who enjoys IDNR sites throughout the state. I'm pleased to recognize their extraordinary efforts on behalf of the people of Illinois."

Constitution Week

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

The aims of the Constitution Week celebration are to:

•Emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution.

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

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

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

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

The Daniel Chapman Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Long Knives Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution are sponsoring the United States Constitution 2024 essay competition.

The theme for the essay competition is "Why is the Constitution still important today since it was written over 200 years ago?"

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

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

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

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

Sponsors of the event include Looking for Lincoln, the PAST organization of Union County, the Shawnee Hills Arts Council, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Sons of the American Revolution, the U.S. Forest Service/Shawnee National Forest and local scout troops.

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American Legion Post 178 in Villa Ridge is planning to host its third annual Stars and Stripes UTV ride on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 5.

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Shawnee Community College planned to host voter registration events Wednesday, Sept. 11, at its main campus near Ullin and at its extension center in Anna.

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The Southern Illinois Fellowship of Christian Athletes is hosting Faith and Family Night at the SIU football game on Saturday, Sept. 14.

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The upcoming schedule of events at Giant City State Park near Makanda includes a program about reptiles at 10 a.m. on Sept. 21 and a program about supporting pollinators at 2 p.m. on Sept. 28.

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Southern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days are scheduled Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 28-29, at John A. Logan College at Carterville.

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The latest episode of Southern 7 Health Department's podcast highlights an upcoming Cancer Warriors Walk for Hope which is scheduled in October in Metropolis.

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The River-to-River Trail Society once again is planning to offer a series of free guided hikes this fall in the Southern Illinois area. The first hike is planned Oct. 5 at Jackson Hollow in Johnson County.

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The fall 2024 class of the Shawnee Community College Highway Construction Careers Training Program is underway.

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The Illinois Secretary of State's office has launched the Lifesaving Education and Awareness on Donation program which enables high school students to serve as "ambassadors" for the Illinois Organ and Tissue Donor Program.

Treatment plant project completed

Illinois American Water reports that construction of a new $10.9 million groundwater treatment plant was completed in August in the Cairo District.

The now operational groundwater plant was built on the site of the original water treatment plant, which utilized the Ohio River as its source of water supply.

Illinois American Water officials said in a news release that the permanent switch to a groundwater supply was necessary to meet U.S. EPA regulations on surface water plants and it provides local customers with a more reliable, efficient source of water supply.

'This is what really happened...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Diaper Drives underway

National Diaper Need Awareness Week is Sept. 23-29.

In an effort to draw attention to an unmet need in the lower seven counties in Illinois, Southern 7 Health Department plans to hold "Bundles of Joy" Diaper Drives throughout its service region in September.

Donations will support families served through the department's Head Start and WIC programs.

Locations, dates and times are scheduled to include:

Cobden, Dollar General Store, Sept. 12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sept. 13, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Vienna, Dollar General Store and Family Dollar, Sept. 20, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Sept. 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Metropolis, Big John Grocery, Sept. 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sept. 24, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Anna, Edward Jones, 1000 Leigh Ave., Sept. 26, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Anna, Kroger store, Sept. 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sept. 28, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Diapers and monetary donations to purchase diapers will be accepted at each Diaper Drive location.

For those who are not able to visit a Diaper Drive in their area, donations will also be accepted at Southern 7 Health Department public health clinics and Head Start sites in Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski and Union counties through the end of September.

Smokey Bear, Woodsy Owl celebration set

A celebration in honor of the birthdays of Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl is planned Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress.

The celebration is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The wetlands center is located at 8885 State Route 37 South. All ages are welcome.

Smokey Bear is celebrating his 80th birthday this year. Woodsy Owl's 53rd birthday is this year.

Activities planned at the celebration will include Smokey trivia, Pin the Hat on Smokey, a color and craft corner, a Woodsy story trail and scavenger hunt, learning about fire safety and a chance to meet Smokey and Woodsy.

A singing of "Happy Birthday" to Smokey and Woodsy is planned at 2 p.m.

More information about the celebration is available by calling 618-657-2064.

Worship at Kornthal

Worship at Kornthal will be held at 2 pm. Sunday, September 22. The service feature special music with Carla Anderson's young voices. Kornthal is located 2 miles south of Jonesboro off Illinois 127.

Anna-Jo Garden Club
Fall Perennial Plant Sale

Straight from our garden to yours!

Saturday, September 14th
8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
at the Anna-Jo Garden Club Park
Corner of E. Vienna and Old 51 S

Members of the Anna-Jo Garden Club have donated perennials and herbs from their gardens to be sold at very reasonable prices. Some of the donated plants include Hostas, Lilies, Cannas, Irises, Ferns, Annabelle hydrangeas, Perennial Geraniums, Pollenator Flowers for butterflies and bees, Houseplants, Trees, and Shrubs.

Gardening related items will also be for sale, including Bird Houses, Aprons, Gloves, & T-Shirts.

August weather

Temperatures near normal in region, precipitation averaged drier than normal

Temperatures in August in the Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky region averaged right near normal.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported in an August climate review that precipitation averaged drier than normal across most of the region.

Temperatures

The month started with highs mostly in the 90s from the 1st through the 6th. A cooler stretch followed from the 7th through 14th, with highs in the low to mid 80s most days.

A brief heat wave bumped temperatures back into the 90s from the 15th through 17th before another extended cool down occurred from the 18th through the 22nd.

The coolest high temperatures of the month occurred on the 21st, when readings were only in the mid to upper 70s. Lows fell into the 50s during much of this time, and several locations even reached the upper 40s on the morning of the 22nd. This included Carbondale, which tied a record low of 47.

Temperatures then returned to the 90s from the 23rd through 30th, with the stretch from the 26th through 29th particularly hot with readings in the mid 90s to low 100s.

Cape Girardeau reached 102 degrees on the 29th, which was its warmest temperature since July 2012.

Fortunately, the weather service office noted, humidity levels were lower, so heat index readings largely remained under 105.

The last day of the month featured cooler temperatures in the lower half of the 80s due to plenty of clouds and scattered showers and storms.

Precipitation

Precipitation averaged drier than normal across most of the region, with amounts generally ranging between 0.5 of an inch to 2.5 inches. This was roughly 1 to 2.5 inches below normal for August.

The one exception was across western portions of Southeast Missouri from Ripley into parts of Carter and Butler counties. This area received amounts of 3 to 7 inches.

The highest observed amount was 7.08 inches at a CoCoRaHS station in Ripley County, Missouri.

Nearly 70 percent of the region was considered abnormally dry on the Drought Monitor by the end of the month. A small part of Southeast Missouri was in moderate drought.

Weather

High 91, low 41; no rain recorded

Temperatures during the period of Sept. 3-9 in the Union County area experienced a swing of 50 degrees, ranging from a high of 91 degrees to a low of 41.

No rainfall was recorded in the area.

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

Tuesday, Sept. 3: high 82, low 56.

Wednesday, Sept. 4: high 85, low 63.

Thursday, Sept. 5: high 91, low 60.

Friday, Sept. 6: high 87, low 62.

Saturday, Sept. 7: high 74, low 50.

Sunday, Sept. 8: high 74, low 44.

Monday, Sept. 9: high 78, low 41.

4-H Regional Showcase held

Southern Illinois 4-Hers demonstrated their knowledge and skills during the recent 2024 Du Quoin State Fair.

A 4-H Regional Showcase was offered through a partnership involving University of Illinois Extension and the Du Quoin State Fair.

The showcase was held on three separate days. A general show was held on the weekend before the fair featuring project areas like aerospace, visual arts, photography, food and nutrition, robotics and more.

The first evening of the fair eatured a goat and sheep livestock show, with a swine, beef and dairy show held the following day.

During the inaugural event, 98 youth showcased 322 projects.

Young people from Union County were among those who received honors.

Sheep Show

Market Ewe, Reserve: Mikala Schultz (Union County).

Swine Show

Market Gilt, Reserve: Knox Colboth (Union County).

A-JCHS family mourns tragic passing of assistant football coach Nick Dillon

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School family is mourning the loss of assistant football coach Nick Dillon.

The school shared the following message on social media:

"It is with profound sadness that Anna-Jonesboro Community High School acknowledges the tragic passing of Assistant Football Coach Nick Dillon who died in a car accident on September 4, 2024.

"Coach Dillon, who was just beginning his first season with our school, joined the football program with a vibrant energy and passion for the game. Despite his brief time with us, Coach Dillon quickly became a beloved member of our team. Nick made an immediate impact on both our athletes and coaching staff, embodying the values and spirit of A-JCHS.

"Our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathies are with Coach Dillon's family, our football team, and all of those who were touched by his life as we mourn this profound loss."

Coach Dillon sustained fatal injuries in a single-vehicle traffic accident which occurred on Illinois Route 127.

Funeral services for Coach Dillon were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro.

Immediately following the service, the A-J Huddle Club hosted a meal in the cafeteria at A-JCHS.

A complete obituary for Coach Dillon can be found elsewhere in this week's paper.

Lawyer in Library programs scheduled in area communities

Each month at local public libraries in the First Judicial Circuit in Southern Illinois, volunteer attorneys are working to help self-represented litigants through the Lawyer in the Library program.

Organizers of the program note that with locations across the Southern Illinois region, free legal advice is available nearby.

The Lawyer in the Library program provides patrons needing help with a legal issue an opportunity to sit down with an attorney for a private, one-on-one, approximately 20-minute session, to receive advice or help with legal documents.

There is no fee, but preregistration is required at most locations.

On the date of a session, those seeking assistance are advised to check in at the library registration desk and bring paperwork pertaining to their legal question or situation, if applicable. The program may be limited to one visit per patron.

More information about the program, as well as preregistration to speak to an attorney, are available by contacting one of the participating libraries.

The upcoming schedule for the program in Union County area communities includes:

Anna: Stinson Memorial Public Library, 618-833-2521. Attorney Gene Turk, Sept. 19, noon to 2 p.m.

Carbondale: Carbondale Public Library, 618-457-0354. Attorney Gene Turk Sept. 18, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Attorney Christine Heins Sept. 19, noon to 2 p.m.

Mounds: Mounds Public Library, 618-745-6610 (quarterly sessions). Attorney Julian Valdes, Sept. 14, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Olive Branch: Dodge Memorial Public Library, 618-776-9200. Attorney Julian Valdes, Sept. 12 and Sept. 26, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Vienna: Vienna Carnegie Public Library, 618-658-5051. Attorney Julian Valdes, Sept. 20, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Those involved with the program voiced their appreciation to the following for their support:

Chief Judge William J. Thurston, First Circuit judges and circuit clerks, volunteer attorneys, library directors, library program coordinators and other library staff members.

