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News Notes

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

High and low temperatures in the Union County area ranged nearly 60 degrees during the past week or so...with a high of 77 on Thursday, March 14, to a low of 19.8 on Tuesday morning, March 19. Tuesday was the first day of spring.

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An interruption in internet service last Monday afternoon made doing business for some folks in the area a bit of challenge.

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The Union County CEO program is planning to have a trade show and "All Star Celebration" from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. April 14 at The Barn Event Center along Lick Creek Road near Anna.

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Anna-Jonesboro Community High School has announced its outstanding seniors for 2024: Eric Chen, Daniel Dover, Riley Cruse, Victoria Perez, Lakelyn Carter and Presli Garner.

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An open house for incoming freshmen is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, today, at A-JCHS.

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A great job was done by all of those involved with the production of "The Addams Family" musical at A-JCHS. Performances were staged last Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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The Anna Kiwanis Club is grateful for the support which was shown for last Saturday's fish fry. The event helped to support the A-JCHS wrestling team. The club shared in a posting on social media that students who helped at the fish fry "were so courteous and grateful to everyone who came through the line."

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Anna Kiwanis Easter egg hunt planned

A long-standing Easter season tradition is set to continue this weekend in Union County.

The Anna Kiwanis Club plans to host an Easter egg hunt for the children of the community on Saturday morning, March 23.

The egg hunt is set for 10 a.m. at the Anna City Park. Children ages toddler through 10 years of age are invited.

In the event of bad weather, the egg hunt will be moved to Saturday, March 30.

Note to readers

A primary election was held Tuesday, March 19, in Union County.

Due to a new production schedule, results from the election could not appear in this week's paper. The results will be printed in the next issue of the paper.

Election results have posted online. The results can be found at annanews.com. Results also have been posted on Facebook.



Musical presented at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School

Performances of a musical version of "The Addams Family" were presented Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 15-17, at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. The photograph was taken on opening night of the musical, which was staged in the school's remodeled auditorium. More pictures from the performance can be seen on page 3.

WIBH Warm Soles, New Hope Campaign underway

WIBH Radio in Anna announces that its third Warm Soles, New Hope Campaign is underway to benefit children in Southern Illinois.

For more than a decade, WIBH Radio in Anna has raised awareness of child abuse and neglect in the Southern Illinois region.

Since 2011, the local station has partnered with area child service agencies to raise funds to buy new coats through its New Coats, New Hope Campaign.

In April 2022, as part Child Abuse Prevention Month, the station continued its mission with the then newly formed WIBH Warm Soles, New Hope Campaign to provide new shoes for children in need.

The Warm Soles, New Hope Campaign's goal for 2024 is 400 pairs of shoes. In the first two years of this campaign, more than 750 pairs of shoes were purchased.

As with the coat campaign, shoes will be distributed through the Children's Medical and Mental Health Resource Network, CMMHRN, in Anna, Arrowleaf in Vienna and all Southern 7 Head Start locations to kids affected by abuse, neglect, disaster and family need. No paperwork or proof of income is required to receive a pair of shoes.

Nearly 20 percent of Southern Illinois children live in poverty and shoes that fit well are an essential item every day.

"We are fortunate to live in a community that cares about the needs of others," WIBH Radio co-owner Moury Bass said.

"That's why we are using the voice of WIBH radio to let our listeners know that there are children in Southern Illinois who need new shoes."

Sponsorship of a pair of shoes is $15, but any monetary contribution is appreciated.

Donations by check or money order must be made payable to Operation Warm.

Donations can be sent to WIBH Radio, 330 S. Main St., Anna, Ill.. 62906, or made online at www.operationwarm.org/wibh. The deadline to make a donation is May 17.

Postal Pal in Anna will donate the shipping of the shoes to allow 100 percent of all donations to go directly to purchasing the shoes.

Other area businesses are also partnering with WIBH to keep shoe costs low.

Shawnee Mass Transit District and Duckworks Lawn Care will help deliver shoes to their distribution sites.

T&I Office Equipment in Anna is donating the printing of flyers used in outreach.

Businesses and organizations which would to request flyers can contact Moury Bass at the radio station for delivery or pickup.

Like the coats, the shoes, sizes Toddler 7 to Kids 6, will be purchased through the nonprofit organization Operation Warm, through its Warm Soles program.

Since 2021, over 200,000 pairs of shoes have been distributed in the United States through Operation Warm. The addition of shoes gives WIBH and its campaign partners the opportunity to help children in need here at home.

Operation Warm is a national nonprofit that creates new, high-quality coats and shoes for children in need that partners with individuals and organizations across the United States to give a gift of warmth, confidence and hope to millions of children in need.

For more information about this year's WIBH Warm Soles, New Hope Campaign, contact Moury Bass at WIBH at 833-9424 or Shawnna Rhine at Southern 7 Head Start at 618-634-2297, extension 9161, or visit the WIBH Warm Soles, New Hope Campaign on Facebook. To learn more about Operation Warm, visit operationwarm.org.

Jonesboro student finalist in art competition

The Jonesboro Grade School and Music Department are happy to recognize 5th grade student Ethan Jiter as a finalist in this year's Picture the Music competition.

The Picture the Music competition is hosted by the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra in partnership with the Missouri Botanical Garden, the Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House and the Saint Louis Art Museum.

Organizers shared that Picture the Music is a cross-curricular program that invites students in grades kindergarten through 6th grade to experience music, art and nature as powerful strategies for emotional regulation.

This year's program features "The Dance of the Butterfly" from Albert Roussel's "The Spider's Feast."

Each school that participated was allowed to submit only seven of the school's students' pieces to the competition.

Out of schools located across Southern Illinois and East Missouri, only 100 students are chosen as finalists.

Music teacher Stephanie Reece sponsored the event at Jonesboro School.

The 100 finalists will be honored at an awards ceremony.

After the ceremony, the works of art in the exhibit are scheduled to go on tour.

Exhibit display locations and dates are scheduled to include the Saint Louis Art Museum, April 9-21; and the Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House in Chesterfield, Mo., April 23 through May 5.



Jonesboro student's art work

Jonesboro Grade School student Ethan Jiter titled the art work he created "Color." Photo provided.

Scholarships presented

Rural Health Inc. has awarded a $1,000 scholarship to a high school senior from high schools in its service region.

Scholarship recipients were chosen based on their desire to pursue a career in healthcare.

Rural Health Inc. announced that area students who were scholarship recipients include:

Presli Garner, Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

Kaylee Hall, Cobden High School.

Catherine Thomas, Dongola High School.

Jaelie Westerfield, Goreville High School.

Libby Conkle, Massac County High School.

Karsynne Livingston, Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake.

Shaylee Moore, Vienna High School.

Adrianna Hendrix and Jaylyn Rademaker, children of Rural Health Inc. employee/board member.



Spring time display on Jonesboro Square

Spring time once again has brought a colorful display of blossoms on the trees growing on the Jonesboro. The photo was taken Thursday afternoon, March 14.

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Sunset on Friday evening

A colorful sunset was seen in the sky over Union County on Friday evening, March 15. The photograph was taken on the campus of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

River-to-River Trail Society hike planned

The River-to-River Trail Society announces a public hike which is planned March 23 at Godwin Trail in Union County.

The hike is free and open to the public. The trail society stated that the thru hike will be one of extreme difficulty, 7 miles long with four hours of hiking time.

The leader of the hike can be reached at 708-471-7500 for more information.

Those who want to go on the hike are advised to meet at 10 a.m. at Godwin Trailhead East.

The hike is intended for people who are in good health who have done some walking.

Hiking sticks and boots or sturdy shoes are recommended by the trail society.

The society advises hikers to bring their own water and a snack, and to not bring dogs.

A post on the River-to-River Trail Society website at www.rivertorivertrail.net has more information, including driving directions to the meeting area for the hike.

The Illinois General Assembly chartered a state bank in Vandalia in February of 1821.

Ebenezer Hall Cemetery Board meeting planned

The annual meeting of the Ebenezer Hall Cemetery Board has been scheduled for Thursday, today, at 6 p.m.

The meeting will be at Lick Creek School. For more information, call 618-614-2019.

News Notes

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Thanks to Nalee Rae's Boutique, free prom dresses will be available after school each day until 4:30 p.m. April 2-5 in the Cobden High School study hall. Donations of gently worn formal dresses also are being accepted.

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Cobden School Distrrict Educators Rising chapter president, state recording secretary and future music teacher Grace White taught music and band for a full day last week.

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Cobden School students Madison Moreland and Agent Inman placed at FFA District 5 proficiency awards competition March 6 at Mt. Vernon High School.

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A Cobden High School art show is on display this week during parent-teacher conferences. Art Club, Art 1, drawing and painting, ceramics, guitar building, print-making and industrial design works can be seen from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, today, in hallways at the school.

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Recent discoloration of water in Anna was attributed to iron. The water remained safe to drink.

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Reminder: The City of Jonesboro plans to begin cleaning up the Jonesboro Cemetery on March 22. The city advises that all arrangements, grave blankets and miscellaneous items left on the ground will be picked up and disposed of by the cemetery department.

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An exhibit featuring the art work of Jane Nimmo continues through March 24 at the Anna Arts Center.

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Cobden School's agriculture department welcomed Illinois Conservation Police Officer Steve Vasicek for a presentation to the wildlife management class last week.

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Future fotographers... or maybe phuture photographers...were busy with their cameras last Thursday afternoon at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. Young people in the library's Photo Club were capturing images for a photo series assignment.

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More than 40 employers are expected to participate in a job fair which is planned from 8:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, April 3, at Shawnee Community College near Ullin.

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Shawnee Community College is celebrating cultures around the world.

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The U.S. Forest Service reports that during a recent bat survey, Shawnee National Forest wildlife biologists discovered "an old friend"... an adult male Indiana bat that was captured and banded on Oct. 5, 2009, at a cave entrance in Pope County.

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Blossoms were appearing on peach trees in Union County orchards during last week's warm weather.

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Picnics appeared to be a popular way to enjoy spring time warmth last Thursday afternoon at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro.

VFW Auxiliary offers Easter treats

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 Auxiliary is planning to make chocolate peanut butter Easter eggs again this year.

Costs will be $15 for one dozen, $8 for half a dozen or $1.50 each. Pick up is set for March 28 and 29.

To place an order, call AnnaMaria at 812-525-5510, Linda at 618-833-7737 or Sherry at 618-559-4347.

Service scheduled at Kornthal

A worship service is planned at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 24, at historic Kornthal Church in Union County. March 24 is Palm Sunday. The service is scheduled to feature special music.

Upcoming daytime services are planned June 23 and Sept. 22 at the landmark church. Both services are scheduled at 2 p.m.

A Christmas worship service is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 12.

Kornthal Church is located 2.5 miles south of Jonesboro, just off Illinois Route 127.

Jonesboro librarian retiring

After 20 years of service to the community, Karen Hallam is retiring as the librarian at the Jonesboro Public Library.

A party is planned in her honor from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at the library.

The Jonesboro Public Library is located at 412 S. Main St. (Illinois Route 127 South).

All are welcome to come and wish her well on her new adventures.

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Musical version of 'Addams Family' staged at A-JCHS

A musical version of "The Addams Family" was presented Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 15-17, at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

The two-act production was staged in the Union County school's newly remodeled auditorium.

The students in the cast and crew had been working since November to prepare for the presentation of "The Addams Family."

The musical's cast members included:

Adam Clark as Gomez Addams. Ruby Yates as Morticia Adams.

Logan Abernathy as Uncle Fester. El Lingle as Grandma.

Jadyn Samuels as Wednesday Addams. Callysta Borders as Pugsley Addams. Jason Vizard as Lurch.

Kadyn Grant as Mal Beineke. Lauren Jackson as Alice Beineke. Lucas Salazar as Lucas Beineke.

Andria Taylor, Aiden Colson, Addison Farris, Aaliyah Prater and Rose Aragon as ancestors.

The musical's director was Brad Stamp. The director noted in the program for the musical that many of the students involved in the production juggle many activities, while also spending many hours weekly rehearsing and at stage crew. "Their hard work, dedication and talent are inspiring," the director stated.

Rachel Norton was pit director. Jada Hudson was choreographer/assistant director. Melody Thomas was costume coordinator/seamstress. Kristin Nance was assistant to the director.

Tina Vancil was set design director. Dale Vancil was set construction director.