Each Lawyer in the Library program is initially launched with a Self-Represented Litigant/Access to Justice Improvement Grant, ATJ Grant, funding through the Access to Justice Division, Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts.

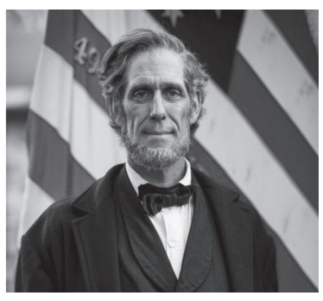
The programs continue with each volunteer attorney coordinating with the library and the Office of the Chief Judge, Brenda Sprague, executive assistant to the chief judges and ATJ Grant coordinator. www.firstcircuitil.org.

Constitution Week USA

LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATES

Celebration of Constitution Week and the 166th Anniversary of the Lincoln Douglas Debates
Sep 14, 2024
4:30-5:30 pm Games, Crafts, and Music by the Students of Anderson Studio
5:30 pm Ceremony
at the Lincoln Memorial Park (Lincoln/Douglas Debate Site), 521 N Main St, Jonesboro, IL

- **4:00 pm: Smart Bus shuttle from Jonesboro Square will run through the event**
- **4:30-5:30 pm: Kids' Activities - Hoop Rolling Race, Make Jacob's Ladder/Whirligigs, 3-Legged Race, Sack Race, Tug of War, Jump Rope, Corn Hole, and more!**
- **Bring a bell to join in the ringing of bells**
- **A 21-gun salute will occur with cannon shots and rifles fired. Refreshments Afterwards.**



5:30 pm: Brief Ceremony with Guest Speaker President Lincoln portrayed by Randy Duncan.

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To The Finish: Luke 2:52

To be successful Christians, we must not just begin the race but complete our portion. Through knowing Jesus, Christians can find examples of how to pattern their lives and please God.

To endure to the finish, we must know Jesus. Many television programs and movies portray Jesus (Caucasian, shoulder-length dark blonde hair, trimmed dark blonde goatee, blue eyes, many times with an English accent). Even though this description is highly unlikely, we should be concerned with knowing Jesus. Christ asked his disciples a similar question. Matthew 16:13-15. Who do you believe Jesus is?

To endure to the finish, we must know the Godhead. The Godhead means "the divine power and nature" of the one true, living God. The Godhead includes three distinct personalities: God the Father, The Word, or Jesus Christ, and The Holy Ghost, or Holy Spirit. All three are equal in power, Colossians 2:9, BUT there are not 3 gods!

To endure to the finish, we must be like Him. We must strive to be like Him, 1 Peter 2:21. Christ grew in wisdom, and so must we. Christ grew physically, and so must we. Christ grew spiritually, and so must we. Christians cannot have stagnant lives; either we are growing to God or growing to the world. Christians need to pay attention to how they cultivate their intellectual, physical, and social lives. These lives should be guided by the spiritual. To be guided by the spiritual means following Christ's commandments.

Have you believed His words? Have you repented from your past life of sin? Have you confessed that Jesus Christ is the Son of God? Have you been baptized for the remission of your sins? What are you waiting for?

Ryan Thornsberry,
Anna Church of Christ

A-J class of 1967 reunion luncheon set

Members of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School class of 1967 are planning to have a 57th class reunion luncheon.

The luncheon is set for noon Saturday, Oct. 19, at Giant City Lodge near Makanda.

The cost will be $28 per person. Checks, made payable to A-J Class of 1967, can be sent to Brenda Kapper, 3457 New Town Lake Dr., St. Charles, Mo. 63301.

Payment also will be accepted at the reunion on the day of the event.

Yellow Moon Rising officially open in Cobden



Yellow Moon Rising in Cobden opened its doors in July. Photo provided.

The Yellow Moon Restaurant was purchased many years ago as a building set for destruction in the main street Cobden area.

Owner Mike White restored the building and added a full basement. Over the last 10 years, several small businesses utilized the space.

In September 2023, Belinda Hill and Mattie White, MD, leased the space and began renovations. Yellow Moon Rising officially opened its doors in July.

The owners shared in a news release that Yellow Moon Rising is an intimate event center with pop up experiences. The event center is located at 110 N. Front St. in downtown Cobden.

Yellow Moon Rising features two types of rentals. The front room coordinates table seating, a stage for performances and bar services.

The second available area features a certified commercial kitchen. The kitchen area may be rented with the front room, or independently.

For those wanting to sell food products created in the kitchen, appropriate documentation is required.

Yellow Moon Rising also features special events and experiences each month for customers. Activities for September include:

Sept. 14: Farmer's Market Dinner featuring local grower's fruits and vegetables paired with prime rib. This three-course, sit down dinner will be served from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sept. 21: Pumpkin Spice, Paint Your Partner (on canvas). This fun experience will provide customers with canvas, paints and snacks, including individual charcuterie boards, pumpkin soup and fall inspired desserts.

Sept. 21: Flannel and Flames. This special event features white chicken chili, vegetarian chili, bratwurst with onions and peppers along with a flaming s'more cocktail.

Details can be found on Yellow Moon Rising23's Facebook page. All tickets sold through Ticket Tailor for customer

SIU political, debate experts expected Harris to be formidable for Trump

Political and debate experts at Southern Illinois University Carbondale saw the Tuesday, Sept. 10, presidential debate between Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump as an opportunity for Harris to further introduce herself to the nation.

And they predicted Harris would be a more formidable debate opponent for Trump than previous challengers.

"Harris is quick on her feet and presents a lethal blend of charm and toughness," said John Shaw, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute director.

Shaw said Harris "is also very disciplined" and was "not likely to get trapped into petty exchanges with Trump."

He said Harris would "probably have a handful of zingers ready that relate to Trump's status as both the presidential nominee of a major political party and a convicted felon."

Shaw said Harris was likely to have referred to Trump "as small, unserious and petty... as a grifter, a loser, even a clown." He said Harris would "present herself as the candidate for the future and Trump as the candidate for a dark and troubled past."

Todd Graham, professor of debate in the SIU School of Communication Studies and a regular contributor and debate expert for CNN and CNN Opinion, said it was important for both candidates to have sought what undecided voters are looking for and "focus on those important issues."

For Trump, that would have meant emphasizing inflation and immigration; for Harris, "progress and change toward better."

John Jackson, a visiting professor with the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, has been watching presidential debates since the 1960 debate between John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon.

Jackson said he believed none have been as "consequential" since the June 27 debate between Trump and President Joe Biden...a performance that derailed Biden's quest for a second term and placed Harris as the Democratic Party's nominee.

Jackson said the "spotlight and the pressure" would have been Harris and how she performed against Trump.

Trump, he said, would "simply be the same Trump we have all become very familiar with since he declared his candidacy the first time in 2015. His dedicated base will continue to support him no matter what he says or does in this debate. The crucial question is: How will the independents and the undecided voters react to his performance?"

Jackson said Harris needed "to make her own case and not be distracted or intimidated by Trump's bluster." Doing so with confidence would have meant that Harris continues, or even boosts, the momentum she has, Jackson said.

Kenneth Mulligan, an associate professor of political science in the SIU School of Anthropology, Political Science and Sociology, said the debate was different for voters.

"Usually, debates matter little, if at all, because most voters have already made up their minds," he said.

"However, given that some voters are still being introduced to Harris, as well as her and Trump's histories of spotty previous debate performances, and especially, the sheer closeness of this election," Mulligan said the debate could have easily been "the most consequential presidential debate in a generation."

Graham said Trump "almost never answers the questions" and prefers to speak in "bombastic hyperbole" where he makes claims "but rarely backs them up with evidence, and if he does, the data never has a warrant connecting his data to his claim or conclusion." Rarely staying on topic, Trump's "go-to strategy" is the "Gish gallop."

Graham said Trump would "make a ton of assertions during his speaking time" and "not many of them" would be related to the question. "It's the 'throw a bunch of stuff against the wall and see what sticks' method of arguing."

Trump walks a fine line when it comes to being assertive or appearing as mean, demeaning and aggressive, Graham said.

For Harris, she needed to avoid Trump's Gish gallop attacks and "excessive anger" if she was interrupted. She needed to avoid "answering all of his attacks at the expense of your own answer to the question."

But Graham said Harris' previous debates have been a "mixed bag," with only one one-on-one debate against former Vice President Mike Pence in 2020, where her laid back demeanor worked well.

Harris had a chance to do something neither 2016 presidential candidate Hillary Clinton nor Biden could do, challenge Trump on stage and put him "on the defensive with the addition of humor and assertiveness," he said.

"On the other hand, there's a reason Clinton and Biden didn't go there," he said. "The fine line between being clever and biting and being rude isn't so clear as one would hope. This technique could backfire if not properly practiced and coached. This would be the high risk but high reward choice for Harris."

Shaw agreed that Trump would look for ways to rattle Harris, to shake her confidence, to lose her poise and get her to snap. He said Trump would "link Harris to Biden and allege a failed Biden-Harris administration that is both incompetent and radical," he said.

Shaw predicted the debate would not be one for "policy wonks" or require viewers to have watched "with calculators or spreadsheets."

He said the debate would be "about broad themes, punches and counter punches." Shaw said he did not expect the debate to be pretty. He did expect it to be interesting.

Graham added that he will write a book someday on moderating debates. His advice for moderators is to "improve immediately," which includes fact checking and making candidates answer questions.

"If I could have any other job, it would be to train debate moderators," Graham said. "They are the reasons the debates are so bad."

Wellness on Wheels Van Clinics scheduled

Southern 7 Health Department, S7HD, has announced Wellness on Wheels, WOW, Van Clinics are scheduled in the area during September.

The schedule of visits includes:

Sept. 18. Ullin Police Department, Ullin. 9:30 a.m. to noon. Dollar General Store, Karnak. 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sept. 25. Shawnee Community College Extension Center, Cairo. 9 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Clinic dates, times and available services are subject to change without notice.

The health department reminds the public that it offers STD and HIV testing and free condoms on the WOW van and at each of its seven public health clinics in the area.

Free services which are available include NARCAN training, blood pressure checks, home colorectal cancer tests (FIT), medication disposal packets, COVID test kits and condoms.

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

Charged services, excluding a well water test, require a health insurance card.

All services, both free and charged, will be offered while supplies are available on the day of service.

Flu shots will be provided to patients based on vaccine availability on the day of the clinic and while supplies last. Health insurance cards are required.

Southern 7 advised that those who want to request a COVID-19 booster should contact their local public health clinic for details.

Through a grant funded by the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, Southern 7 Health Department provides many health care services through IDPH WOW Van Clinics.

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

The Wellness on Wheels van is a multidisciplinary unit which is available to the Southern Seven Health Department through a partnership with IDPH to provide health screenings and other services.

IDPH partners with health agencies and hospitals to provide staff and services at the Wellness on Wheels van at sites where people can come for medical services.

No appointment is needed for services. Walk-ins are welcome.

More information about the WOW programs, upcoming dates and learning how to become a sponsoring location is available by contacting Sharyl Betts at 618-634-2297, extension 970154, or by visiting S7HD on Facebook, Instagram and X, through the Southern 7 app and at www.southern7.org.

Get Down music fest scheduled

The Little Grassy Get Down, a music festival featuring predominately original acoustic Americana music and activities for all ages, is scheduled at Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Touch of Naure Outdoor Education Center Oct. 11-13, and tickets are on sale now.

A Kids Zone will offer a variety of activities for children, including arts and crafts, story walks, the Mr. Bill Kids Show and more.

Vendor Alley will feature assorted arts, crafts, décor and other merchandise.

For more information, visit the festival website at ton.siu.edu, call 618-453-1121 or email ton@siu.edu. Volunteer are also needed to help with the event.

Report: Illinois sees increase in successful unionization efforts for second year in row

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SPRINGFIELD – Overall participation in labor unions has declined in recent years in Illinois, although the state has seen an increase in successful unionization efforts for the second year in a row.

That's according to the State of the Unions 2024 report, the latest installment in an annual review of unionization in Illinois and the United States by the Illinois Economic Policy Institute and the University of Illinois' Project for Middle Class Renewal.

ILEPI is a nonprofit research organization with a board of directors that's closely tied to organized labor.

The study found that Illinois saw 86 successful union petitions in 2023, up from 67 the year before.

Those are the two highest totals in a 10-year period dating back to 2014. The prior eight years ranged from 25 to 62 successful petitions.

"When you see a couple of positive years where you're seeing growth in in numbers, it does suggest that there's some change in the labor market, there's some change in worker attitudes, there's some change in the strategy of union organizers," Robert Bruno, a report co-author and director of the Project for Middle Class Renewal said in an interview. "It all suggests a positive turn."

The successful petitions led to 4,399 additional workers being unionized in 2023, down from 9,497 in 2022.

"That's from coffee shops to hospitals to cannabis producers to top-ranked universities," said Frank Manzo, a report co-author and economist with ILEPI, said. "You know, private and nonprofit workers successfully organized dozens of workplaces, showing that the labor movement is gaining traction in new and emerging industries."

Despite the increase in private sector unionization efforts, the percentage of Illinois' workforce that is unionized dropped below 13 percent for the first time in the 10-year period surveyed.

At 12.8 percent, Illinois had the 13th-highest unionization rate among all states. A total of 707,829 people in Illinois were unionized in 2023, down from nearly 847,000 in 2015.

The public sector unionization rate has declined by a total of 4.1 percentage points since the U.S. Supreme Court handed down a decision in Janus vs. AFSCME, from 52.1 percent to 48 percent.

That ruling put an end to public sector unions being able to charge fees to individuals who benefit from union representation but choose not to join the union.

Those fees, often referred to as "fair share" fees, helped unions better negotiate wage and benefit structures for all employees, regardless of whether they are part of the union.

Without them, Manzo said, unions are required to represent those individuals without compensation.

"It is true that the most significant contributor to the declines in Illinois' unionization rate has been drops in worker bargaining power in the public sector that was sparked by a 2018 Supreme Court decision," Manzo said.

Another contributor to union participation decline is that the economy has added jobs in sectors with "low union densities," like management, professional services, e-commerce and the gig economy, he said.

At the same time, careers with long-standing union ties, such as mining and manufacturing, have either grown more slowly or "been lost altogether," he said.

But he added that other states, including many surrounding Illinois, have enacted "right-to-work" laws, which create "Janus-like conditions" in the private sector.

The Illinois' Workers' Rights Amendment, an amendment to the state constitution that was approved by voters in 2022, "effectively bans those so-called right-to-work laws from ever coming to the state," Manzo said.

"And the data show that states that protect workers rights, like Illinois, have higher wages, faster wage growth and stronger unions compared to those that have weakened collective bargaining rights," he said.

While Illinois' unionization rate was 12.8 percent in 2023, nearby states that have right-to-work laws, including Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky and Wisconsin, had rates ranging from 7.1 percent to 8.8 percent.

Average hourly earnings in Illinois were $36.82 in 2023, compared to rates of $28.82 to $31.84 in the four neighboring right-to-work states, although Illinois' cost of living is generally higher than in those states, which don't have a city comparable to Chicago's size.

Illinois' wage growth from 2017 to 2023 was an average of 4.6 percent higher than those four states, based on the study's review of the U.S. Department of Labor's Current Population Survey data.

Unionized Illinois workers earn about 12.6 percent more than non-union workers, per the same analysis.

The study found Black workers, men, military veterans and workers with master's degrees have the highest unionization rates in Illinois.

Nationally, the United States added 135,000 new union members in 2023, following a gain of 277,000 union members in 2022, according to the report.

Unions are also seeing near record-high support, with 67 percent of respondents viewing them favorably, per a Gallup poll cited in the report.

"Despite dealing with an economy in transition and facing considerable legal challenges, unions are organizing new industries and improving job quality," Manzo said.

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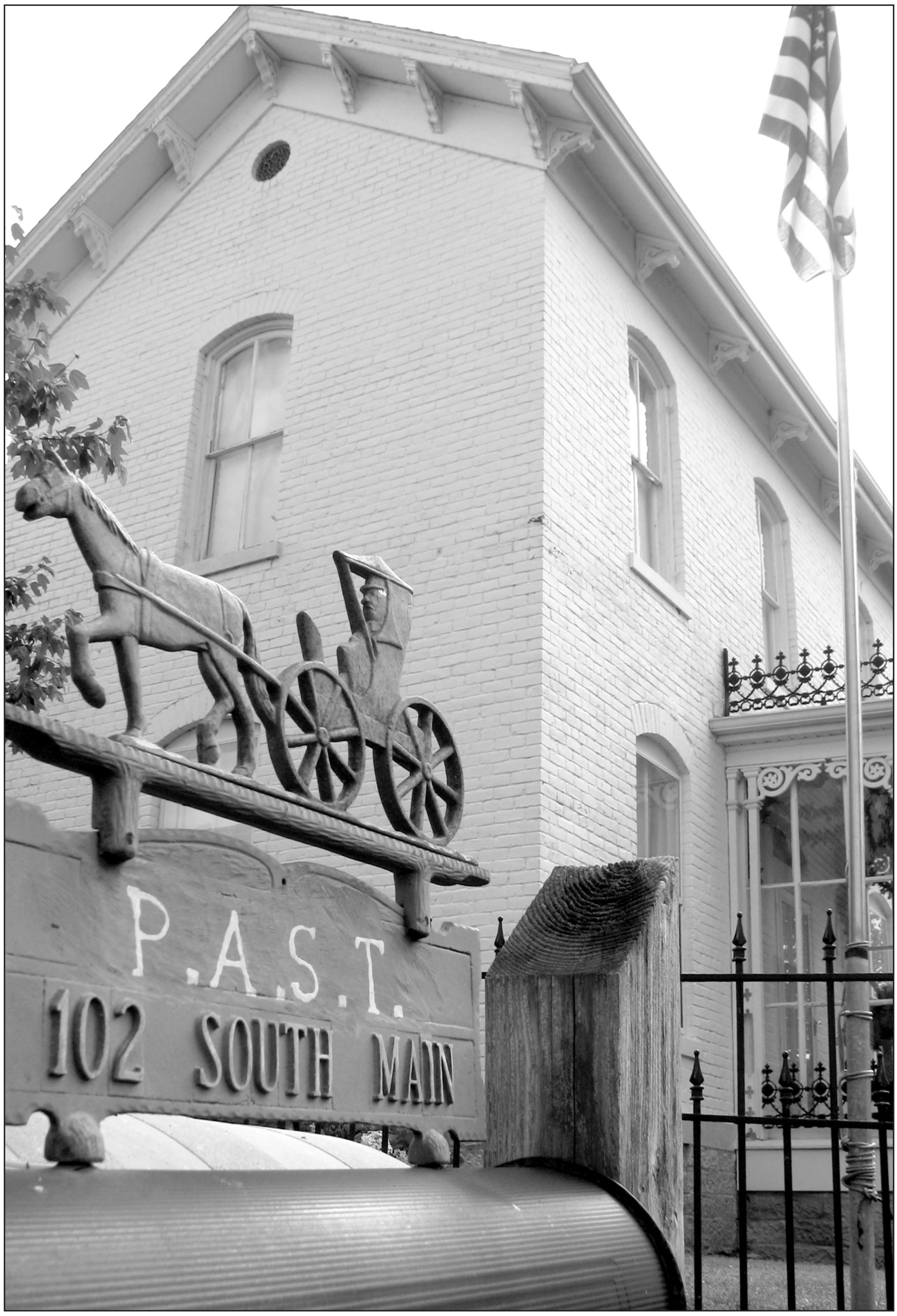
DCFS has new office in Marion

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, DCFS, on Thursday, Aug. 29, was joined by State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, Mayor Mike Absher, Marion's former director of economic development and municipal planning Glenn Clarida, DCFS staff, supporters and special guests, including other elected officials, at a ceremony to cut the ribbon at the department's new region/field office in Marion.

The building, located at 912 Pentecost Dr., was donated by the Blettner Group, and was the former location of the WPS Health Solutions, owned and managed by the late Bob Blettner.

The office building property, valued at $4.5 million, is approximately 51,000 square feet and can accommodate 400 employees.

The agency's clinical, contract administration, day care and foster family licensing, education and transition services, permanency and quality assurance operations are housed at the new site.



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Obituaries

Nicholas Robin Dillon



Nicholas Robin Dillon, 47, of Anna, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2024.

Nicholas was born on June 24, 1977, in Cape Girardeau, the son of Robin A. and Betsy Womick Dillon.

He was a 1995 graduate of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. He worked as a manager for United Rx Pharmaceuticals.

He coached Junior Wildcat Football and recently was made Assistant Coach of varsity football at A-J.

Nicholas was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and a fan of the Chicago Bears. He was of Christian faith.

Nick was a big-hearted soul who never knew a stranger and would help anyone in need. He loved his daughter, Hanah, with all his heart. He loved his friends and had many. He loved his family. His personality was larger than life and will be so very missed.