Hallie Black, Alexis Housman, Gabe Eddings and Grant Lingle worked on set construction.

Allison Frick, Hallie Black, Cameron Golladay, Connor Richardson, Jordyn North, Danica Morgan and Jalen Altoff worked on set design. Cadence Black worked on 3-D design.

Stage manager was Allison Frick. Assistant stage manager was Genesis Martin.

Jadyn Samuels and Aaliyah Prater worked on makeup and hair. Spot ops workers were Jordyn North and Kaylina Willey. Hallie Black worked on lights.

Sound workers were Danica Morgan and Grant Lingle. Amelia Lingle worked the curtain.

Stage crew members included:

Ruby Yates, Jason Vizard, Allison Frick, Cadence Black, Genesis Martin, Jordyn North, Shaylee Farris.

Jay Hopkins, Hallie Black, Connor Richardson, Kaylina Willey, Cameron Golladay, Alexis Housman, Jaylen Altoff.

Danica Morgan, Jordan Gentry, Gabe Eddings, Amelia Lingle, Grant Lingle, Lucas Tehandon.

The pit orchestra for the musical was directed by Rachel Norton.

Members of the orchestra included Kelsey Huffman, Kira Browning, Ginivra Stace, Ariana Moutell, Rick Brady, Cameron Golladay, Dee Rose, Cadence Black, Elias Harner, Debbie York, Krystal McLane, Lucas Tehandon, Jon Hiller, Brilea Smith and Will Brady.

(The names of those involved in the musical are from the production's printed "Playbill" program. The photographs were taken at Friday night's performance.)















News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A morning worship service was held Sunday, March 17. Announcements were given by Jessica Elkins. Music was led by Pastor Randy Wright and the worship team.

Sunday morning's message was titled "Counterfeit or Authentic." The message was brought by Pastor Wright. Scripture was from 2 Timothy, Galatians, 2 Corinthians and the Psalms.

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

An annual church ballot approval was held following the morning worship service. All active members 15 years of age and older were able to vote on the approval of the ballot.

The message at Sunday evening's worship service was titled "Perilous Times." The message was brought by Pastor Wright. Scripture was from Exodus.

Birthdays: Jayda Benefield, March 17; Ginger Morrison, March 22.

Schedule for Sunday, March 24: Breakfast, 9 a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Morning worship service, 10:35 a.m. Children's quizzing, 5 p.m. Evening worship service, 6 p.m.

A Wednesday night service is planned at 6:30 p.m. March 27 in the sanctuary. A youth group meeting and children's quizzing are planned at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Upcoming Events

March 21. NDI board meeting, 6 p.m. Church board meeting, 7 p.m.

March 29. Good Friday Passover meal, 6:30 p.m.

March 30. Easter egg hunt, 10 a.m. Graham/Hill farm, 5225 New Saratoga Rd., Anna.

March 31, Easter Sunday. Breakfast, 9 a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Morning worship, 10:35 a.m. No evening worship service is scheduled.

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.

Worship at Kornthal

Worship at Kornthal will be held at 2pm, Sunday, March 24th. The service will feature special music. Our new schedule for 2024 will be June 23rd, and September 22nd both at 2:00 pm. The Christmas worship will continue at night and will be held at 6:30 pm on December 12th.

Kornthal is located 2.5 miles south of Jonesboro, just off Illinois 127.

Spring Gospel Meeting

Anna Church of Christ

104 Nile Street, Anna, Illinois 62906

April 7-10, 2024

Lessons

April 7	9:30 a.m.:	Our Majestic God
April 7	10:30 a.m.:	What is Worship All About?
April 7	1:30 p.m.:	Reflect Don't Deflect
April 8	7:00 p.m.:	Looking in the Mirror
April 9	7:00 p.m.:	Beautiful Feet
April 10	7:00 p.m.:	Who Is Shaping You?



Mike Peters has been married to Ieva Peters for 29 years. They have two daughters: Elzy, 22, a senior at FHU, and Vikie, 19, a freshman at Harding. Mike is a 2012 graduate of the Memphis School of Preaching. He holds a BA in Bible from Amridge University, an MA in New Testament Studies from Amridge University, and will be completing a PhD in New Testament Studies from Amridge University this year. He is the pulpit minister at the Pottsville Church of Christ in Hickory, KY, where he has been serving for the last 12 years.

Speaker: Mike Peters

Pulpit mininster at the Pottsville Church of Christ, Hickory, KY

Join us each night for these thought-provoking topics!

Anna VFW calendar of events

Upcoming events at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna include:

A corn hole tournament is planned Thursday, March today. Play begins at 6:30 p.m. The kitchen will not be open. A Queen of Hearts drawing is planned at 7 p.m.

The Not Guilty Band is scheduled to play at the post from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, March 23.

An all-day corn hole tournament is planned Sunday, March 24. The kitchen will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Lunch and dinner will be available.

The post is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna. Upcoming events are open to the public.



High school baseball action

Anna-Jonesboro's Daylon Butler follows through after connecting for an RBI double against visiting Carbondale in a high school baseball game played Thursday, March 14, at Kiwanis Field at the Anna City Park. A-J's Taj Hodges was on third and came home to score.

A-J softball team in action against Marion, Egyptian

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School softball faced Marion and Egyptian in recent action.

Marion 4, A-J 3: Ana Turner led A-J with 2 hits in the game for visiting A-J on Tuesday, March 12.

Jayda Shepard had a hit and an RBI. Kansas Craig and Emma Craig each had a hit.

Ruby Yates was the winning pitcher with a 7-hitter to go with 2 walks and 4 strikeouts.

A-J 15, Egyptian 0: Kansas Craig was 3-for-3 with a home run and 4 RBIs to lead visiting A-J to the season-opening win Monday, March 11.

Turner was 2-for-2 with a triple and 2 RBIs. Yates was 2-for-2 with an RBI. Shepard was 2-for-3 with 2 doubles and 2 RBIs.

Brooke Carmack was 1-for-1 with an RBI. Emma Craig and Olivia Schaefer were each 1-for-3 with an RBI apiece.

Brodie Sheffer, Cross and Marks pitched in the win. The A-J pitchers gave up 2 hits to go with a walk and 8 strikeouts.

A-J is scheduled to play in the A-J tournament Saturday, March 23

A-J girls soccer opens with win

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls soccer team opened its season with a 1-0 win over visiting Vienna Monday, March 11.

Brinley Corbit had the goal for A-J. Payton Brust had an assist.

Goalie Savannah Smith had a save on a penalty kick.

A-J, 1-0, plays at home against Carbondale Friday, March 22.

Palm Sunday

At Anna First Baptist Church

409 Morgan Street

MARCH 24, 2024

- **Worship Service @ 10:15 a.m.**
- **Festival after service to 2 pm**

FEATURING ADELAIDE CONCERT @ 6:00 P.M.

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Come Celebrate With Us As We Celebrate The Lord of Lords, Jesus

A-J baseball team opens season with 3-1 record

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School baseball team opened its season with a 3-1 record.

Monticello 17, A-J 5: Noah Chotner led host A-J's hitting by going 2-for-3 with a double for in the game played Friday, March 15.

Taj Hodges was 2-for-4 with a home run and an RBI. Drake Hartline was 1-for-2 with an RBI.Aaron Sheffer was 1-for-3 with a double and an RBI. Dylan Harvel and Jeffrey Campbell were each 1-for-3. Aiden McFadden was 1-for-4 with an RBI.

Nick Hannan, Daylon Butler, McFadden and Harvel pitched for A-J.

Hannan worked 3 innings and allowed 5 hits to go with 2 strikeouts and 2 walks. Butler pitched an inning and allowed 3 hits to go with a strikeout and 2 walks. McFadden pitched 1 2/3 innings and gave up 5 hits to go with a strikeout and 2 walks. Harvel pitched 1 1/3 innings and allowed 3 hits to go with no strikeouts and 3 walks.

A-J 8, Carbondale 4: Pitchers Sheffer and Hartline combined to allow 4 hits to lead host A-J to the win Thursday, March 14.

Sheffer pitched 4 2/3 innings and allowed 2 hits to go with 8 strikeouts and 3 walks. Hartline worked 1 1 2/3 innings and allowed 2 hits to go with 4 strikeouts and 2 walks.

Taj Hodges was 2-for-3 with a double. Campbell was 2-for-3. Chotner was 1-for-2. Sheffer was 1-for-3 with 2 RBIs. Daylon Butler was 1-for-4 with a double and 4 RBIs. McFadden was 1-for-4 with an RBI.

A-J 22, Cobden 1: Butler led A-J at the plate by going 3-for-5 with 3 RBIs. Chotner was 2-for-3 with 4 RBIs.

McFadden was 2-for-4 with a double, triple and 5 RBIs. Lucas Salazar was 1-for-1 with a double and an RBI. Sheffer was 1-for-1 with an RBI. Henry Hoehner was 1-for-1 with an RBI.

Hartline was 1-for-1 with a double and 3 RBIs. Hannan was 1-for-2 with 2 RBIs. Kolton Jones was 1-for-2 with a double and 2 RBIs. Harvel was 1-for-4 with a double and and an RBI. Luke Vaughn had and RBI.

A-J 11, Egyptian 0: Sheffer was 2-for-2 with 2 doubles and 2 RBIs to lead the visiting Wildcat to the season-opening win Monday, March 11.

McFadden was 2-for-3 with 2 RBIs. Jones was 1-for-1 with a double. Hartline was 1-for-1 with an RBI. Campbell was 1-for-2 with 2 RBIs. Chotner was 1-for-4 with a double and an RBI.

Hannan, Butler, Salazar and Sheffer pitched for A-J. Hannan pitched and inning and didn't allow a hit to go with no walks and 3 strikeouts. Butler worked 2 innings and allowed a hit to go with no walks and 5 strikeouts. Salazar pitched an inning and had one hit to go with a walks and 2 strikeouts.

A-J, 3-1, plays Friday, March 22, at Murphysboro.

Clean out the closet, yard sale season is just around the corner! To place your ad call 618-833-2158

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, **UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS CAUSE 2024TX3**: TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS (AND IF DECEASED, TO THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES), AND TO THE ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE, ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE VEHICLE SERVICES, ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL, ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE AND UNION COUNTY CLERK, UNION COUNTY TREASURER, DITECH FINANCIAL LLC CORP AGENT: C T CORP SYSTEM, RITHM CAPITAL, UNION COUNTY STATES ATTORNEY, AND TO OCCUPANTS AND UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED IN THE PARCELS HEREINAFTER NAMED:

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02-006-	BENEFIELD, STEPHEN	2021-90001	95 SCHLENKER RD
02-069-	HILL, ROBERT	2021-90002	
02-069-	HILL, PAMELA	2021-90002	
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02-069-	FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION	2021-90002	
03-101-	ANGLIN-BROOKER, MELISSA	2021-90004	2635 CHRISTIAN CHAPEL ROAD
04-242-	EADS, DAVID W	2021-90008	840 WATER VALLEY RD
05-008-	SADLER, MICHELLE L	2021-90009	127 ASHLAR ST
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07-121-	YATES, ANDY	2021-90014	545 STADELBACHER RD
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08-113-	DILLMAN, JANET	2021-90016	7905 ST RT 146
08-522-	BAC,TAX SERVICES CORP TX2975-02-01	2021-90017	585 BERRYVILLE RD
08-522-	THOMPSON, BRENDA	2021-90017	585 BERRYVILLE RD
08-522-	LOVELESS, SCOTT	2021-90017	585 BERRYVILLE RD
09-018-	CLOVER, LARRY	2021-90018	2240 KAOLIN
09-051-	CLOVER, LARRY	2021-90019	280 FAIR CITY LN
09-058-	SULLIVAN, VALERIE	2021-90020	340 KORNTHAL CHURCH RD
14-289-	FRY, STEVEN D	2021-90024	107 MONROE ST
14-289-	FRY, MICHELLE R	2021-90024	107 MONROE ST
14-338-	HILL, THOMAS WILLIAM C/O TRAILER PARK	2021-90025	100 B USSERY ST
14-338-	HILL, THOMAS WILLIAM	2021-90025	100 B USSERY ST

TAKE NOTICE THAT THE ABOVESAID MOBILE HOMES WERE SOLD ON FEBRUARY 9, 2022, FOR DELINQUENT MOBILE HOME LOCAL SERVICES TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2021 AND PRIOR YEARS, AND THAT THE PERIOD OF REDEMPTION FROM SUCH SALE EXPIRES AUGUST 26, 2024. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT A PETITION FOR ORDER DIRECTING ISSUANCE OF TAX CERTIFICATES OF TITLE HAS BEEN FILED IN THE ABOVESAID CAUSE AS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED MOBILE HOMES BY UNION COUNTY, AS TRUSTEE, AND THAT ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 AT 11:00 AM [COURTROOM 1], SAID PETITIONER WILL APPLY FOR AN ORDER THAT A TAX CERTIFICATE OF TITLE ISSUE AS TO EACH ABOVESAID MOBILE HOME NOT REDEEMED ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 26, 2024. /S/ UNION COUNTY AS TRUSTEE, PETITIONER.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK
ADDRESS: 309 W MARKET ST ROOM 116, JONESBORO, IL 62952
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More details to come...

News from

Anna First Baptist Church

Anna First Baptist Church met for Sunday School and worship on Sunday, March 17. The morning began with Sunday School at 9 a.m.

Worship was at 10:15 a.m. Pastor Lupe greeted everyone in the sanctuary and online.

Announcements were shared. Prayers were said over the prayer list.

Call to worship was about "The Cross, Jesus Suffering and His Death." Scripture was from Isaiah. Honor and glory were given to God with the 100th Psalm.

Jean Denny led hymns worship with "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Room at the Cross."

The worship team led contemporary worship with "When I Lay My Isaac Down" and "Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord."

Pastor Lupe's scripture for his sermon was from Genesis 21-24. His sermon topic was "The Lying Down of Isaac."

The sermon shared that "Abraham's obedience in offering Isaac demonstrates profound faith and submission to God's will, showcasing the depth of his devotion.

"This act serves as a powerful testament to the importance of trust and obedience in religious faith, inspiring believers across generations.

"The story highlights the complexity of morality and the ultimate test of loyalty to one's faith.

"Abraham's obedience ultimately leads to divine intervention, affirming the notion of divine providence and the rewards of steadfast devotion."

A Palm Sunday outdoor festival and concert are planned March 24. A Palm Sunday service is planned at 10:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. The outdoor festival will begin after the service. The festival will feature food, games, bounce houses, fun and fellowship for all age groups. A concert with Adelaide is planned at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m.

Services can be seen live on YouTube at Anna First Live Stream.

Sunday School for children, youth and adults is at 9 a.m. A Discipleship Class meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. A youth program is planned on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

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

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

Arts center holding auditions

Auditions are underway for an upcoming production of Neil Simon's play "The Last of the Red Lovers" at the Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center.

The first evening of auditions was planned Wednesday evening, March 20.

Auditions are scheduled to continue from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, today, at the arts center, which is located at 117 W. Davie St. in Anna.

High school students and adults are invited to audition for the play.

The arts council shared in a news release that those who want to audition should be prepared to "take a minute to describe what you have a passion for and be ready to do a cold read."

The play is scheduled to be performed May 31 through June 2. Rehearsals are set to begin during the week of April 1. The rehearsal schedule will be flexible.

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Daily Bible Readings

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The person in this position is expected to clean and maintain the school building(s) where he/she is assigned. Tasks include but are not limited to general cleaning of assigned areas, buffing, stripping & refinishing floor tile, carpet cleaning, trash disposal, unloading freight, ordering custodial supplies, painting, minor maintenance & repair, climbing and working from ladders, and any other position related tasks that may be assigned by the building Principal and/or Superintendent. The person in this position is expected to have previous experience or after a brief orientation period, demonstrate the ability to perform the previously mentioned tasks safely and proficiently. The person in this position is expected to be physically and mentally capable of performing the essential duties and tasks of the position as previously mentioned.

Please submit a resume/interest letter to:
Kevin Westall Superintendent,
309 Cook Ave.
Jonesboro IL, 62906
If you have any questions about this position, contact the superintendent office at 618-833-6651.

15-16g

REQUEST FOR MOWING BIDS: Proposals are requested for the mowing and trimming of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative's (SIEC) twelve (12) substation properties, Massac County facilities and Massac Office property for seven (7) months April 2024 – October 31, 2024. Work includes mowing and trimming outside of fenced areas at substation properties, mowing and trimming at our two (2) Massac County facilities. Descriptions and addresses can be found in the bid packet.

Bid packages can be picked up at SIEC, 7420 U.S. Highway 51 South, Dongola, IL, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Cooperative requires the successful bidder to provide and maintain public liability insurance, including but not limited to insurance on vehicles utilized in this job and property damage coverage. The Cooperative also requires the successful bidder to provide and maintain workmen's compensation insurance coverage on any individual who performs the mowing and trimming---including an individual who may be the sole owner/operator of the business.

Bids must be received by noon on Friday, March 22, 2024.

13-14p, 14-15g

WANTED: The Voyage Senior Living of Anna is hiring for a cook position $15.50/hr. and part time CNA $16.50/hr. Call Katie at 618-833-5495.

EEO/AA Employer
15gp

WANTED! Part time evening cook wanted. Tues, Wed, Thurs & Friday; 4:30pm – 9:00pm. Average 4 hours an evening at Anna Moose Lodge. Call the lodge 618-833-2733 or call 618-534-7287.

14-15gp

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

5gp tfn

BUSINESS

SPRING IS ON ITS WAY. That means mowing season! Call and get your name on the list. It's filling up. Free estimates. 618-697-8978.

13-16g, 13-14p

MISC.

IN MEMORY OF BOBBIE DEAN BRACKEN

In loving memory of Bobbie Dean Bracken, who was killed on March 27th, 1962 at the Trojan Powder Plant in Wolf Lake, IL. It's been sixty-two years since you went to your heavenly home. Our hearts were broken and we have shed many tears since that day. Mom & Will have joined you in the heavenly home. Some day we will all walk together again, hand in hand with God in the Promise Land.

Sadly missed by,
Helen & Bobbie Bracken
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13-15P, 14-16G

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14-15g, 17-18g

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ESTATE OF VICKY LYNN CHAMNESS, DECEASED. NO. 2024-PR-3 IN PROBATE

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Vicky Lynn Chamness, of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 8, 2024, to Gary Reichrath, 309 Parson Thorn Apts., Milford, DE 19963, 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 September 21, 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: March 11, 2024.

GARY REICHRATH,
Independent Executor
CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC
ELVIS C. CAMERON
ATTORNEY FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR
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PHONE: 618-833-2220
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF DAVID MITCHELL URY, DECEASED. NO. 2024-PR-4 IN PROBATE

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of David Mitchell Ury of Jonesboro, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 8, 2024, to Alice Ann Ury, 3885 St. Rt. 127 S., Jonesboro, IL 62952, 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.)

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Dated: March 11, 2024.

ALICE ANN URY,
Independent Executor
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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: Karynna Jade Carter CASE NUMBER 24-MR-01

There will be a court date on a Request for Name Change (Minor Children) for this child:

Jetson Thomas Sutliff
to the new name of
Jetson Thomas Carter

The court date will be held on April 17, 2024 at 11:00 am at 309 West Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, Union County in Courtroom 01

/s/ Karynna Carter
Petitioner
8221-940584

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

IN THE MATTER OF FINLEY M. BURNETT

LAURA SUSAN CARBONELL and CHRISTOPHER JORGE CARBONELL, Petitioners, vs. ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARENTS, Respondent, 2024AD1

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, "Any and All Unknown Parents", that a Petition to Adopt Related Child has been commenced in this Court against you asking for a Decree of Adoption and for other relief. Unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of this Court at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before March 25, 2024 @ 11:00 a.m., a Decree of Adoption by Default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the Petition.

Witness: 2/7/2024

Keri Clark
(Clerk of the Circuit Court)

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TAX DEED NO. 2024TX4 FILED February 29, 2024 Certificate No. 2020-000144 TAKE NOTICE

TO: ROLLA E BAKER; VENETA J BAKER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF ROLLA & VENETA BAKER; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NON- RECORDED CLAIMANTS.

This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property:

304 S JEFFERSON ST. COBDEN, IL 62920

Property Index Number No. 14-00-10-289

On August 21, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an

order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL. The real estate was sold on February 9, 2022 for general taxes of the year 2020. The period of redemption will expire August 9, 2024.

Matthew & Kelly Bliss,
Petitioner
8221-940375

TAX DEED NO. 2024TX5 FILED February 29, 2024 Certificate No. 2020-00026 TAKE NOTICE

TO: ROLLA E BAKER; VENETA J. BAKER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF ROLLA & VENETA BAKER; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NON- RECORDED CLAIMANTS.

This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property:

304 S JEFFERSON ST. COBDEN, IL 62920

Property Index Number No. 04-30-02-757-B

On August 21, 2024 at 11:00 am. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL. The real estate was sold on February 9, 2022 for general taxes of the year 2020. The period of redemption will expire August 9, 2024.

Mathew & Kelly Bliss,
Petitioner
8221-940376

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

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

Filed this 5th day of March, 2024, under the Assumed Name of The Dome at Blueberry Hill with the place of business located at 310 Blueberry Hill Rd, Cobden, IL 62920 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Owner(s)
Sarah M. Farr &
Jeremy J. Farr
7865 US HWY 51 N,
Cobden. IL. 62920

Pecheken Ventures LLC
310 Blueberry Hill Rd,
Cobden, IL. 62920
Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
8221-940400

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

ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, a National Chartered Bank, Plaintiff, vs ADAM LEE MAYS, WENDY J. MAYS, MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No.: 2022-FC-19

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above captioned matter on December 19, 2023, the Sheriff in Union County, will by public sale on April 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Union County Courthouse, in Jonesboro, Illinois, sell at public venue to the highest and best bidder, for cash, or cashier's check drawn on a federally or state chartered bank or savings and loan, the following described real estate:

Legal Description:

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A ½" IRON ROD AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 35, THENCE N 84°32'19"W, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE THEREOF, A DISTANCE OF 620.30 FEET TO A ½" IRON ROD, THENCE DEPARTING FROM SAID SOUTH LINE, N 00"48'15"E, A DISTANCE OF 639.31 FEET TO A ½" IRON ROD, THENCE S84°54'05"E, A DISTANCE OF 620.00 FEET TO A ½" IRON ROD ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER, THENCE S 00°48'16"W, ALONG SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 643.25 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAING 9.102 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS. AS PER SURVEY BY SCOTT A. RICHARDS, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOYR #2996, DATED JANUARY OF 2014. SUBJECT TO EXISTING EASEMENTS OF RECORD IF ANY AND THAT THEREOF FALLING IN MOSCOW ROAD AND PETRAS LANE.

ALL IN ACCORDANCE OF "TRACT #1" ON A PLAT OF SUREY DATED JANUARY 17, 2014 AND RECORDED FEBRUARY 11, 2014 AS DOC. NO. 2014R0247, AND FURTHER INDEXED AT PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 908, MADE BY SCOTT A. RICHARDS, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2996, IN THE UNION COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1770 MOSCOW RD., DONGOLA, IL 62926

TAX ID: PART OF TAX NO. 02-35-01-271

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

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

Keri Clark
Circuit Clerk

Document prepared by:

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

ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, f/k/a ANNA NATIONAL BANK, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff, vs CHRISTOPHER W. TREXLER, ASHLEY D. TREXLER, EVELINE POOLE, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No.: 2023-FC-12

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above captioned matter on December 19, 2023, the Sheriff in Union County, will by public sale on April 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Union County Courthouse, in Jonesboro, Illinois, sell at public venue to the highest and best bidder, for cash, or cashier's check drawn on a federally or state chartered bank or savings and loan, the following described real estate:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AND PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP AND RANGE AFORESAID, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE THOMAS D ERNST LAND AND RUNNING EAST 26 RODS AND 12 FEET, THENCE IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION 20 RODS AND 14 FEET TO THE RIGHT OF WAY OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY, THENCE IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SAID RIGHT OF WAY 25 RODS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, EXCEPTING OUT OF ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACTS ALL THAT PART LYING EAST OF THE CENTER OF STATE HIGHWAY NO 2 (NOW U S HIGHWAY NO 51), SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS CONTAINING 20 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT
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County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct 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 23rd day of February, 2024, under the Assumed Name of Rowdy's Rollin Rotsserie BBQ, with the place of business located at 740 S. County Line Rd., Jonesboro, IL 62952 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietors of said Business is:

Owners: Rowdy Burris
Address: 740 S. County Line Rd., Jonesboro, IL 62952

Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
8221-940228

REAL ESTATE

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

ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, a National Chartered Bank,
Plaintiff,
vs
ADAM LEE MAYS, WENDY J. MAYS, MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
Case No.: 2022-FC-19

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above captioned matter on December 19, 2023, the Sheriff in Union County, will by public sale on April 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Union County Courthouse, in Jonesboro, Illinois, sell at public venue to the highest and best bidder, for cash, or cashier's check drawn on a federally or state chartered bank or savings and loan, the following described real estate:

P R O P E R T Y ADDRESS: 1770 MOSCOW RD., DONGOLA, IL 62926

TAX ID: PART OF TAX NO. 02-35-01-271

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

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

Keri Clark
Circuit Clerk

Document prepared by:

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

ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, f/k/a ANNA NATIONAL BANK, an Illinois Banking Corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs
CHRISTOPHER W. TREXLER, ASHLEY D. TREXLER, EVELINE POOLE, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
Case No.: 2023-FC-12

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SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS CONTAINING 20 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Bro. Easton's sermon on Sunday was titled "The Importance of Discipleship: Don't Leave 'em Hangin'." Scripture was from 1 Thessalonians.