Survivors include his daughter, Hanah Dillon; mother, Betsy (Evan) Stewart; father, Robin (Debbie) Dillon; sisters Amanda Dillon (Michael Bigler), Stephanie Bowen (Kayla Quertermous), Kristen (Jeremy) Stegle and Julie Pierce; brother Tim (Sarah) Stewart; girlfriend Sarah Sanders; nieces Lilly Tripp, Katie Stegle, Lauryn Stegle and Ashtyn Pierce; nephews Logan Pierce, Jack Stewart, Liam Stewart and Jack Bigler; grandmother Hazel Stewart; step-children Raegan Sanders, Emma Sanders and Lexi Sanders; special cousins Matt Dillon, Adam Dillon, Nate Kirt, Alex Kirt, Dee Dee Blakely, Rick Kirt, Jeremiah Womick, Jessie Wells, Carol (Mike) Wagner and Adam Whiting; and numerous family and other friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Paul and Edith (Lacy) Dillon, Ted and Winnie Womick, Fred and Nora Chamness; uncles Everett Dillon, Jack (Joyce) Dillon and Roger Dillon; aunt Dorothy Kirt and uncle Don Kirt; uncle David Ury; and cousin Randy Kirt.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro. Bill Littrell officiated. Memorials can be made to the A-J Huddle Club.

The cremation of Nicholas Robin Dillon was personally handled by the staff of Crain Funeral Home.

Immediately following the service, the A-J Huddle Club hosted a meal in the cafeteria at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

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

Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro was in charge of arrangements.

Crain Funeral Home

Mary Ann Courtright



Mary Ann Courtright, 96, of Jonesboro, died Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2024, at home, with her loving daughter and granddaughters by her side.

She was born on July 23, 1928, in Cobden, the daughter of Lee and Pearl Hartline Cavaness.

She married Jimmie Carl Courtright on Jan. 29, 1949, in Jonesboro; together they shared 71 wonderful years together. He preceded her in death on Aug. 11, 2020.

She is survived by her daughter, Diane St. Arbor; granddaughter Natalie Linton; great-granddaughters Erin and Maci Linton, all of Jonesboro; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jimmie Courtright; son Terry Wayne Courtright; grandson Landon Linton; son-in-law Kevin St. Arbor; brothers Lloyd Leon and Earl Cavaness; and a sister, Gladys Hertz.

She was a member of the Jonesboro United Methodist Church for many years. She was an incredible seamstress, handmaking wedding and formal dresses for anyone who would ask. She loved to cook and bake; her wedding cakes were always a favorite. She was a member of the quilting club and judged the sewing and needlepoint entries at the Union County Fair. She dedicated years of service as an election judge in Union County, during a time when ballots were still counted by hand.

For 33 years, Mary Ann worked for G.C. Murphy in downtown Anna as their fabrics manager. She later went to work at Walmart for 14 years in their fabrics department. It was amazing to watch her measure yards of fabric by eye, never having to use a yardstick, it would always be just what the customer wanted.

She and Jimmie loved to travel after retirement; among their favorites were Hawaii, Europe, Alaska, Branson and Gatlinburg.

Funeral services for Mary Ann Courtright were at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, at Jonesboro United Methodist Church, with Pastor Bobbie Schultz officiating. Interment immediately followed in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Jonesboro United Methodist Church.

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

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Mary Lou Schlenker

Mary Lou Schlenker, 96, of Anna, went home to be with her Lord and Savior at 7:35 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024, at Hillview Nursing Home in Vienna, surrounded by her family.

She was born on Aug. 16, 1928, in Harrisburg, the daughter of Harry and Mamie Bond Libby.

She married Wardell Schlenker in Piggott, Ark., on Dec. 26, 1947. He preceded her in death on Dec. 7, 2008.

Mary Lou was committed to her faith and family her entire life. As a young family, they became active in Baptist church missions. She was a member of the Anna Heights Baptist Church and was a Sunday School teacher for many years. She loved working with the youth group in the church and was committed to sharing the gospel.

Mary Lou worked at the Anna Shoe Factory until the kids came along. She then worked alongside her loving husband on the farm and cared for her family. Later she worked at Anna Wal-Mart in the jewelry department.

When she wasn't busy working, you could often find her in the garden tending her flowers and vegetables for canning.

She was known for her fabulous cooking and hosted many guests from church, farm and community.

Mary Lou enjoyed quilting and made many quilts for all generations of kids, grandchildren, and church families.

Mary Lou had a great sense of humor and loved to play games. She often put together puzzles with her grandchildren and especially enjoyed playing Scrabble. She often created games to play with family and friends. Mary Lou loved poetry and has written many pieces of work.

She is survived by her son, David Schlenker of Anna; six granddaughters, Jennifer Schlenker Bratton, of Nashville, Tenn., Kim (Scott) Swain of Carbondale, Christy (Jason) Woolard of Carterville, Rebecca Schlenker (Marc) Korb of Jonesboro, Wendy (Eric) Heath of Buncombe, Rachel Schlenker Frazier of Lick Creek and Darren Frazier of Anna; 15 great-grandchildren, Christopher Mowery (fiancé, Kelsea Inman), Shay (Joe) Wuerffel, Karley (John) Hanne, Courtney Woolard, Hannah (Jason) Drew, Emma Bratton, Sydney Heath (fiancé Kyle Worley), Ashley Woolard, Bennett Bratton, Cole Swain, Malayna and Dakota Korb, Anthony, Rylan and Ava Frazier; five great-great-grandchildren, Lucy, Lydia, Charli, Evelyn and Kellie; a brother, Logan Libby of Metropolis, her only living sibling whom she loved very much.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Linda Arnold; a son, Daniel "Danny" Schlenker; sisters Mildred, Geneva, Ruth and Geraldine; a brother, Clifford; several nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services for Mary Lou Schlenker were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Darryl Williams officiating. Interment followed in the Anna Cemetery.

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

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

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Homes

Harold Edward Ralls



Harold Edward Ralls of Plainview, Texas, passed away on Sept. 8, 2024.

The most appropriate three words to describe my father are hard-working, loyal and compassionate. Harold was an amazing, hardworking and provider for his family. He could be found in the bitter cold or the sweltering heat walking the trains at the railroad we're sitting atop at tractor for long hours plowing fields. In his later years, he spent countless hours working and managing his bars/clubs.

Harold found two great loves during his life. In his 20s, he met Judi Hirshfield in Chicago, Illinois. Unfortunately, after many years of sickness, his wife passed away in 1988.

Soon thereafter, he met Betty Daniel of Plainview, Texas, through mutual friends. Together they created a blended family with seven children, survived by Tanya Chapman of Clearwater, Florida, Kelly Bragg of Fort Worth, Texas, Colorado, John Daniel of Plainview, Texas, Robert Daniel of Lubbock, Texas, Walter Daniel of Plainview, Texas, and Joel Daniel of Lubbock, Texas; 14 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren followed.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Harmon and Marie Ralls; his late wife, Judith Ann Hirshfield-Ralls; and his daughter, Ruth Moon.

Harold was an avid, hunter and fisherman. His prey of choice was dear, rabbit, and squirrel and he loved the thrill of reeling in a huge catfish or crappie. He stood proudly and eagerly as he prepared his catches in the kitchen.

But above all, Harold had a passion for an ice-cold beer or a tall glass of whiskey, and Coke as well as a Marlboro cigarette. He could always be found sporting a huge smile with his twinkling baby blue eyes with a beer in one hand and a cigarette in the other.

He was often heard saying, "bless her/his heart." He was a compassionate man who cared about others. Another phrase was, "I just don't know, I just don't know," as he was perplexed by the changes in the world.

Harold was one of 15 children born to Herman and Marie Ralls of Southern Illinois. He was born on June 21, 1941. He helped work and maintain the farm from an early age as most children did during that era.

He became a printer and then an employee of the Burlington Northern Railroad. During his small windows of downtime, he was an avid gardener. He always grew large productive crops that fed our family and friends. The world's best tomatoes were grown in his backyard garden.

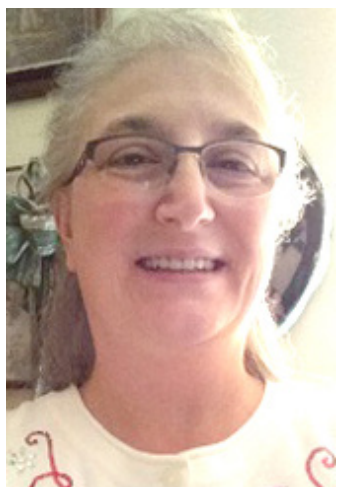
Harold possessed many quality traits that set him apart. His kindness, generosity, and resilience set high standards for his family.

So many things will be missed by Harold's passing. Most notably, the smell of smoke, his gorgeous blue eyes and his infectious laughter. Our lives will never be the same.

A memorial service for Harold Edward Ralls was held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, at Kornerstone Funeral Directors Chapel in Plainview, Texas. The officiant was Mitch Wilson, First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas.

Memorials can be made to Traditions Hospice of Plainview, 4300 Olton Rd., Plainview, Texas 79072.

Linda Gail Rutherford



Linda Gail Rutherford, 61, died Friday, Aug. 30, 2024, at her home in Fredericktown, Mo.

She was born on Aug. 2, 1963, in St. Louis, the daughter of James Lewis and Ruby Juanita Masterson Kanaday I.

On July 29, 1995, in Fredericktown, Mo., she was united in marriage to Timothy "Tim" Rutherford. He survives at the home.

Other survivors include their two children, Chelestina Crosser and husband, Jeremy of Mansfield, Mo., and Nigel Rutherford and wife, Tiffanie of Fredericktown, Mo.; three grandchildren, Alligayl Rutherford, Serenity Rutherford and Kolson Rutherford; three step-grandchildren, Quynton Fleming, James Paul Beard IV and Karsyn Beard; and one brother, Pete Faniola Jr. of Jackson, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Kanaday I; her mother, Ruby Kanaday-Harpole; and one brother, James Lewis Kanaday II.

She had worked as a Coding Analyst One at the Centene Corporation in Farmington, Mo.

She enjoyed sewing and embroidering. She was a member of the Madison County Republican Club. She was a volunteer at the Bible Way Assembly Church Food Bank in Doe Run, Mo., and a member of Crossroads House of Prayer in Belleview, Mo.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, at Wilson Funeral Home in Fredericktown, Mo., with Bro. Scott Jones officiating.

Interment was at Oddfellows Cemetery in Fredericktown.

Condolences can be shared online at www.wilson-funeral-home.com.

News from

Anna First Baptist Church

Anna First Baptist Church met for worship Sunday, Sept. 8.

Pastor Lupe welcomed everyone in the sanctuary and those watching on the church's YouTube channel.

The call to worship, "Nurturing Each Other in Christian Growth," was led by Cissi Cuthbertson.

Contemporary music was led by the worship team and Ashley Watkins. They sang "Song of Moses" and "Lead Me to the Cross."