When Paul was in Thessalonica prior to this letter, mobs had forced him and his Christian companions out of the area. So, Paul wrote letters of encouragement and instruction to them.

In spite of suffering at the hands of non-believers, the Thessalonians had accepted the Gospel of Christ with joy and wholeheartedly. In doing so, the Thessalonians became models for those around them.

Sunday's sermon shared that "even though this letter was written centuries ago, it speaks to us yet today. We are not only to witness, but to also mentor/encourage/disciple new believers in their faith. We won't be perfect in the example we live, but we must be sincere about and faithful to what we believe."

Bro. Easton closed with the challenge "to not leave ourselves hanging either. We must associate with other believers as we worship and study in church, read our Bible and cultivate our prayer life so that we will grow in faith and knowledge of the Lord."

Addi Bonner gave the Lenten reading and extinguished another candle on the Lenten wreath.

Tony Gerard and Rodney Miller received the tithes and offerings.

A love offering also was received for a toddler with mounting hospital bills.

Camp Ground Church's lead elder for March is Gary Johnson.

Those having birthdays the past couple weeks have been Kayton Crane on March 7, Mark Boaz on March 14, Joshua Simmons on March 17 and Jeff Roach on March 19.

Mark and Michaela Boaz had their 19th wedding anniversary March 19.

On Saturday, March 30, Camp Ground Church plans to host its annual community egg hunt and wiener roast beginning at 5 p.m. The church will provide the eggs, hot dogs and buns. Those who plan to attend are asked to bring chips, desserts or drinks to share.

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 north of Illinois Route 146.

Jonesboro School schedules kindergarten screening date

Jonesboro Grade School has prepared a day of screening for 2024-2025 incoming kindergarten students.

Children who will be 5 years of age prior to Sept. 1, 2024, and live in the Jonesboro School district are eligible to enter kindergarten.

Screening for children is scheduled from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, April 15, at the school.

Parents and guardians are asked to call the school office at 833-5148 to schedule a screening appointment with secretaries Nancy Pind or Sara Poole.

The kindergarten screening is for incoming kindergarten students who do not currently attend Jonesboro pre-kindergarten or Jonesboro Head Start.

Students currently attending pre-K or Head Start at Jonesboro School will be screened during their school day.

Parents or guardians are asked to bring a copy of their child's birth certificate to the screening.

Further information regarding kindergarten screening is available by contacting kindergarten teacher Susan Ramsey at sramsey@jonesboro43.com.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, **UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS CAUSE NO. 2024TX2** TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS (AND IF DECEASED, TO THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES), AND TO THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND TO ALL INTERESTED DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES THEREOF, INCLUDING AMONG OTHERS ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL, ILLINOIS DEPT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES- COLLECTIONS, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPT OF HEALTHCARE & FAMILY SERVICES (PUBLIC AID) GENERAL COUNSEL AND UNION COUNTY CLERK, UNION COUNTY TREASURER, UNION COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY, CITY OF JONESBORO AND CITY OF ANNA, AND TO OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED IN THE PARCELS HEREINAFTER NAMED:

Parcel Number	Owners/Parties Interested	Cert Number	Street Or Common Address
05-19-03-461-	GERARDI, DOROTHY L HEIRS AND DEVISEES	2020-00032	111 BROWN ST.
05-19-03-461-	AS-IS PROPERTIES RA: TONI WALTERS	2020-00032	111 BROWN ST.
05-19-03-461-	AS-IS PROPERTIES LTD	2020-00032	111 BROWN ST.
05-19-03-461-	GERARDI, DAVID HEIR	2020-00032	111 BROWN ST.
06-25-04-870-A	BENNETT, CLIFTON HEIRS AND DEVISEES	2020-00065	346 1/2 WETAUG RD.
06-25-04-870-A	GALLION, DONNA	2020-00065	346 1/2 WETAUG RD.
06-25-04-870-A	RENDLEMAN, JESSICA HEIR	2020-00065	346 1/2 WETAUG RD.
06-25-04-870-A	HARTLINE, ELIZABETH HEIR	2020-00065	346 1/2 WETAUG RD.
06-25-04-870-A	BENNETT, LATASHA HEIR	2020-00065	346 1/2 WETAUG RD.
06-25-04-870-A1	BENNETT, CLIFTON HEIRS AND DEVISEES	2020-00066	346 1/2 WETAUG RD.
06-25-04-870-A1	GALLION, DONNA	2020-00066	346 1/2 WETAUG RD.
06-25-04-870-A1	RENDLEMAN, JESSICA HEIR	2020-00066	346 1/2 WETAUG RD.
06-25-04-870-A1	HARTLINE, ELIZABETH HEIR	2020-00066	346 1/2 WETAUG RD.
06-25-04-870-A1	BENNETT, LATASHA HEIR	2020-00066	346 1/2 WETAUG RD.
08-14-05-852-A	BROWN, TERRANCE D HEIRS AND DEVISEES	2020-00079	3860 STATE RT 146 W
08-14-05-852-A	BROWN, BRENDA HEIR	2020-00079	3860 STATE RT 146 W
08-14-05-852-A	BROWN, OMER HEIRS AND DEVISEES	2020-00079	3860 STATE RT 146 W
08-14-05-852-A	MARTEL, MELISSA HEIR	2020-00079	3860 STATE RT 146 W
14-00-07-371-	SMITH, TOMMY	2020-00103	301-1 MARKET ST.
14-00-07-371-	SMITH, JOSHUA	2020-00103	301-1 MARKET ST.
14-00-07-371-	SMITH, MELISSA JANEAKA HANSIL, MELISSA J	2020-00103	301-1 MARKET ST.
14-00-07-543-	HOWELL, CONNIE	2020-00106	202 E. HEACOCK ST.
14-00-07-543-	COOK, JOHN	2020-00106	202 E. HEACOCK ST.
14-00-07-557-	WOODS, GOLDIE E HEIRS AND DEVISEES	2020-00107	206 J ST.
14-00-07-557-	RHINE, SCOTT HEIR	2020-00107	206 J ST.
14-00-08-250-	BAILEY, JOHN	2020-00114	301 SOUTH ST.
14-00-08-250-	ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK ESCROW/BAILEY	2020-00114	301 SOUTH ST.
14-00-08-251-	BAILEY, JOHN	2020-00115	103 B FAIR GROUND CT.
14-00-08-251-	ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK ESCROW/BAILEY	2020-00115	103 B FAIR GROUND CT.
14-00-08-355-	CAVITT, DWAYNE HEIRS AND DEVISEES	2020-00117	614 HIGH ST.
14-00-08-355-	FARRIS, JERRY HEIR	2020-00117	614 HIGH ST.
14-00-08-355-	ELLER, VERNUS HEIR	2020-00117	614 HIGH ST.
14-00-08-355-	HENDERSON, DANNY HEIR	2020-00117	614 HIGH ST.
14-00-08-355-	MAYS, SHERMAN HEIR	2020-00117	614 HIGH ST.
14-00-08-355-	MAYS, BEVERLY HEIR	2020-00117	614 HIGH ST.
14-00-08-355-	MAYS , ALLEN R SR HEIR	2020-00117	614 HIGH ST.
14-00-08-355-	MAYS, GROVER HEIR	2020-00117	614 HIGH ST.
14-00-08-355-	MAYS , RONNIE L SR HEIR	2020-00117	614 HIGH ST.
14-00-08-355-	NEWMAN, JIMMY HEIR	2020-00117	614 HIGH ST.
14-00-08-355-	DUTY, RENEE HEIR	2020-00117	614 HIGH ST.
14-00-08-355-	ASTIN, RICKY HEIR	2020-00117	614 HIGH ST.
14-00-08-613-	WESTERMARK, ANETTE INGER	2020-00121	700 N. MAIN ST.
14-00-08-618-	WAGNER, RALPH HEIRS AND DEVISEES	2020-00122	108 LEWIS ST.
14-00-08-618-	LASALLE BANK N.A. AFC TRUST SERIES 1999-3	2020-00122	108 LEWIS ST.
14-00-08-618-	KHURANA, RHONDA HEIR	2020-00122	108 LEWIS ST.
14-00-08-618-	WAGNER, RYAN HEIR	2020-00122	108 LEWIS ST.
14-00-08-618-	WAGNER-HUNT, DEIDRE HEIR	2020-00122	108 LEWIS ST.
14-00-08-656-	MURRIE, CLARE HEIRS AND DEVISEES	2020-00123	201 GREEN ST.
14-00-08-656-	MURRIE, JAMES AKA MURRIE, JIM HEIR	2020-00123	201 GREEN ST.
14-00-08-656-	MURRIE, STEVE HEIR	2020-00123	201 GREEN ST.
14-00-08-656-	ROBINSON, KATHY HEIR	2020-00123	201 GREEN ST.
14-00-08-656-	MURRIE, MIKE HEIR	2020-00123	201 GREEN ST.
14-00-08-656-	MURRIE, JOHN HEIR	2020-00123	201 GREEN ST.
14-00-08-656-	MURRIE, JOSEPH HEIR	2020-00123	201 GREEN ST.
14-00-08-656-	BURDEN, MARY ANNE HEIR	2020-00123	201 GREEN ST.
14-00-09-913-	LAWRENCE, ADAM	2020-00141	107 POPLAR ST.
14-00-10-290-	BAKER, VENETA J HEIRS AND DEVISEES	2020-00145	304 JEFFERSON RD.
14-00-10-290-	BAKER, KEITH HEIR	2020-00145	304 JEFFERSON RD.
14-00-10-290-	BAKER, KENT HEIR	2020-00145	304 JEFFERSON RD.
14-00-10-290-	COLLINS, KIM HEIR	2020-00145	304 JEFFERSON RD.
14-00-10-290-	PECORD, GAYNES HEIR	2020-00145	304 JEFFERSON RD.
14-00-10-537-	NUNEZ, MARIA	2020-00153	223 WALNUT ST.
14-00-10-628-	AMES, JOSHUA W	2020-00158	122 CROSS ST.
14-00-10-628-	AMES, MICHAELA	2020-00158	122 CROSS ST.
14-00-10-676-	BRIDGES, MARY	2020-00159	104 NYLON ST.
14-00-10-676-	JOHNSTON, KAYSEE	2020-00159	104 NYLON ST.
14-00-10-700-	DABBS, GRADY HEIRS AND DEVISEES	2020-00160	BRIDGE ST.
14-00-10-700-	DABBS, JANET HEIR	2020-00160	BRIDGE ST.
14-00-10-700-	DABBS, RANDALL HEIR	2020-00160	BRIDGE ST.
14-00-10-700-	DABBS, JERRY HEIR	2020-00160	BRIDGE ST.
14-00-10-700-	MCCLELLAN, LISA HEIR	2020-00160	BRIDGE ST.
14-00-10-700-	TURNER, LINDA HEIRS AND DEVISEES	2020-00160	BRIDGE ST.
14-00-10-700-	NEWELL, SHERRY HEIRS AND DEVISEES	2020-00160	BRIDGE ST.
14-00-10-700-	KLASNER, CATHY HEIRS AND DEVISEES	2020-00160	BRIDGE ST.
14-00-10-700-	COLESON, PATRICIA HEIRS AND DEVISEES	2020-00160	BRIDGE ST.
14-00-10-701-	DABBS, GRADY HEIRS AND DEVISEES	2020-00161	BRIDGE ST.
14-00-10-701-	DABBS, JANET HEIR	2020-00161	BRIDGE ST.
14-00-10-701-	DABBS, RANDAL LHEIR	2020-00161	BRIDGE ST.
14-00-10-701-	DABBS, JERRY HEIR	2020-00161	BRIDGE ST.
14-00-10-701-	MCCLELLAN, LISA HEIR	2020-00161	BRIDGE ST.
14-00-10-745-	COLESON, MICHAEL R	2020-00164	OAK ST.
14-00-10-746-	COLESON, MICHAEL R	2020-00165	OAK ST.
14-00-10-753-	COLESON, PATRICIA HEIRS AND DEVISEES	2020-00166	HIGH ST. & OFF 105 WALNUT ST.
14-00-10-753-	COLESON, MICHAEL HEIR	2020-00166	HIGH ST. & OFF 105 WALNUT ST.
14-00-10-753-	COLESON, JONATHAN HEIR	2020-00166	HIGH ST. & OFF 105 WALNUT ST.
14-00-10-753-	RICHARDSON, KIMBERLY HEIR	2020-00166	HIGH ST. & OFF 105 WALNUT ST.
14-00-10-753-	WEIDMAN, JAIDYN HEIR	2020-00166	HIGH ST. & OFF 105 WALNUT ST.
14-00-10-753-	SPARKS, BILLY HEIR	2020-00166	HIGH ST. & OFF 105 WALNUT ST.
14-00-10-754-	COLESON, PATRICIA HEIRS AND DEVISEES	2020-00167	105 WALNUT ST.
14-00-10-754-	COLESON, MICHAEL HEIR	2020-00167	105 WALNUT ST.
14-00-10-754-	COLESON, JONATHAN HEIR	2020-00167	105 WALNUT ST.
14-00-10-754-	RICHARDSON, KIMBERLY HEIR	2020-00167	105 WALNUT ST.
14-00-10-754-	WEIDMAN, JAIDYN HEIR	2020-00167	105 WALNUT ST.
14-00-10-754-	SPARKS, BILLY HEIR	2020-00167	105 WALNUT ST.
14-00-10-755-	COLESON, PATRICIA HEIRS AND DEVISEES	2020-00168	HIGH ST. & WALNUT ST.
14-00-10-755-	COLESON, MICHAEL HEIR	2020-00168	HIGH ST. & WALNUT ST.
14-00-10-755-	COLESON, JONATHAN HEIR	2020-00168	HIGH ST. & WALNUT ST.
14-00-10-755-	RICHARDSON, KIMBERLY HEIR	2020-00168	HIGH ST. & WALNUT ST.
14-00-10-755-	WEIDMAN, JAIDYN HEIR	2020-00168	HIGH ST. & WALNUT ST.
14-00-10-755-	SPARKS, BILLY HEIR	2020-00168	HIGH ST. & WALNUT ST.
14-00-10-838-	FIRST BANK & TRUST-MURPHYSBORO TRUST #437 DATED 6/7/05	2020-00169	425 MAIN ST
14-00-10-838-	MESSAMORE, P.E. HEIRS AND DEVISEES	2020-00169	425 MAIN ST

TAKE NOTICE THAT THE ABOVESAID PARCELS WERE SOLD ON FEBRUARY 9, 2022, FOR GENERAL TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2020 AND PRIOR YEARS, AND THAT THE PERIOD OF REDEMPTION FROM SUCH SALE EXPIRES AUGUST 26, 2024. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT A PETITION FOR ORDER DIRECTING ISSUANCE OF TAX DEEDS HAS BEEN FILED IN THE ABOVESAID CAUSE AS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED PARCELS BY UNION COUNTY, AS TRUSTEE, AND THAT ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 AT 11:00 AM [COURTROOM 1], SAID PETITIONER WILL APPLY FOR AN ORDER THAT A TAX DEED ISSUE AS TO EACH ABOVESAID PARCEL NOT REDEEMED ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 26, 2024. /S/ UNION COUNTY AS TRUSTEE, PETITIONER.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK
ADDRESS: 309 W MARKET ST ROOM 116, JONESBORO, IL 62952
TELEPHONE: (618) 833-5711

Obituaries

Derek 'D' Blume



Derek "D" Blume, 34, of Cordova, Tenn., died Thursday, March 14, 2024.

He was born on Aug. 26, 1989, in Paducah, the son of Charles Glenn and Mary Sue McAdoo Bridges.

On Nov. 14, 2017, he married Derrek Blume in Fort Worth, Texas.

He loved the outdoors and travelling. He loved to go camping and take float trips. He took great joy in exploring new places and trying new things. He especially loved the beach.

He had a kind and generous heart; he would help anyone. He adored his family and many pets, especially Berniece, their beloved Dachshund.

Derek is survived by his husband, Derrek Blume; his father, Charles "Chuck" Bridges; maternal grandmother Marla McAdoo; siblings Rachel "Nikki" Simmons, Ashley Bridges, Tommy Bridges, Brittany Allen-Brantley, Noah Bridges and Mindy Bridges; 10 nieces and nephews; an aunt, Cathy (Ron) Spurlock; several aunts and uncles; other relatives, and many friends.

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Homes

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Sue Harvey; his paternal grandparents; his maternal grandfather; and a brother, Dustin McAdoo.

Funeral services for Derek "D" Blume will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Ken Wilson officiating. Friends and family can call from noon until the service hour at 2 p.m. at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

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

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

John R. Holman



John R. Holman, 77, of Tamms, and formerly of Cairo, died Sunday, March 17, 2024, at his home.

He was born on Oct. 29, 1946, in Charleston, Mo., the son of William Aubrey and Daughty Mae Goodman Holman.

He married Donna Tolbert on July 14, 1966. She survives.

Mr. Holman retired as the Cairo Fire Chief after 30 years of service to the fire department. He was a member of Mighty Rivers Regional Worship Center.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Holman; brother-in-law Edward (Lisa) Tolbert; sister-in-law Mary Lee Holman; nieces, nephews, other relatives and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Michelle Holman Hankins; brothers Charles and James Holman; a sister, Imogene Danford; and one nephew.

Funeral services will be at noon Friday, March 22, at Crain Funeral Home in Cairo, with the Rev. Larry Potts officiating. Inurnment will be at the IOOF Cemetery in Charleston, Mo.

Crain Funeral Home

Visitation will be Friday, from 11 a.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home.

Memorials can be made to Mighty Rivers Regional Worship Center or to Hospice of Southern Illinois and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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

Crain Funeral Home in Cairo is in charge of arrangements.

Dr. Richard Louis 'Dick' Pommier



Dr. Richard Louis "Dick" Pommier, 88, of Arlington, passed away peacefully at home on March 11, 2024.

Mass of Christian burial was at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 16, at St. Patrick's Church in Arlington, with Rev. Gregory Jarzombek OSB officiating.

Richard was born in St. George, Ill., on Sept. 9, 1935, the son of Leonel Joseph and Regina Ruel Pommier.

He married Ruth Mary McDonald on June 24, 1967. He taught English and Latin at Hall High School for 15 years.

He received a Master of Science Degree in Education from Illinois State University, a Master of Arts Degree from the University of Notre Dame and a Doctor of Philosophy in Education from Southern Illinois University.

Richard was a member of St. Patrick's Church in Arlington, a member of the Holy Name Society and a member of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Anna. He was a reader and sang in the choir; he had a very beautiful voice.

Richard was an active member of the Knights of Columbus, where he served as Grand Knight. He was very active in church and community. He enjoyed painting and cooking.

Pallbearers were Ryan Lindenmier, Jack Rooney, Paul Rooney, Bruce Smith, Tom Smith and Scott Finders.

Online condolences may be viewed and remembrances shared at www.hurstfuneralhomes.com.

Hurst Funeral Home in Ladd was in charge of his funeral arrangements.

View Obituaries Online at
annanews.com

Judith Kay (Vaupel) Flamm



It is with great sadness that we announce that Judith Kay (Vaupel) Flamm of Cobden, Ill., passed away in the early morning of March 14, 2024.

Judy Flamm, originally from Carmi, Ill., was born on December 20, 1940, to George and Jennavee Vaupel.

She married Leonard "Slim" Flamm Jr. of Cobden on October 22, 1960.

Together, they raised four children while owning and operating Flamm Orchards.

Judy raised her family by example, helping in many ways at home and on the farm. She was a skilled seamstress, homemaker and cook her entire life.

For over twenty years, she operated J and J Upholstery, before stepping away to begin her next chapter.

Judy is probably most well-recognized by her baked goods which started the Flamm Orchards fruits and cream stand. Everything served at Flamm Orchards... the strawberry shortcake, peach cobbler, apple pie, apple dumplings, zucchini and apple bread and more are her original recipes. Her legacy will live on through those recipes still used today.

At home, Judy was a proud mother and grandmother. She was notorious for her ability to fill her home with family no matter how many people that may include, and no one ever left hungry or dissatisfied.

Slim and Judy enjoyed time away from the farm at their homes at the Lake of Egypt in the summers and Florida in the winters. But above all, they were most passionate about their family.

Judy is survived by her four children, Jeff (Leigh Anne) Flamm of Cobden, Donna McClane of Antioch, Calif., Barbara (Allen) James of Cobden and Mike (Lynn) Flamm of Cobden; along with nine grandchildren, Nick (Kara) James of Harrisburg, Carly (Travis) Holtkamp of Anna, Kaylin (Dakota) Lawrence of Murfreesboro, Tenn., Tristan James (Brandon Azoulai) of New York City, N.Y., Austin (Jessica) Flamm of Cobden, Matt (Gabby) McClane of St. Charles, Mo., Parker (Morgan) Flamm of Cobden, Abby McClane of Antioch, Calif., and Meredith Flamm (Zach James) of Cobden; five great-grandchildren, Leonard Holtkamp, Tenley James, Henry Flamm, Eleanor Lawrence and Hudson McClane; one sister, Beth (Tom) Cook of Carmi, Ill.; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Homes

Judy was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Leonard; her son-in-law Dana McClane; and her sister and brother-in-law, Martha and Fred Wolford. Judy was 83 years old.

Funeral Mass for Judith Kay Flamm was held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 18, 2024, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Cobden, with Father Uriel Salamanca officiating. Interment followed in St. Joseph Cemetery in Cobden. Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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

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

Angel Garner



Angel Garner, 55, of Ullin, died Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at her residence.

She was born on Nov. 20, 1968, in Champaign, the daughter of Bill and Marna Miller Nale.

She married Mark Garner. He preceded her in death.

She was a graduate of Century High School in Ullin and received her associates degree in early childcare. She worked at Sunrise Preschool. She was a member of Sandy Creek Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Kelsey (Bob) Dale; son Derrick Rader; her mother, Marna Nale; brothers Robert Jones, Charles Jones , Bill (Becky) Nale and Clint (Michelle) Nale; special friend Tim McHarry; and her previous husband, Jesse Rader.

Along with her husband, Mark, she was preceded in death by her father, Bill Nale.

The cremation of Angel Garner has been personally handled by the staff of Crain Funeral Home.

Crain Funeral Home

A family hosted memorial gathering will be held Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m. at Ullin First Baptist Church with Clint Nale officiating.

Memorials can be made to the family to help offset expenses.

Crain Funeral Home in Ullin is in charge of arrangements.

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

Tim Williams



Tim Williams, 54, of Tamms, died Sunday, March 17, 2024, in Olive Branch.

He was born on Sept. 6, 1969, in Cairo, the son of Marion and Margie Merryman Williams.

He was a hardworking man and he loved his career in trucking and helping on the farm.

He is survived by his mother, Margie Williams; his siblings, Steve Williams, Shelly (Bob) Britt and Jeff Williams; his step-daughter, Alana Haynes; grandchildren Amra and Matt Haynes; great-grandchildren Paul and Penelope Haynes; other relatives and many friends. He was preceded in death by his father.

Graveside services for Tim Williams were at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, at Richwood Cemetery, with the Rev. Brent Gordon officiating.

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

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms was in charge of arrangements.