Pastor Lupe's sermon was titled "By Name." Scripture was from Jeremiah and Ezekiel.

The sermon recalled that "the first siege of Judah by Assyria occurred in 701 BC under King Sennacherib, who besieged Jerusalem but ultimately withdrew after a sudden disaster, believed by the Israelites to be divine intervention.

"In 597 BC, Babylon, led by King Nebuchadnezzar II, laid siege to Jerusalem, resulting in the exile of King Jehoiachin and many prominent citizens.

"The second Babylonian siege, in 587-586 BC, ended with the fall of Jerusalem, the destruction of Solomon's Temple and the final exile of much of Judah's population to Babylon.

"These sieges by Assyria and Babylon marked periods of intense suffering, destruction and exile for the people of Judah."

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

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

The church has a youth program which meets at 6 p.m. each Wednesday. The church has a prayer time at 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

The church has a bus which runs for all of its programs and services. Information is available by calling the church's office during the day.

A revival is planned at the church Oct. 11-13 with Pastor Lupe Lopez and Pastor Kamal Maddal. The theme will be "A Time of Refreshing."

The church's service is 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. The church's office hours are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday.

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Bro. Easton's sermon Sunday was titled "Yes in Christ," with 2 Corinthians 1:15-22 as the scripture selection.

In this scripture, Paul's letter to the church at Corinth, he was explaining his previous intentions to visit them and why he wasn't saying "yes" and then "no" when he couldn't keep his promise.

The message shared that "in the Bible are over 7,000 promises mentioned that God makes to us, and God is true in all of them.

"The most important promise of God was to send a savior to earth. To fulfill that promise, Jesus was willing to deprive Himself of all the glory in heaven to live among us and die, taking our sins to the cross."

Paul was confident that he had made an impact on the Corinthians, both in word and deed.

Bro. Easton asked: "What kind of impact are we making on the lives of others? Are we steering them to Christ by our words and deeds?"

In closing, Bro. Easton challenged the congregation "in response to Jesus' dying for us, let's live our life with gusto for Him."

Rodney Miller received the tithes and offerings.

Camp Ground Church's lead elder for September is Tony Gerard.

Congratulations go to Collin and Lara Crane, whose wedding anniversary was Saturday, Sept. 8.

Congratulations go to Cody and Sara Rogers Pind on the birth of son, Beckett, who was born Tuesday, Sept. 3. He weighed 9 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 21 inches long, and was welcomed home by "big" brother Garrett.

Proud maternal grandparents are Jeff and Teresa Rogers, great-grandfather Wayne Miller, paternal grandparents Sandra and Brian Meadows and Alan Poole.

Billy and Donna Williams took grandchildren Addi and Raelynn Bonner, Connor, Cali and Caralyna Pind for a weekend campout at Giant City State Park near Makanda. The "grands" enjoyed riding their bikes, the playgrounds and making memories with their grandparents. They especially enjoyed roasting hot dogs and making s'mores.

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.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A morning worship service was held Sunday, Sept. 8.

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

A message titled "Faith Cannot Be Passive" was brought by Pastor Wright. Scripture was from 1 Thessalonians.

Communion was served. A baptismal service was held; Gabe Hammer was baptized.

At Sunday evening's service, a message titled "Authentic Christian Living" was brought by Pastor Wright. Scripture was from 1 John.

Birthday: William Dixon, Sept. 9.

Sunday, Sept. 15

Breakfast, 9 a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Morning service, 10:35 a.m. Guest speakers at the 10:35 a.m. service are scheduled to be Danaka and Ken Bulthuis, who have accepted the call to serve as sponsored missionaries for two years to Thailand. A potluck meal is planned after the service. Evening service, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 18

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.

Friday, Sept. 20

A-J football breakfast at 7 a.m.

Friday through Sunday, Sept. 20-22

Adult "Reignite and Renew" retreat with guest speaker Hal Perkins, Pinecrest Camp and Conference Center, Fredericktown, Mo.

Sunday, Sept. 22

Breakfast, 9 a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Morning service, 10:35 a.m.; the Rev. Jim Book is scheduled to be the guest speaker.

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.



Fall Fest Block Party

Stores, vendors and restaurants in the downtown Anna area welcomed visitors to a Fall Fest Block Party Friday evening, Sept. 6. Jeff Landis and Steve Hornbeak provided some sidewalk musical entertainment in front of Kiki's Coffeehouse along South Main Street. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

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36-39p, 37-40g

BID NOTICE: Sealed bids will be received at the City of Anna, 103 Market Street, Anna, IL 62906 until Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 4PM for the following: SALE OF SURPLUS REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT: 609 E HIGH STREET, ANNA, ILLINOIS. PIN#14-00-08-366. MINIMUM BID: $2,880.00. Questions shall be directed to Dori Bigler, City Administrator, at dbigler@cityofanna.org. All bids must be received prior to the date and time shown above. No late bids will be accepted. All received bids will be opened at the regularly scheduled Council Meeting on September 17, 2024 at 5:00pm.
38-40g

CONTRACT FOR DEED, 3-bedroom home sold as is. 303 East Lewis Lane Anna, for detail call 618-924-3064.
39-41g

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.
APPROX. 275' OF VINYL WHITE FENCE
BIDDER MUST REMOVE
ANNA CITY PARK, PREVIOUS PLAYGROUND LOCATION
Said property may be inspected at the City Park located on Herman Wright Drive in the City of Anna and is sold in "AS IS" condition, without any implied or expressed warranties. Winning bidder will be responsible for removal of the fence from its current location and is solely responsible for the condition of the fence. Additionally, the winning bidder agrees to hold the city harmless from any work performed on City property in the removal of the fence.
Sealed bids, identifying the above-described item, shall be received by the City Clerk during normal business hours, Monday through Friday at the Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, Illinois through October 1, 2024. All bids will be opened and read at the regular meeting of the Anna City Council to be held on October 1, 2024 at 5:00 at the Anna City Hall. The City of Anna reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
40-42g

Dongola Unit School District #66 is seeking bids for the sale of one (1) 2010 Ford Cutaway School Bus, bus requires repairs, details are available in the office of the Superintendent, 1000 High Street, Dongola, IL, 62926. Details may also be obtained by calling Dr. Paige Maginel, Superintendent, at 618 827-3841. The School Bus shall be sold to the highest bidder. Sealed bids shall be delivered to Dr. Paige Maginel in the Office of the Superintendent, 1000 High Street, Dongola, IL, 62926 and will be accepted until 12:30 p.m. on September 23, after which time no bids will be accepted. Qualified bids received by the deadline listed above will be opened and publicly read at the district offices at 1:30 p.m. on September 23. No faxed or e-mailed bids will be accepted. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
40gp

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HELP WANTED: Shawnee Community College is looking for full and part-time Custodian for their Ullin Campus and The Massac County Extension Center. For more information, please Call 618-634-3200 Ext. 3436.
36-47gp

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The Clear Creek Levee and Drainage District annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wolf Lake Community Center.
39p, 40g

The Preston Levee and Drainage District annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wolf Lake Community Center.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ESTATE OF ROMA MADRENE MYERS, DECEASED. NO. 2024-PR-18 IN PROBATE

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Roma Madrene Myers, of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 9, 2024, to Randall D. Myers, P.O. Box 135, Wolf Lake, IL 62998, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

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

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

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, Par. 5/28-4), any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of this Court.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before March 5, 2025, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: August 29, 2024.
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STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT UNION COUNTY PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (Minor Children) REQUEST OF: Sara Elizabeth Khurana CASE NUMBER 2024-MR-7

There will be a court date on a Request for Name Change (Minor Children) for this child:
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to the new name of
Carter Louis Khurana
The court date will be held on September 18, 2024 at 11:00 am at 309 West Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, Union County in Courtroom 01
/s/ Sara Elizabeth Khurana
Petitioner
8221-945953

STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT UNION COUNTY PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (Minor Children) REQUEST OF: Apryl Sue Brown CASE NUMBER 24-MR-01

There will be a court date on a Request for Name Change (Minor Children) for this child:
Jazlynn Mae Cook
to the new name of
Jazlynn Mae Brown
The court date will be held on October 16, 2024 at 11:00 am at 309 West Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, Union County in Courtroom 01
/s/ Apryl Sue Brown
Petitioner
8221-945908

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF BRUCE WILLIAMS, DECEASED. NO. 2024-PR-17 IN PROBATE

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Bruce Williams, of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 29, 2024, to Holly B. Barringer, 90 N. Lick Creek Road, Buncombe, Illinois 62912 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

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

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

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, Par. 5/28-4), any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of this Court.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before March 12, 2025, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: September 9, 2024.
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NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT
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Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct of Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County,

Filed this 20th day of August, 2024, under the Assumed Name of Teresa's Sweet Treats, with the place of business located at 585 Basler Rd. Cobden, IL 62920 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietors of said Business is:

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Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
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It's Happening
at the Shawnee Hills Arts Council



The Shawnee Hills Arts Council buildings in Anna. File photo.

Building Projects

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council, SHAC, Board of Directors wants to thank all businesses, organizations and individuals that helped to raise money for the replacement of roofs on two of the arts center buildings at 123 and 125 W. Davie St. in Anna.

SHAC received $78,900 in grants from Illinois Arts Council and raised money through programs and fund-raisers over a four-year period.

The roof on 123 W. Davie St. was replaced in July 2024 for $110,000.

The building at 125 W. Davie St. needs a new roof and some structural repair on the front of the building.

The estimates to replace the roof are $75,000 and to repair the structural damage is $60,000.

Grant requests are being written and programs/fund-raisers are happening.

If you would like to be a part of "Replace the Roof" project, you are invited to send a check to Shawnee Hills Arts Council, 125 W. Davie St., Anna, Ill. 62906. No amount is too small.

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Shawnee Hills Arts Council events include:

Sept. 13, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Open mic, comedy, spoken word, music night. To reserve a spot, email zj.rowatt@gmail.com. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. $5 cover at the door. Concessions available. Bring your favorite drink.

Sept. 14. Constitution Week celebration at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro (the Lincoln/Douglas Debate site), 521 N. Main St. All are welcome. Admission is free.

The schedule for the Constitution Week celebration include:

4 p.m. Smart Bus shuttle from Jonesboro Square will run through the event. It is free.

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., kids' activities: hoop rolling race, make a Jacob's ladder/whirligig, three-legged race, sack race, tug of war, jump rope, corn hole and more.

5:30 p.m. Brief ceremony with guest speaker President Lincoln, portrayed by Randy Duncan.

Bring a bell to join in the ringing of bells.

A 21-gun salute will occur with cannon shots and rifles fired. Ice cream social afterwards.

Sept. 16, 6 p.m. Short Story/Poetry Night and pizza. Led by Tom Caldwell to discuss "The Storm" by McKnight Malmar (https://www.northiowa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/The-Storm.pdf). Everyone is asked to bring their favorite drink and $3 for the pizza. If you have any questions, text Tom at 1-217-994-3449. RSVP to Tom by Sept. 15 so there is plenty of pizza to go around.

Sept. 20-21, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., and Sept. 22, Sunday at 2 p.m. "Breaking Free The Musical." Written, directed and performed by Southern Illinois Kids. A musical about learning to be yourself. Tickets went on sale Sept. 1. Call or text Lee's cell 904-625-1109 or email vabchlee@gmail.com. Tickets will be waiting for you at the box office.

Sept. 29, 5 p.m. Stone Soup Shakespeare in the Park presentation of the play "The Tragedy of Macbeth" at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro. The family friendly presentation is a five-person adaptation of Shakespeare's play "Macbeth" which is on tour for outdoor audiences. All are welcome. Admission is free. Bring a picnic dinner and blanket or lawn chair, then sit back and enjoy the show.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Sept. 8, Pastor Perry Williams spoke in the morning service about "our relationship with Jesus Christ."

The message was based on scripture from Luke and Mark in the New Testament which told the story about a woman who was desperate after hearing about Jesus and was determined to touch Jesus and let Him change her life.

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

Music director Dee Rose led worship. Debbie York played the piano. Molly Jones sang the song "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus."

Men's and women's Bible study groups were scheduled to meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9.

This week is the Illinois State Missions Week of Prayer. The focus is on prayer each day about an aspect of work the Illinois State Baptist Missions Association does in the state.

Birthdays: Isaac Pender, Sept. 8; Zetta Ramsey, Ella Whitaker, Sept. 9; Patsy Shelby, Sept. 10; Ben Harvel, Sept. 11; Jaime Wright, Sept. 12; Rhonda Brumitt, Sept. 14; Tara Ash Cole, Liam Schroeder, Sept. 15.

Anniversary: Robert and Margaret McCain, Sept. 9, 52 years.

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

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

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

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

County Line News
(Mill Creek and Upper Elco) **By Suzan Harvel**

Prayer List

Mill Creek Baptist Church sends out prayers for comfort and strength to the families of Nicholas Dillon, Mary Courtright, Kevin St. Arbor, Bobby Spicer and Geraldine Grey in their passings.

Prayers of healing are asked for Henry (Junior) and Lula Belle Tripp and for Mary Powles.

Meeting Set

The Village of Mill Creek plans to have its monthly business meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17. New board members will be voted on at that time.

Mill Creek Baptist Church

Mill Creek Baptist Church is getting a new roof, as well as the pavilion and shed which were damaged a few months ago by hail.

The church plans to host a picnic and fish fry at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, rain or shine. The fish will be provided, just bring a side dish, dessert and lawn chairs. If you have yard games, feel free to bring those along as well.

The nominating committee has selected new officers and committee members and chairs and these will voted on, as well as proposed changes to the church constitution and bylaws, at the monthly business meeting on Sept. 11.

Patriot Day

September 11 was Patriot Day. Let us never forget the innocent who perished, the valor that emerged from the terror, nor the new strength that came to the nation with healing.

Union County Fixin's

By Suzan Harvel
Snickerdoodles
By Suzan Harvel
Main Ingredients

1/2 cup butter, softened
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 eggs, beaten
1/4 cup milk
3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup finely chopped pecans

Coating Ingredients

5 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons ground cinnamon

Beat butter until light and creamy, then add sugar and vanilla extract and beat until fluffy. Add eggs and then milk, mixing after each addition.

Sift flour and baking soda into the bowl and stir to blend. Add nuts and mix well. Refrigerate for 15 minutes.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees and grease two baking sheets.

Mix the coating ingredients together and place in a bowl with high sides.

Roll cooking mixture into balls no bigger than a walnut. Roll the balls into the coating mixture and place on prepared pans 2 inches apart and flatten slightly. Refrigerate dough between batches, so it stays cool.

Bake for about 10 minutes. Cool on wire rack.

Anna VFW Post 3455 calendar of events

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

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

GLO Bingo is set for Sept 14. Tickets sell quickly. Ticket information is available by contacting Linda Jackson.

A joint meeting of the post and auxiliary is planned at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 16. The auxiliary plans to have a business meeting at 6 p.m. The post plans to meet at 7 p.m.

Taco Tuesday is planned Sept. 17. Serving will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Hard shell tacos, soft shell tacos and taco salads will be served; dress them however you like; dine in or carry out.

Star Karaoke is scheduled to be at the post from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sept. 19.

A fund-raiser is planned Sept. 22 in the back hall for the Cobden Spay and Neuter Coalition. More information is available by contacting the post.

The canteen is scheduled to be open from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 1 p.m. to 12 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

The jukebox is free from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays. The post offers Thirsty Thursday beer specials (frosty mugs are available by request) and Bloody Mary specials on Sundays.

Events are open to the public, unless otherwise noted. Event details and updates are featured on Facebook at Anna VFW-Carroll P Foster Post 3455/Anna IL/Facebook.

The back hall at the VFW is available to reserve for a holiday party, a wedding reception or a family reunion. Information about reservations is available by contacting Linda Jackson at 618-833-7737 or Sherry Haddick at 618-559-4347.

Suicide Prevention, Awareness Walk planned in Cobden

The Cobden Women's Club and the Village of Cobden are joining to present the first Suicide Prevention and Awareness Walk in the Union County community.

The walk is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Cobden Community Park and soccer field. The park and soccer field are located at 217 Locust St.

Organizers hope to make the walk an annual event. Participation is free.

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

Memorial crosses with the name of a friend or loved one can be placed along the walk's route.

Those who would like to have a cross placed along the route can contact either Sherri Lukes at 618-521-3392 or Diana Yates at 618-534-8935.

Television Listings

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 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	Countdown	Bang (HD)	★★★ **"Fast Five"** ('11, Action) Vin Diesel. (PG-13) (HD)	Big City	**"Birds of Prey:"** ('20)	**"Amityville"** ('05) (HD)	**(:05) "Jojo Rabbit"** ('19) Roman Griffin Davis.
:30					College Football *Texas State vs Arizona State* (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)		Big City			
7 PM	Press Your Luck (HD)	Big Brother (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Bang (HD)		Miraculous	**"Yes Man"** ('08) Jim Carrey. (HD)	★★★ **"Hereditary"** ('18, Horror) Toni Collette.	
:30						Bang (HD)		Miraculous			
8 PM	Lucky 13 (HD)	Young		Law & Order: SVU		Bang (HD)		Miraculous			★★★ **"Irena's Vow"** ('24) Sophie Nélisse. (HD)
:30		Ghosts				Bang (HD)		Moon Girl	**(:47)** Wise Guy: The Sopranos		
9 PM	Who Wants to Be a	**(:01)** Fire Country (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*	Organized Crime (HD)		Jokers	★★★½ **"Fast & Furious 6"** ('13, Action) Vin Diesel. (PG-13) (HD)	Hailey's		**"Other Side of the Door"** ('16)	
:30					SportsCenter with Scott (Live)	Jokers		Hailey's			**"Sleeping with the Enemy"** ('91)
10 PM	Local	Local		Local		★★ **"That's My Boy"** ('12) Adam Sandler. (R)		Jessie	**(:02)** Wise Guy: The Sopranos	**(:44) "The Foot Fist Way"** ('08)	
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	**(:35)** Late Show (HD)		**(:35)** Tonight (HD)				Jessie			
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)			Bluey			**"Waiting..."**
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night				Bluey	**"Problemist"**		

THURSDAY

7:00pm

HBO Yes Man ★★★ (2008, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Zooey Deschanel. A depressed man is urged to enroll in a self-help seminar, where he discovers that saying yes to everything can give him a fresh start in life. PG-13 (HD)

8:00pm

ABC Lucky 13 "Doubling Down" A physician from Cleveland and a medical device sales representative from Los Angeles compete against each other for the $1 million jackpot. (HD)

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 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	College Football *UNLV Rebels at Kansas Jayhawks* (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	**"F9"** ('21) Vin Diesel.	Big City	**(:10)** Chimp Crazy	★★ **"I, Frankenstein"**	**"Dreamgirls"** ('06)
:30						Bang (HD)		Big City			
7 PM	To Be Announced	Let's Make a Deal	College Football *Arizona Wildcats at Kansas State Wildcats* (Live) (HD)	Night (HD)		★★★ **"Independence Day"** ('96, Science Fiction) Will Smith. (PG-13)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	**"Movie"**	**(:13) "The Watchers"** ('24) Dakota Fanning.	**"After Earth"** ('13) Jaden Smith.	**"Breathe"** ('24) Jennifer Hudson.
:30				Night (HD)							
8 PM	**(:01)** 20/20 *Investigative news.* (HD)	Lingo (HD)		Dateline NBC *Investigative news.*				Primos		**(:41) "The A-Team"** ('10, Action) Liam Neeson.	**"Parallel"** Danielle Deadwyler.
9 PM		Blue Bloods (HD)			SportsCenter (Live)		The Anonymous (HD)	Primos	Real Time with (HD)		
:30								Primos			
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (Live)	**(:07)** ★★★½ **"Men in Black"** ('97) Will Smith.	★★½ **"F9"** ('21, Action) Vin Diesel. (PG-13) (HD)	Primos	My Brilliant Friend	**"The Art of Self-Defense"** ('19)	**"Don't Worry Darling"** ('22) Florence Pugh.
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	**(:35)** Late Show (HD)	Local	**(:35)** Tonight (HD)				Chibiverse			
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)			Big City	**(:02)** Real Time with		
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night				Big City			

FRIDAY

7:00pm

MAX After Earth ★★½ (2013, Adventure) Jaden Smith, Will Smith. A crash landing 1,000 years after humans left Earth leaves a father and son to embark on a dangerous journey through uncharted terrain to signal for help. PG-13 (HD)