Dr. Homer Cissell



Born in Cairo and from the sleepy town of Karnak, Homer L. Cissell Jr., travelled the globe throughout his lifetime and lived a life that many of us would feel fortunate to experience in a hundred years. Homer charged through life with sheer determination, persistence and enthusiasm. He loved to learn, yet was always humble regarding his diverse achievements.

Throughout his life, he has known many titles: Vietnam veteran, Dr. Cissell (PhD) college president, educator, administrator, winemaker, husband, along with brother and father, grandfather and tinkerer.

Homer, a true Renaissance man, had many interests – sailing on Lake Michigan and in the British Virgin Islands and hunting, fishing closer to home.

He enjoyed complicated cooking and his quest for the perfect pie crust included lots of butter and on a healthier note he made his own pita bread and hummus. The endeavor to create his homemade sushi included experimenting with many types of rice and the purchase of several Japanese knives.

As a carpenter, drywaller, electrician and painter, he renovated their Queen Anne home in Lincoln, Ill. (including his stained-glass creations) for which he received an award for Historic Renovation.

This experience contributed to his ability to build their Frank Lloyd Wright inspired home (which also housed their winery). When asked where the blueprints were, he stated they were in his head, but he also illustrated some fine points by drawing on a napkin!

At the winery, he loved to talk with visitors from Illinois and beyond, sharing knowledge about the history of wine and wine making.

Crain Funeral Home

In his earlier years he enjoyed fencing, golf, tennis, skiing and was a valued member of the competition shooting team. He loved nature and he and his wife enjoyed trail riding in Southern Illinois and rode with the Wolf Creek Hunt.

Although he left us much too soon and we could never have had enough time with him, his life was fully lived with adventures of traveling Europe with his equally adventuresome wife Bonnie.

They indulged in the wines and foods of the world, while exploring the history, architecture and culture of Spain, Italy, France, Germany, Portugal and more.

Once his travels ceased, he was kept just as busy at home creating new projects, always planning for the next improvement, and when time allotted after his many long days of working into the night, he could settle down just enough to share the dinner table time with wife, children and grandchildren, who all miss him dearly.

The cremation of Homer L. Cissell Jr. has been personally handled by the staff of Crain Funeral Home.

Memorials can be made to The Friends of Crab Orchard Refuge and/or The Humane Society of Southern Illinois.

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

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

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, March 17, Pastor Perry Williams spoke at both of the church's services.

His morning message continued a journey examining the last week of the life of Jesus before the crucifixion.

One of the parables Jesus taught about during that week was the parable of the talents. The question was asked: "Are you using the gifts God has given you for His glory?"

Another parable taught that day was the story of the separation of the sheep and the goats; those who truly believe and those who don't. Scripture was Matthew in the New Testament.

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

Music director Dee Rose led worship. Debbie York was the pianist. Rodger Goines sang the song "I Will Someday." He was accompanied by Debbie York and Robert McCain.

Women's and men's Bible studies were planned at 7 p.m. Monday, March 18.

The Dig-In children's program planned to have its end-of-the-year party and picnic Wednesday evening, March 20.

Upcoming Easter events include a Good Friday service at 6 p.m. March 29, an Easter egg hunt at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 30, for children through 6th grade and an Easter cantata presentation at 10 a.m. March 31.

Birthdays: Ava and Ricky Tweedy, March 20; Andrew Dial, March 23.

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 children's program meets from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Adult Bible study is scheduled on Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Cobden church to serve fish fry

Lenten season fish fries are being served at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden.

The final fish fry of the season is planned Friday, March 22.

Serving will be from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. each Friday in the church's parish hall. The church is located at 101 Centennial St.

The menu will include fried fish, baked fish, baked beans, french fries, fried squash, cucumber salad, cole slaw, dessert and a drink.

Meals will be $15 for adults and $7 for children ages 5 to 10. Children 4 and under are free. Carry outs will be available.

Morels topic of program at Giant City

A free program about morel mushrooms is planned at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

The program scheduled from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 24.

Naturalist Alex Holmes will share information on how to identify morels, where to find them and the laws and rules which govern the harvest of wild fungi.

Information and registration for the program is available by calling 618-457-4836.

Outside the Box music festival underway

Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Outside the Box 2024 festival of new music will feature internationally known musicians and performers for eight days.

The festival began March 18 and is scheduled to continue through April 19 at various locations on campus.

All of the workshops and concerts are free and open to the public.

The Sampen and Bunce Duo was scheduled to kick off the festival Monday night, March 18.

The SIU Clarinet Studio, under SIU visiting professor Eric Mandat's direction, is scheduled to present the annual Outside the Box Concert featuring the SIU Clarinet Studio at 7 p.m. March 27, at the Old Baptist Foundation Recital Hall.

The featured guest is scheduled to be Jessica Speak, an international performing artist and Stetson University clarinet adjunct professor.

At 10 a.m. March 26, Speak is scheduled to lead a discussion on "Building Musical Community Wherever You Are" in room 119 at Altgeld Hall on the SIU campus.

The schedule also has a 7 p.m. April 18 performance in Shryock Auditorium by featured guest artists The Little Giant Chinese Chamber Orchestra, LGCCO, from Taipei, Taiwan.

The concert will include SIU School of Music faculty members Christopher Butler, Dick Kelley and Mandat.

Earlier in the day, the LGCCO plans to demonstrate the sounds and techniques of traditional Chinese musical instruments and the role they play in new music performance during a workshop at 11 a.m. at Shryock Auditorium.

At 7 p.m. April 19, LGCCO, led by conductor Chih-Sheng Chen, is scheduled to perform five newly commissioned world premieres.

Other festival performances are scheduled to include:

March 28: 7 p.m. Altgeld Hall, Room 112. Butler will perform a concert of new music for percussion and computer.

April 9: 7 p.m. Old Baptist Foundation Recital Hall. The SIU Improvisation Unit, under Mandat's direction, will present a concert of mostly improvised music, with a tribute to composer Morton Feldman.

April 11: 7 p.m. Shryock Auditorium. Performances by SIU School of Music students.

A complete schedule of festival events can be found online at music.siu.edu.

Easter egg hunt set in Goreville

Rural Health Inc. and the Village of Goreville are teaming up to once again to bring an Easter egg hunt to Johnson County.

The egg hunt and other activities are planned Saturday, March 23, at the Goreville Village Park.

The day will feature an egg hunt, prizes, resources, pictures with the Easter bunny and an art vendor fair.

Activities are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. The egg hunt start at 11 a.m.

Television Listings

THURSDAY MARCH 21, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	2024 NCAA Basketball Tournament *"First Round"* (Live)	Local	Local Programs	College Wrestling *"NCAA Wrestling Championship - Second Round"* (Live)	(:15) 2024 NCAA Basketball Tournament *"First Round"*	**"League Own"** ('92)	Big City	(5:03) **"Wonka"** ('23)	**"Chuck Larry"** ('07)	**"Titanic"**
:30			Local					Big City			**"13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi"** ('16) (HD)
7 PM	9-1-1 *"Rock the Boat"*		Next Level Chef (HD)	Law & Order (HD)			Figure Skating Champion. (Live)	Hailey's	Curb Your	**"Election"** Reese Witherspoon.	
:30						(:45) 2024 NCAA Basketball Tournament *"First Round"*		Hailey's	(:41) **"The Color Purple"** ('23, Drama) Fantasia Barrino.		
8 PM	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	2024 NCAA Basketball Tournament *"First Round"* (Live)	Farmer Wants a Wife	Law & Order: SVU				Moon Girl		**"Shiva Baby"** Rachel Sennott.	
:30								Miraculous			**"The Godfather: Part III"** ('90, Drama) Al Pacino. (R) (HD)
9 PM	(:01) Station 19 (HD)		Local Programs *Local info.*	Organized Crime (HD)			★★★ **"A League of Their Own"** ('92, Comedy) Tom Hanks. (PG) (HD)	Miraculous			
:30					NHL Hockey *Seattle vs Vegas* (Live)			Miraculous			
10 PM	Local			Local				Jessie	(:04) The Regime	**"Unbreakable"** ('00) Bruce Willis.	
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live			(:35) Tonight (HD)				Jessie			
11 PM		Local	Local Programs					Miraculous	**"Dream Scenario"**		
:30	Nightline	Late Show		Late Night		Jokers		Miraculous		**"Fast Color"**	**"Heist 88"**

THURSDAY

7:00pm

MAX Election ★★★ (1999, Comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Matthew Broderick. An ambitious, popular student is pitted against the school's star football player and his sister in a heated government campaign for student body president. R (HD)

8:00pm

ABC Grey's Anatomy "Keep the Family Close" Simone and Lucas deal with awkwardness; Amelia brainstorms a solution to a complicated surgery; Bailey informs the interns they must complete basic procedures. TV14 (HD)

FRIDAY MARCH 22, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	2024 NCAA Basketball Tournament *"First Round"* (Live)	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (Live)	(:15) 2024 NCAA Basketball Tournament *"First Round"*	McBee Dynasty (HD)	Big City	Youssef	**"Paycheck"** ('03) (HD)	**"Hurt Feelings"** ('23)
:30								Big City	Curb Your		
7 PM	Shark Tank (HD)		WWE Friday Night SmackDown (HD)	To Be Announced	College Wrestling *"NCAA Wrestling Championship - Semi-finals"*		Figure Skating Champion. (Live)	★★★ **"Tangled"** ('10) Mandy Moore.	(:03) **"Scream 4"** ('11, Horror) David Arquette.	**"Vacation"** ('15) Ed Helms. (HD)	**"Past Lives"** ('23, Drama) Greta Lee. (HD)
:30				Dateline NBC *Investigative news.*							
8 PM	(:01) 20/20 *Investigative news.* (HD)	2024 NCAA Basketball Tournament *"First Round"* (Live)				(:45) 2024 NCAA Basketball Tournament *"First Round"*		Moon Girl		(:40) **"Observe and Report"** ('09)	
9 PM			Local Programs *Local info.*				**"The Hitman's Bodyguard"** ('17) Ryan Reynolds. (R) (HD)	Moon Girl	Real Time with (HD)		**"What Happens Later"** ('23) (HD)
:30								Big City			
10 PM	Local			Local	SportsCenter (Live)			Big City	The Regime	(:07) ★★★ **"Yes Man"** ('08, Comedy) Jim Carrey.	★★★ **"This Is Where I Leave You"**
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live			(:35) Tonight (HD)				Big City			
11 PM		Local	Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)			Miraculous	Real Time with (HD)		
:30	Nightline	Late Show		Late Night		**"Ride Along"**	**"Bodyguard"**	Miraculous			

FRIDAY

7:00pm

SHOW Past Lives ★★★½ (2023, Drama) Greta Lee, Teo Yoo. Problems ensue when two young best friends suddenly part ways after one of them is forced to leave their small town when their family relocates. PG-13 (HD)

8:40pm

MAX Observe and Report ★★½ (2009, Drama) Seth Rogen, Michael Peña. After a man flashes a female mall employee, a mall cop, who is in love with her, attempts to apprehend the culprit in hopes of winning her affection. R (HD)

SATURDAY MARCH 23, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	2024 NCAA	Local Programs	Local Programs	College Wrestling *"NCAA Wrestling Championship - Finals"* (Live)	2024 NCAA Basketball Tournament *"Second Round"*	**"S.W.A.T."**	Big City	**"X-Men: Wolverine"**	**"Baby Mama"** ('08)	**"The Godfather"** (R)
:30		2024 NCAA Basketball Tournament *"Second Round"*					★★★ **"The Equalizer"** ('14, Action) Denzel Washington. (R) (HD)	Big City			
7 PM	ABC Hockey		MasterChef Junior	World Figure Skating Championships (Live)				**"Raya and the Last Dragon"**	(:09) **"Deadpool"** ('16, Action) Ryan Reynolds.	**"Office Space"** Ron Livingston.	★★★★ **"Gladiator"** ('00, Drama) Russell Crowe. (R) (HD)
:30	NHL Hockey *Florida Panthers at New York Rangers* (Live)					2024 NCAA Basketball Tournament *"Second Round"*		Hailey's			
8 PM			The Masked Singer					(:20) Hailey's On It	To Be Announced	★★½ **"How to Talk to Girls"** ('18)	
:30		48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Saturday Night Live	UFC Fight Night (Live)		★★½ **"S.W.A.T."** ('03, Action) Samuel L. Jackson. (HD)	Big City	**"The Devil Wears Prada"** ('06) Meryl Streep.	(:13) ★★ **"I Love You, Beth Cooper"** ('09) (HD)	(:35) **"13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi"** ('16)
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs *Local info.*	The Floor (HD)	Local				Big City			
:30				Saturday Night Live (HD)				Miraculous			
11 PM	Local Programs		Local Programs			NCAA Post-Game		Miraculous			