9:00pm

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

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Scoreboard	Football	Extra (HD)	Big Ten	College Football *UTSA Roadrunners at Texas Longhorns* (Live) (HD)	**"Independence Day"**	SuperMotocross World *"Fort Worth"* (Live)	**(5:15) "Movie"**	**"Independence Day"**	**"The Revenant"** ('16)	**"Scream VI"**
:30	College Football *Georgia Bulldogs at Kentucky Wildcats from Kroger Field* (Live)	College Football *Colorado Buffaloes at Colorado State Rams* (Live) (HD)	College Football *UCF Knights at TCU Horned Frogs* (Live) (HD)	College Football (Live) (HD)							**"Sasquatch Sunset"** ('24) (HD)
7 PM						★★★ **"Captain America: Civil War"** ('16, Action) Chris Evans. (HD)		**"Movie"**	★★★ **"Civil War"** ('24, Action) Kirsten Dunst. (R)	★★½ **"Inherent Vice"** ('14, Crime) Joaquin Phoenix. (R) (HD)	
:30							Chicago Fire (HD)				**"Foxcatcher"** ('14, Drama) Steve Carell. (HD)
8 PM								**(:45)** Kiff			
:30					Scoreboard			**(:10)** Kiff	**(:51)** Industry (HD)		
9 PM					College Football *San Diego State vs California* (Live) (HD)		Chicago Fire (HD)	**(:35)** Kiff		**(:29)** ★★★ **"Bad Grandpa"** ('13) (R)	
:30						**"The Wedding Singer"** ('98) Adam Sandler.		Kiff	**(:53)** Chimp Crazy		**(:15) "The Wolf of Wall Street"** ('13, Crime)
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs *Local info.*	Local	Local			Chicago Fire (HD)	Big City	**(:55)** David Chase	**"Cabin Fever"** ('03)	
:30			The Quiz with Balls	Saturday Night Live (HD)				Big City			
11 PM	Local Programs		Local								
:30											

SATURDAY

7:00pm

TBS Captain America: Civil War ★★★ (2016, Action) Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr. Captain America and Iron Man become deeply divided after disagreeing about a UN proposal of increased accountability for the Avengers. PG-13 TV14 (HD)

8:00pm

PARSHO Foxcatcher ★★★ (2014, Drama) Steve Carell, Channing Tatum. A man flees poverty to claim his place in Olympic wrestling history by training under an eccentric multi-millionaire at his estate, a decision he soon regrets. R (HD)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Red Carpet (HD)	NFL (Live)	North (HD)	Football America (HD)	MLB Baseball *Los Angeles Dodgers at Atlanta Braves* (Live) (HD)	**"Grown Ups"** ('10)	Law & Order: SVU	Primos	**(:02) "Civil War"** ('24, Action) Kirsten Dunst.	**(:04)** Trackers (HD)	**(5:25) "One Life"** ('24)
:30		60 Minutes (HD)	Simpsons					Primos			
7 PM	76th Emmy Awards (HD)		Universal	**(:15)** Sunday Night Football *Chicago Bears at Houston Texans* (Live) (HD)		**(:15)** ★★ **"Grown Ups 2"** ('13, Comedy) Adam Sandler.	Law & Order: SVU	**"The Emperor's New Groove"**		**"Under the Silver Lake"** Andrew Garfield. (R)	Special Ops: Lioness
:30		Elsbeth (HD)	Burgers								
8 PM			The Great North (HD)				Law & Order: SVU		Industry (HD)		Dexter (HD)
:30		Big Brother (HD)						ZOMBIES			
9 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)		Law & Order: SVU	ZOMBIES	**(:05)** Industry (HD)	**(:20) "Criminal"** ('16, Crime) Kevin Costner. (R)	Dexter (HD)
:30		Tracker *"Into the Wild"*				Jokers		ZOMBIES			
10 PM	Local Programs		Local Programs		SportsCenter with Scott Van Pelt (Live) (HD)	Jokers	Law & Order: SVU	Bluey	**(:10)** Industry (HD)		★★★ **"Beatriz at Dinner"** ('17) (HD)
:30	*Local info.*	Local		Local Programs *Local info.*		★★ **"Grown Ups 2"** Adam Sandler.		Bluey			
11 PM		Local Programs	Local Programs				Law & Order: SVU	Big City	**(:15)** Industry (HD)	**"Slice"** Zazie Beetz.	**"Boogie"**
:30								Big City			

SUNDAY

7:00pm

ABC 76th Emmy Awards Actors Eugene and Dan Levy host the 76th annual Emmy Awards to honor the best in television with nominees including "Shogun," "The Bear" and "Baby Reindeer." (HD)

8:00pm

PARSHO Dexter "The Popping Cherry" Dexter and Debra try to dissuade their boss from pursuing a man believed to be the Ice Truck Killer; Dexter's girlfriend receives an unwelcome visit. TVMA (HD)

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Monday Countdown	Bang (HD)	9-1-1 (HD)	Big City	★★★ **"The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo"** ('11)	**"Fruitvale Station"**	★★½ **"The Internship"** ('13) Vince Vaughn. (HD)
:30						Bang (HD)		Big City			
7 PM	Family Feud (HD)	NCIS *"A Thousand"*	Name Tune (HD)	American Ninja Warrior *Endurance course.*	Monday Football *Atlanta Falcons at Philadelphia Eagles* (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	Primos		**"Parasite"** ('19, Drama) Song Kang-ho. (HD)	
:30						Bang (HD)		Primos			**"Old School"** ('03) Luke Wilson.
8 PM	Family Feud (HD)	NCIS: Sydney (HD)	The 1% Club (HD)			Bang (HD)		Miraculous	My Brilliant Friend		
:30						Bang (HD)		Miraculous			
9 PM	Family Feud (HD)	NCIS: Sydney (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*	The Wall (HD)		Dad (HD)		Kiff	**(:56)** Industry (HD)	**(:13) "Shirley"** ('20, Drama) Elisabeth Moss.	**"Waiting..."** ('05) Ryan Reynolds.
:30						Dad (HD)		Kiff			
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	Monday	Dad (HD)	The Anonymous (HD)	Jessie	My Brilliant Friend		
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	**(:35)** Late Show (HD)		**(:35)** Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott (Live)	Dad (HD)		Jessie			
11 PM			Local Programs			Dad (HD)	9-1-1 *"Next of Kin"*	Bluey	**(:56)** Real Time with	★★½ **"After Earth"** ('13)	★★ **"Still Waiting"** ('09)
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night		Dad (HD)		Bluey			

MONDAY

7:00pm

MAX Parasite ★★★★ (2019, Drama) Song Kang-ho, Lee Sun-Kyun. Chaos erupts between a street-smart family and a wealthy family when a parasitic interloper jeopardizes their symbiotic relationship. R (HD)

8:00pm

CBS NCIS: Sydney "Bunker Down" A dead U.S. Navy researcher in a secret underground bunker leads the team into a dangerous investigation, especially after the bunker closes behind them. TV14 (HD)

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 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)	Pre-Game	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	**(:10) "Deadpool"** ('16, Action) Ryan Reynolds.	**(5:04) "Ted 2"** ('15) (R)	**(4:50) "Ghost"** ('90)
:30						MLB Baseball *Philadelphia Phillies at Milwaukee Brewers* (Live) (HD)		Big City			
7 PM	Dancing with the Stars *"Premiere"* (HD)	FBI *Protect America.*	Beat Shazam (HD)	America's Got Talent *Talent search.* (HD)			WWE NXT (Live) (HD)	Big City		**"Insidious: Chapter 3"** ('15) (HD)	**"Parallel"** Danielle Deadwyler.
:30					ESPN Films (HD)			Big City			
8 PM		FBI: International	The Quiz with Balls					Miraculous	To Be Announced	**"Now You See Me"** ('13) Jesse Eisenberg.	**"Don't Worry Darling"** ('22) Florence Pugh.
:30								Miraculous			
9 PM	High Potential *"Pilot"*	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs *Local info.*	Password (HD)	SportsCenter (Live) (HD)	Post-Game	**(:08)** ★★½ **"Rampage"** ('18, Action) Dwayne Johnson. (HD)	Hamster	My Brilliant Friend		
:30						Family		Hamster			
10 PM	Local	Local		Local		Family		Raven Home			
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	**(:35)** Late Show (HD)		**(:35)** Tonight (HD)		Family		Raven Home	**(:28)** To Be Announced	**"Tears of the Sun"** Bruce Willis.	**(:35) "Amores Perros"** ('00) (HD)
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (HD)	Family		Bluey			
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night		Family	**"Rampage"**	Bluey			

TUESDAY

7:00pm

MAX Insidious: Chapter 3 ★★★ (2015, Horror) Dermot Mulroney, Stefanie Scott. Prior to the harrowing experiences of the Lambert family, psychic Elise Rainier is called upon to use her abilities to help a teenage girl. PG-13 (HD)

8:30pm

PARSHO Don't Worry Darling ★★½ (2022, Thriller) Florence Pugh, Harry Styles. A woman moves to a town with her husband in which every man works for the community, but when she starts having visions, she questions her existence. R (HD)

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	**(5:00)** Local Programs	Local Programs	Women's College Volley (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	★★★ **"Dune: Part Two"** ('24) Timothée Chalamet. (PG-13)	★★½ **"Other Side"** ('16)	**"Hustle & Flow"** ('05)
:30						Bang (HD)		Big City			
7 PM	The Golden Bachelorette *"101"* (HD)	Survivor (HD)	MasterChef (HD)	Chicago Med (HD)		All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite	Law & Order: SVU	Big City		**"Eighth Grade"** ('18) Elsie Fisher.	★★★½ **"The Wolf of Wall Street"** ('13, Crime) Leonardo DiCaprio. (HD)
:30								Big City			
8 PM			Ramsay's Food Stars	Chicago Fire (HD)	Women's College Volley *Texas vs Baylor*		Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous			
:30								Miraculous	**(:50)** Industry (HD)	**"Now You See Me 2"** ('16) Jesse Eisenberg.	
9 PM	High Potential *"Pilot"*	Big Brother (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*	Chicago P.D. (HD)		Family	Law & Order: SVU	Hamster			
:30						Family		Hamster			
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (Live)	Family	Law & Order: SVU	Raven Home	My Brilliant Friend		**"Brooklyn's Finest"** ('10) Richard Gere. (HD)
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	**(:35)** Late Show (HD)		**(:35)** Tonight (HD)		Family		Raven Home		★★★ **"Forgetting Sarah Marshall"**	
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (HD)	Family	Law & Order: SVU	Bluey	**"The Lighthouse"**		
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night		Family		Bluey			

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm

ABC The Golden Bachelorette "101" Joan Vassos meets 24 suitors as they embark on a journey to hopefully find love in their golden years, and they all try to make a good first impression. (HD)

8:34pm

MAX Now You See Me 2 ★★★ (2016, Action) Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo. The Four Horsemen must find a way to clear their names after they are forced by a tech prodigy into pulling off an almost impossible heist. PG-13 (HD)

Opinion and Commentary

Extension supports energy transition in rural communities

URBANA – Power is so readily available, literally at the flick of a switch, that it is all too easy to forget how this valuable resource arrives in our homes and businesses and where it comes from. Energy demands are increasing across Illinois, and communities have difficult decisions to make about today's energy sources, which will have a big impact on future costs, sustainability and resiliency.

A University of Illinois Extension team of natural resource, environment and energy experts recently welcomed visiting outreach associate Linda Derhak in a new role connecting communities with grant funding to support equitable energy transition in rural areas and sustainable development through the Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center, TCTAC.

"Extension is invested in forward-thinking strategies to help foster resilient environments and sustainable energy sources," said Shibu Kar, Extension's assistant dean of natural resources, environment and energy. "By leveraging the university's innovative research and cutting-edge technology, Derhak will be able to engage with and provide communities with resources to help them thrive in our evolving world."

New state and federal climate legislation has created community development grant opportunities for rural regions. However, these communities may have limited resources to access the grants.

The Great Lakes TCTAC is one of 16 centers nationwide funded by the EPA and U.S. Department of Energy to connect underserved communities with resources and apply for grants. Illinois Extension will focus on communities that are impacted by coal mine and power plant closures and help transition them to sustainable infrastructure.

This new position expands on Extension's sustainable community efforts in collaboration with Community and Economic Development Specialist Lisa Merrifield. Together, they will assist local governments and community organizations in accessing funding and networking. Derhak will provide programming and create educational materials on topics including funding opportunities, renewable energy, and strategic planning to help communities better understand available options.

"I take a community-centric approach and apply an environmental justice lens to ensure my work reflects a community's needs and vision and empowers them to shape their own clean energy future," Derhak said. "Cultural attitudes and perceptions have a big role in the acceptance or rejection of renewable energy, and recognizing this helps us engage in conversations that move us forward."

Derhak will also contribute to the Energy Education Council's outreach and engagement Safe Electricity program by providing updates on developments in renewable energy, best practices for safety and energy efficiency. Safe Electricity's mission is to create a safer, smarter world by providing practical advice, information and resources to help save lives, energy, and money.

Derhak has a bachelor's degree in health society and policy from University of Utah and a master's in urban planning from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Her focus area is climate adaptation. Before taking on this role, she worked as a research assistant with the climate jobs institute and as a graduate researcher with the Illinois Extension community and economic development team.

1884 presidential election featured in museum exhibit



Logan memorabilia

Pat Brumleve with the Union County Museum displays an item of political memorabilia from John A. Logan's campaign. Photo provided.

The Union County Museum in downtown Cobden is saluting the 2024 election year by presenting an exhibit on the 1884 presidential election.

The emphasis will be on the candidacy of John A. Logan. Logan was born in Murphysboro and grew to prominence in Southern Illinois.

In 1884, he was a U.S. Senator from Illinois and decided to run for the Republican nomination for president.

His candidacy failed, but he did receive the second place on the ticket as vice president. James Blaine received the Republican nomination for president. Their opponents were Grover Cleveland and Thomas Hendricks.

A wide variety of political memorabilia is on display at the museum, including several rare and unique pieces.

Items on display include ribbons, advertising cards, bandannas, plates, posters and other interesting materials. Visitors will have an opportunity to learn about one of America's most interesting and lively elections.

The exhibit is scheduled to be on display during September and October.

The Union County Museum is located at 117 S. Appleknocker in Cobden.

The museum's hours are scheduled from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays and on Friday afternoons by chance.

Pearson reunion set at Giant City

A Pearson reunion is planned Sept. 14 at shelter number 4 at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. Lunch is planned at noon, with other events to follow.

Family and friends are welcome. Those who plan to attend are asked to bring a couple of dishes to share, chairs and drinks.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

Rocky gets ready for the weekend...and other stuff

I'm not quite why it crossed it mind Monday evening, but there it was... We'll come back to that thought in just a bit...

Meanwhile...

I know you can't wait, so here is my latest Critter Sighting (and Smelling) Update...

Dead skunk out there. Somewhere. Probably in the middle of the road. Yup. Stinkin' to high heaven. Six crows flying directly overhead on a Monday evening. Yup. Uncertain number of dragonflies flying around a pool of what resembled water. Yup. A live snake. Nope. Some folks have problems with snakes. No problems here. Shedded snake skin on the street. Yup. Monday evening. White-tailed deer. Yup. Again. Sunday evening. Once again enjoying dinner in a field full of soybeans. One of the critters had a really nice rack. Rabbit running across the street, right in front of me while I'm driving home. Yup. Butterflies and bees hanging out together on flowers. Yup. Frog sitting on the edge of the "pond" in our backyard. Yup. Just one. He's our buddy. Raccoon taking a bath in the "pond" in our backyard. Yup. Once again, we have a picture to prove it. Bear? Nope. Still no bear...

Al-righty then...moving right along...

Sunday night, I joined something like 27.7 million of my closest friends to watch the St. Louis...um, Los Angeles...Rams play a football game against the Detroit Lions.

There was a time, back in the day, when yours truly would have spent his Sunday afternoon watching his favorite NFL team(s) play. First, it was the football Cardinals. Then, it was the Rams.

Both the football Cardinals and the Rams, of course, used to call St. Louis home. They don't anymore. Haven't for quite some time. We've been down that road many times before. After the Rams left St. Louis, I pretty much gave up watching NFL games on Sunday afternoons.



Splish, splash, Rocky was takin' a bath in the "pond" in the photographer's backyard...on a Friday...maybe the critter was getting ready for the weekend.

With that being said, I still had some interest in Sunday night's game. I still have a little bit of interest in the Rams, even though most of their connections with St. Louis are long gone.

Sunday night's game, which actually turned out to be pretty good, was played in Detroit. The Lions would have been my first "hometown" team. Way, way, way back in the day. Same for the Red Wings (Detroit's NHL team). And the Tigers (Detroit's Major League Baseball team, American League style). Can't say that I follow the Pistons (Detroit's NBA team) all that much.

My mention of the Tigers brings us back to where this little ditty started...

Monday night, as I was doing the dishes, the thought flashed through the dust bin between my ears that 2024 is kind of a special year, at least when it comes to my favorite Major League Baseball team.

I believe I have previously shared this story. In the fall of 1964, while we living in Fort Wayne, Indiana, for reasons I do not recall, I happened to listen to the World Series. On a radio. People listened to ballgames on the radio back then. For free. The St. Louis Cardinals played the New York Yankees in that Fall Classic. The Cardinals won the Series, even though they weren't "supposed" to. Again, for reasons I cannot remember, I became a Cardinals fan. Two years later, we had moved to the St. Louis area. The Cardinals were my hometown team.

The last couple of summers have been, in a word or two, tough for Cardinals fans. It's kind of sad for me to think I've just kind of lost some of the interest I used to have in the Redbirds. Hope, of course, springs eternal. There's always next year...

I'm going to close this week with a "happy birthday" wish to my sweetheart. Birthday number...well...her birthday is next Tuesday.

She is still my rock, which means a lot to an old guy who really likes rocks...and even some rock and roll. The past couple of years in our Journey Through Life have been interesting, to say the least. And, quite honestly, this week is bittersweet for yours truly. I don't know how I would have done it without her...



One single frog has made our "pond" its home this summer.

Shawnee Hills Arts Council to host musical

Shawnee Hills Arts Council in Anna is planning to host performances of "Breaking Free: The Musical."

Performances are set for 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 20-21, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at the Shawnee Hills Arts Council at 117 W. Davie St. in Anna.

Tickets are $15 and $5 for 12 and under. Tickets are available online at https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/e73809c8-4981-4b16-b458-5a82a53500ca.

Tickets also can be purchased at the arts council box office. Box office hours are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

All proceeds go to replace the roof on the arts council building at 125 W. Davie St.

"Breaking Free: The Musical" is written, directed and performed by local Southern Illinois kids.

Carterville 7th graders Emmett Whiteford and Greenlee Zelasko have written and directed a story set to music.

The story is about a 7th grade girl named Claire who gets bullied at school. She runs away from home in hopes of finding a town that accepts her just the way she is.

On her journey, she bonds with three special new friends and learns to embrace her unique self.

Other actors include Nova Clark and Rose Whiteford of Marion, Jayden Zelasko and Aubrey Hefferman of Carterville, Jase Burns of Herrin, Avaida and Lanori Cole of Johnston City and Mariah Wright of Carterville.

In addition, an ensemble from Union County will accompany the actors.

Constitution Week event set in Vienna

Daniel Chapman Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, NSDAR, is planning to celebrate Constitution Week, which is Sept. 17-23, with a program in Vienna.

The Constitution Week program is set for 3 p.m. on Sept. 17 at the Vienna Public Library.

A bell-ringing ceremony is planned at 3 p.m. on the library's lawn.

All Johnson County churches have been invited to ring their bells at 3 p.m. to commemorate the signing of the Constitution.

Bells Across America is an annual celebration of the signing of the U.S. Constitution.

The Vienna High School FFA will present the colors and conduct a flag-folding ceremony.

Local author and historian Max Hutchison is scheduled to be the guest speaker. He plans to present a program about the Constitution.



Illinois State Police Troop 10 shared this photo on social media.

State police K-9 retires

Illinois State Police Troop 10 has announced the retirement of K-9 Dax.

Troop 10 shared an announcement about Dax's retirement on social media.

Trooper Key and Canine Dax completed the 10-week basic canine training course and began their career together in the spring of 2015 in District 22, currently Troop 10.

Canine Dax quickly became an integral part of the District 22 Special Enforcement Team.

Dax was a full-service canine, proficient in narcotic odor detection, tracking, article searches and criminal apprehension.

Trooper Key and K-9 Dax routinely patrolled the lower seven counties of Illinois. (Alexander, Pulaski, Union, Johnson, Pope, Massac and Hardin).

Throughout the years, Trooper Key and K-9 Dax served on the Crowd Control Team and were deployed for civil unrest incidents, fights, detention center riots, correctional center escapees, and manhunts – most notably crowd control deployments in Cairo and Anna for protests.

K-9 Dax engaged with the community through demonstrations for schools and civic events, showcasing the capabilities of a well-trained K-9 unit.

He was utilized in all kinds of endeavors including drug searches, school searches, and building searches.

K-9 Dax worked with ISP SWAT, U.S. Marshal Service, FBI, DEA, ATF, Zone 7, SIDTF, MRT and many other agencies.

Dax was utilized in 10 criminal apprehensions including the apprehension of an armed robbery suspect from Dolton and a suspect who escaped from a deputy's squad car.

Dax's career highlights include assisting in the seizure of approximately 750 pounds of cannabis, five pounds of cocaine, three pounds of heroin, small seizures of ecstasy and fentanyl, 12 firearms, and over $625,000 in illicit U.S. currency.

K9 Dax was a proven asset to the ISP, and his contributions will be profoundly missed. Troop 10 wished K-9 Dax a happy retirement.