SATURDAY

7:09pm

HBO Deadpool ★★★★ (2016, Action) Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin. After he is subjected to an experiment, in which he's tortured and disfigured, a man adopts an alter ego, and sets out to locate the man who ruined his life. R (HD)

8:30pm

MAX How to Talk to Girls at Parties ★★½ (2018, Science Fiction) Elle Fanning, Alex Sharp. A man meets a group of teens from another planet, and he falls in love with one of them and goes on an adventure in the punk rock underworld of 1970s London. R

SUNDAY MARCH 24, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Next Level Chef (HD)	Night (HD)	2024 NCAA Women's Basket. *"Teams TBA"*	2024 NCAA Basketball Tournament *"Second Round"*	Law & Order: SVU	Chibiverse	(:03) **"Deadpool"** ('16, Action) Ryan Reynolds.	**"Predators"** ('10) (HD)	**"Thriller 40"** ('23)
:30				★★★½ **"Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"** ('05, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe.			Law & Order: SVU	**"Descendants 3"** ('19) Dove Cameron. (NR)		**"Poltergeist"** ('15) Sam Rockwell.	**"Past Lives"** ('23, Drama) Greta Lee. (HD)
7 PM	American Idol *"705 (Auditions)"* (HD)	Tracker *"Lexington"*	Simpsons								
:30			Krapopolis				Law & Order: SVU		The Regime		
8 PM		CSI: Vegas (HD)	North (HD)		2024 NCAA Women's Basket. *"Teams TBA"*			Descendant		★★½ **"Carrie"** Chloë Grace Moretz.	
:30			Grimsb xurg			2024 NCAA Basketball Tournament *"Second Round"*	Law & Order: SVU	Descendant	Enthusiasm		**"Raging Grace"** Max Eigenmann.
9 PM	What Would You Do?	The Equalizer (HD)	Local Programs					**"Cloud 9"** ('14) Dove Cameron.	(:35) The Regime	(:15) ★★★ **"The Edge"** ('97) Anthony Hopkins.	
:30							Law & Order: SVU		(:35) The Regime		**"The Whale"** Brendan Fraser. (R)
10 PM	Local Programs *Local info.*	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs *Local info.*	SportsCenter with Scott (Live)			Miraculous			
:30						NCAA Post	Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous	Enthusiasm		
11 PM		Local Programs	Local Programs		SC (HD)	Pet Tricks					

SUNDAY

7:30pm

FOX Krapopolis "The Majors" Deliria tries to help a minor god fill an open position on Mt. Olympus just to spite her longtime rival, Athena; Tyrannis faces a growing waste problem. TV14 (HD)

9:00pm

CBS The Equalizer "Truth for a Truth" The team is imperiled by one of McCall's former CIA colleagues, leaving it up to her to save them and avoid a repeat of a past tragedy. TV14 (HD)

MONDAY MARCH 25, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	(5:00) 2024 NCAA	Bang (HD)	9-1-1 *"Boston"* (HD)	Kiff	**"Fruitvale Station"**	★★★½ **"Compton"** ('15)	**"Arrival"** Amy Adams.
:30			Local			Bang (HD)		Kiff			
7 PM	The Bachelor *"Finale and After the Final Rose"* (HD)	Neighbor.	MasterChef Junior	The Voice *Hopefuls coached.* (HD)	2024 NCAA Women's Basket.	Bang (HD)	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	Kiff	The Regime	**"Body of Lies"** ('08) Leonardo DiCaprio. (HD)	Halo *"Halo"* (HD)
:30		Bob Hearts				Bang (HD)		Kiff			
8 PM		NCIS *"The Plan"* (HD)	Think You Can Dance			Pet Tricks		Kiff	**"The Color Purple"** ('23, Drama) Fantasia Barrino.		Star Trek: Discovery
:30						Pet Tricks		Kiff			
9 PM		NCIS: Hawai'i (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*	The Irrational (HD)	2024 NCAA Women's Basket.	Dad (HD)		Miraculous		(:09) **"Black Mass"** ('15, Crime) Johnny Depp.	Discovery
:30						Dad (HD)		Miraculous			(:45) **"Flatliners"** ('90) Kiefer Sutherland. (HD)
10 PM	Local	Local		Local		Dad (HD)	McBee Dynasty (HD)	Jessie			
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)		Dad (HD)		Jessie	Enthusiasm		
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)	Dad (HD)	(:02) McBee Dynasty	Miraculous	(:57) ★★ **"Shut In"** ('16)	**"The Promise"** ('17)	
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night		Dad (HD)		Miraculous			**"Insomnia"**

MONDAY

8:00pm

SHOW Star Trek: Discovery "All In" Captain Burnham follows a hunch to an old haunt from his and Book's days as couriers and finds himself drawn into a high-stakes competition. TV14 (HD)

9:09pm

MAX Black Mass ★★★½ (2015, Crime) Johnny Depp, Joel Edgerton. In South Boston during the 1970s, Irish mobster James "Whitey" Bulger is recruited by the FBI to take down a mutual enemy, the Italian Mafia. R (HD)

TUESDAY MARCH 26, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	2024 NIT Basketball Tournament (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Kiff	(:09) **"Deadpool"** ('16, Action) Ryan Reynolds.	**"Barbershop"** ('02)	★★ **"Superpower"** ('23) Bret Baier. (NR) (HD)
:30						Bang (HD)		Kiff			
7 PM	Will Trent (HD)	FBI *"Unforeseen"*	The Cleaning Lady	The Voice *Hopefuls coached.* (HD)		Bang (HD)	WWE NXT (Live) (HD)	Kiff		**"Leatherheads"** ('08) George Clooney. (HD)	
:30						Bang (HD)		Kiff			★★★ **"The Last Voyage of the Demeter"** ('23)
8 PM	The Rookie (HD)	FBI: International	Alert (HD)		2024 NIT Basketball Tournament (Live)	Bang (HD)		Kiff	To Be Announced *Info unavailable.*		
:30						Bang (HD)		Kiff			
9 PM	The Good Doctor	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs *Local info.*	Found (HD)		Bang (HD)	(:08) ★★½ **"Criminal"** ('16, Crime) Kevin Costner. (R) (HD)	Miraculous		**"Major League"** Tom Berenger.	
:30						Bang (HD)		Miraculous			
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (Live)	Pet Tricks		Villains	The Regime		★★★½ **"Sin City"** ('05, Crime) Jessica Alba. (HD)
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)		Family		Villains		**"Barbershop: Back Business"**	
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)	Family		Miraculous	**"Good Will Hunting"**		
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night		Family	**"Criminal"**	Miraculous			

TUESDAY

7:00pm

ABC Will Trent "It's Easier to Handcuff a Human Being" Will and Faith uncover details about a small town haunted by the Boo Hag; Amanda worries about impending danger; Ormewood looks into a TV star's death. (HD)

8:00pm

FOX Alert: Missing Persons Unit A police officer joins the Philadelphia Police Department's Missing Persons Unit after her own son goes missing, helping others to find their lost loved ones. TV14 (HD)

WEDNESDAY MARCH 27, 2024

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Kiff *x*	★★★ **"Sleepless"** ('93)	**"Unbreakable"** ('00)	**"The Gift"** ('15, Thriller) Jason Bateman. (HD)
:30					NBA Basketball *Los Angeles vs Philadelphia* (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)		Kiff			
7 PM	Conners	Survivor *"Tiki Man"* (HD)	The Masked Singer	Chicago Med (HD)		All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite	Law & Order: SVU	Kiff	**"Wonka"** ('23, Musical) Timothée Chalamet.	★★½ **"How to Talk to Girls"** ('18)	
:30	Not Dead							Kiff *x*			
8 PM	Elementary		Animal	Chicago Fire (HD)			Law & Order: SVU	Kiff		(:43) **"The Vanishing of Sidney Hall"** ('18) (R)	★★★ **"This Is Where I Leave You"**
:30	(:32) Feud	The Amazing Race *"It's Not Over"*	Family Guy					Kiff			
9 PM	9-1-1 *"Rock the Boat"*		Local Programs *Local info.*	Chicago P.D. (HD)	NBA Basketball *Phoenix Suns at Denver Nuggets* (Live)	Family	Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous	The Regime		(:45) **"Adore"** ('13, Drama) Naomi Watts. (HD)
:30						Family		Miraculous			
10 PM	Local	Local		Local		Family	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	Enthusiasm		
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)		Family		BUNK'D	(:35) **"Ted 2"** ('15) Mark Wahlberg.	**"Election"** Reese Witherspoon.	
11 PM			Local Programs			Family	(:01) McBee Dynasty	Miraculous			
:30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night	Sports	Family		Miraculous			**"Accused"**

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm

ABC The Conners "Valentine's Day Treats and Credit Card Cheats" As Becky introduces Tyler to Beverly Rose, she worries about Tyler's bonding technique; frivolous charges appear on Bev's bank statement. TVPG (HD)

8:00pm

SHOW This Is Where I Leave You ★★★ (2014, Comedy) Jason Bateman, Tina Fey. When their father passes away, four quarrelsome siblings return to their childhood home as adults to live for a week with their mother, spouses and ex-lovers. R (HD)

Opinion and Commentary

AI bringing changes in weather forecasting

By Rhiannon Branch
FarmWeek

Thanks to platforms like ChatGPT, farmers have access to artificial intelligence, AI, at their fingertips. While there are advantages to this new technology, it could pay off to tap into a more reliable source when it comes to factors that influence important management decisions.

Take the weather for example. It plays a role in numerous aspects of the farm including planting dates, pest management and even marketing plans. Illinois state climatologist Trent Ford told FarmWeek while AI is helping scientists become more efficient in analyzing climate data, it isn't as simple as a farmer asking ChatGPT when to plant.

"You can do that. It'll give you an answer. And it thinks the answer is right," Ford said. "But it probably won't be."

University of Illinois Extension recently hosted workshops in Marion, Sangamon and Winnebago counties to educate participants about online climate tools and provide hands-on instruction for agricultural related uses.

Duane Friend, University of Illinois climate specialist, told FarmWeek many in the ag industry are unaware of the tools available to them.

"I think a lot of times when they hear the word climate tools, they think we're talking about tools that will tell them what's going on 10 years from now," he said. "All of these things we're talking about can be done within this growing season."

The workshop took a deep dive into easily accessible and free online tools like drought and freeze risk maps from Purdue University and soil temperature maps and growing degree day calculators from the Illinois State Water Survey.

"These tools are better refined than ChatGPT is," Ford said. "We have climate scientists who have experience working with data who are cultivating these tools, who are making it so that it's pulling in the best information. Whereas right now our AI tools just grab everything off the internet and anything that looks relevant based on the algorithm is thrown in. So, there's a lot of quality control that's needed and happening behind the scenes with these tools."

During the Grain and Feed Association of Illinois' annual convention, Senior Science Fellow for Nutrient Ag Solutions Eric Snodgrass echoed that growers need to be savvy consumers of artificial intelligence in the climate space.

"Putting this kind of power into the hands of people that don't know how to use it may allow them to draw conclusions based upon its output that are just not founded in real science or real understanding," he told FarmWeek. "Some folks might make a story up that is based off of their analysis using something like ChatGPT that actually has no fundamental reason to happen."

Snodgrass urges growers not to abandon institutional knowledge.

"If you are already working with someone who historically has done a great job helping you market a crop, continue to lean heavily on those people," he said. "Then ask them if they are using ChatGPT and AI to enhance their abilities and does it make sense what they're doing?"

Nonetheless, Snodgrass and Ford both expressed excitement about how AI is revolutionizing weather prediction techniques by processing data faster.

"You can do these machine learning techniques on the processing power of a cellphone versus a supercomputer," Snodgrass said. "So, this is going to be one area that's going to be a major beneficiary of AI."

Ford expects to see expansion of AI-supported weather forecasting in the next decade.

"Now what we're seeing is that if people are using a long enough and good enough historical data record, they can train AI-based models and get similar kinds of forecast scores as the big physics-based models," he said.

But for now, he recommends producers confide in proven maps, calculators and other tools backed by trusted sources. Ford and Friend collected feedback from the climate tools workshops that they plan to incorporate when considering new and updated resources to help farmers improve their bottom line.

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National Patient Safety Awareness Week highlighted

During the observance of National Patient Safety Awareness Week, which was March 10-16, Heartland Regional Medical Center and Union County Hospital in Anna and its clinics noted their support of a continuous focus on safe care and collaboration.

To sustain year-round efforts of healthcare providers, professionals, support teams and consumers, Heartland Regional Medical Center and Union County Hospital are set aside time to highlight important patient safety issues, to spread awareness about patient safety, to recognize ongoing patient safety initiatives and to commit to effective community efforts during Patient Safety Awareness Week.

From March 10 to 16, the importance of safety among the entire team was emphasized, from the care providers to support staff to patients and their families. "The focus on safe care is a top priority, all the time," said Kellie Troxel, BSN, RN, patient safety officer at Heartland and Union County, in a news release. "To work effectively, we must provide care in a kind and collaborative environment."

Heartland and Union County had several key initiatives planned for Patient Safety Awareness Week and beyond and supported the week with a number of awareness and safety campaigns.

Heartland and Union County encourage patients and family members to be involved in the care process and to ask: "How can we work together to make my care safer? Because we are all safer when we work together."

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

So many things to ponder...so little time...

So many things to ponder...and so little time...

Our local weather guy reported that the low temperature Tuesday morning, which happened to be the first day of spring, was 19.8 degrees in suburban Jonesboro. And, as he noted, such temperatures tend to discourage thinking about mowing the grass.

Speaking of mowing the grass...folks in our little corner of the world actually have started mowing their grass. Come on folks. Until Tuesday, it was still winter time. I've been tempted to suggest to the early cutters of the grass that they setting a bad example for the rest of us.

Oh, while we're at it...the editor of this publication (that would be me) previously reported that March 21 would be the first day of spring. Don't know where I came up with that. Made it up, I guess. March 19 was the first day of spring. Really.

Meanwhile...

An ear worm has moved into my head. Last Friday night, I went to see the musical version of "The Addams Family," which was performed at Anna-Jonesboro Community. The production was very good, by the way.

Now I can't get the lyrics from the theme song for "The Addams Family" TV show out of my head. You know the familiar tune...and the lyrics... "They're creepy and they're kooky/mysterious and spooky/they're all together ooky/The Addams Family..."

I apologize if you now have an ear worm for a friend, too...

Meanwhile...

"No news this week...life got crazy..."

As Ned Flanders from "The Simpsons" might say: "Yes indeedelly-doolly." Life does get a little crazy sometimes.

The "life got crazy" message was in a very brief email which showed up in my inbox Sunday night. I didn't see the message until first thing Monday morning, which seemed like a very good time to hear about life getting crazy.

At least I was able to see the email at that time on the morning of the first day of a new work week. By early Monday afternoon, the internet had ceased to function at The Paragraph Factory. And, from what I understand, at a fair number of other places, too. Something that had to with "a major network outage," according to one news report I saw.

Working without a functioning internet is a bit of a challenge in the 21st century. Makes one wonder how folks back in, say, oh, 1976 or 1977 managed to get things done. At that point in time on The Journey Through Life, yours truly was pretty excited to have an electric typewriter. Remember those?

While the internet was not functioning at The Paragraph Factory, I discovered that it was doing fine at home. But I had missed emails for something like three hours by the time I got home. Maybe I missed something important. A quick check of my email inbox didn't show anything earthshaking...not even another note about life getting crazy.

I suppose having a day when crazy things don't happen is a good thing. The Other Half and yours truly had one of those days last Saturday. We went on a date. Of sorts.

Our first stop took us to the hub of Union County government, where we joined the masses who were exercising their right to vote and casting ballots in this year's primary election. Actually, there were only a couple of us voting at the time.

I was glad to once again be able to vote. I have not missed a single election since I became old enough to vote. I even voted in a primary election long ago when I was on the other side of the world...in the Land Down Under.

After we voted, the two of us went on a little shopping trip at an estate sale along a road out in the country. The sun was shining. The weather was warm. At the sale, we had nice chats with other shoppers in an absolutely beautiful setting. We even found a few treasures to bring back home with us.



Been a while...and I bet you missed seeing a photo of a turtle. I had a photo of a bluebird, too. Maybe next time. I just thought it was interesting to how one of shelled reptiles was managing to pull off a nifty balancing act...

Meanwhile...

back in "the real world"...

One afternoon last week, yours truly was motoring through metropolitan Anna, when I happened to catch a glimpse of something that I had not seen before in our little corner of the world.

A rhinoceros, you ask? Nope. Saw one of those a few weeks ago in my hometown. Saw it again Monday evening when I went for my daily walkabout.

Did I see some gnus? Nope. Never have seen any gnus in these here parts. If I ever see any gnus, trust me, that will be gnus news. With that being said, I'm pretty sure, given the current state of affairs, I will probably be accused of spreading fake news about gnus, 'cause everyone knows there's no gnus in Southern Illinois...and no gnus is good news.

Perhaps it was a woodchuck chucking wood. Nope. Peter Piper picking a peck of pickled peppers? Nope. Sally selling sea shells down by the seashore? Nope. Although I wouldn't mind taking a walk down by a seashore somewhere. Seems like the best I can do these days is to go for a walk in a creek bed where a seashore might have been located about three hundred and fifty million years ago.

What I saw was a flag. And I'll just say the message on the flag was, well, something I had not seen before. And we're just going to leave it at that...

Well, we've wasted enough of your time. As always, thank you for reading. And, if you happen to get an urge to cut the grass...go for a ride out in the country...

Child Abuse Prevention Month activities set

Several awareness initiatives are planned in Union County during April's observance of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Organizers of the initiatives shared that in 2023, 287 reports of child abuse in Union County were made to an Illinois Department of Children and Family Services hotline. The reports revealed 109 substantiated cases.

Child abuse advocates in Union County are encouraging residents of all ages to get involved in April's awareness and prevention activities in hopes of helping more children connect to resources.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Many Activities Planned

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

April 3 at 9 a.m., the "13th Annual CAP Month Proclamation Day" is planned at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. The event is open to the public.

April 5 is National Wear Blue Day. Photos can be shared on social media with #GoBlue to support PCA Illinois' #GoBlue campaign.

April 26, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., "PJ's & Movie Night" is planned at Kiki's Coffee House in downtown Anna. All ages are welcome. Admission is one pair of kid-size socks to be given to children who receive shoes through the Warm Soles Campaign.

WIBH Radio in Anna is conducting the Warm Soles, New Hope Campaign to raise funds to buy new shoes for Southern Illinois children who are in need. The deadline to donate is May 17.

Everyone in the community will be able to purchase a blue cookie through the #GoBlue awareness campaign at Anna Baking Company and Davis Pastry in Anna.

Blue Kids signs will be available to purchase from the Children's Medical & Mental Health Resource Network.

For more information about the events which are planned in Union County for Child Abuse Prevention Month, visit Facebook.com/UnionCountyCAP or contact Rachel Chruszczyk at rchruszczyk@pcaillinois.org or Shawnna Rhine at Southern 7 Head Start at 618-634-2297, extension 9161.

Rock, Mineral Clinic set at SIU

A Rock & Mineral Clinic is planned Thursday, today, at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

The event is scheduled from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room 101F in the Parkinson Building on the SIU campus.

Daniel Hummer, associate professor of geology, will provide expert oversight, and the Geology Club will host the program.

All ages are welcome, and members of the public are invited to bring in any rock, mineral or geological sample they want to have identified. They can also learn basic examination techniques scientists use to identify samples.

Metered parking will be available in parking lot 13, accessible from the campus' east entrance on South Illinois Avenue (U.S. Route 51) and located across from the SIU Student Center. This metered parking will be free after 4 p.m.

The event comes in advance of National Geologists Day, April 7, which is celebrated on the first Sunday of April each year.

Originally established in April 1966 by scientists in the former Soviet Union, the day honors the work of geologists, geophysicists and geochemists who study the history of the Earth and the composition of rocks, soil, water, minerals and other materials.

Van tours of trail offered to seniors

The Cache River State Natural Area is planning to offer guided tours by van for senior citizens of Southern Illinois by way of the Tunnel Hill State Trail on Thursday, April 4.

Departure times of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. from the Tunnel Hill State Trail office in Vienna have been scheduled.

Wildlife and the history of the area will be highlighted as the van travels between the communities of Vienna and Tunnel Hill.

Organizers noted that a reservation is required. For more information or to make a reservation, call 618-657-2064.



Ceremony conducted in Anna

On Feb. 24, Master Heather Coffman was presented with a "Menkyo Kaiden," which is the legal binding document as inheritor of the system of ChunJiDo, the rank of 9th Degree Black Belt and Soke Dai title. The ceremony was hosted by Grandmaster Robert Cutrell, along with senior ranking black belts from the ChunJiDo International Leadership Team, at Coffman's Martial Arts Academy in Anna. Photos provided.

ChunJiDo Grandmaster Cutrell selects Master Coffmann as successor



Successor named

Grandmaster Robert Cutrell has selected Master Heather Coffman of Coffman's Martial Arts Academy in Anna as his successor to both the art of ChunJiDo and the ChunJiDo International worldwide organization.

ChunJiDo International, one of the world's most prestigious martial arts organizations, was originally developed as the governing body for the art of ChunJiDo, founded by Grandmaster Robert Cutrell in 1996.

Currently, the organization has affiliates on five continents and in more than 30 countries.

ChunJiDo International includes many of the world's most elite organizations, grandmasters, masters, instructors and martial artists.

The organization works to cultivate and build strong relationships with other martial arts leaders from around the world.

The founder, Grandmaster Cutrell and ChunJiDo International focus on building bridges and bringing martial artists from all disciplines together for the shared advancement of knowledge and increasing philanthropy for and through martial arts and the communities they serve.

In 2015, ChunJiDo International had a strong presence in Soest, Germany, at a European charity event benefiting refugees from war-torn Middle Eastern countries. Money raised was used to purchase clothing, personal items and school supplies for displaced families.

In addition, the organization has presented seminars and events over the last 28 years benefiting organizations such as the Shriners, Cancer Pathways, the Leukemia Society, organizations for at-risk children and domestic violence organizations.

Thousands of dollars have been awarded to college-bound students through their scholarship program.

In order to continue the work built on this strong foundation for the future, Grandmaster Cutrell, with tremendous support from martial arts leaders across the country and around the world, has selected Master Heather Coffman of Coffman's Martial Arts Academy in Anna as his successor to both the art of ChunJiDo and the ChunJiDo International worldwide organization.

Upon Grandmaster Cutrell's passing or incapacity to no longer fulfill his leadership responsibilities, Master Heather Coffman will assume the role of "Soke Dai," inheritor, of the system and organization.

Master Coffman, a 20-year veteran of martial arts, has demonstrated outstanding leadership in her current role as director of ChunJiDo International.

She is a very tremendously talented martial artist who has won many local and national competitions. She most recently won a bronze medal at the 2023 ISKA Martial Arts World Championships in Orlando, Fla.

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The ceremony was witnessed by her family, friends and students, and the appointment was met with outstanding global congratulations.

'Child Find' screenings planned

Parents with children under age 5 who are diagnosed with a developmental delay or disability can often find it difficult to get the services their child needs prior to kindergarten.

To help, Southern 7 Head Start and area Pre-K programs in the lower seven counties in Illinois have scheduled their annual free community "Child Find" screening events throughout the region.

The purpose of the events is to identify children ages birth to 5 who live in the lower seven counties in Illinois who require services and are enrolling in the programs for the 2024-2025 school year.

These events are conducted as part of the Preschool for All, PFA, program.

PFA is funded by the Illinois State Board of Education, ISBE, that brings together qualified staff, a proven curriculum and parent involvement to help prepare children for success in school.

Screenings for children consist of game-like activities which are conducted by Child and Family Connections.

In Illinois, the Child Find Project provides public awareness services as part of the comprehensive Child Find system.

Child Find is a component of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, IDEA, that requires states to identify, locate and evaluate all children with disabilities ages birth to 21 who are in need of early intervention or special education services.

Head Start programs focus on children age birth to 5 years, while pre-kindergarten programs are for children age 3 to 5.

The goal of the Child Find Project is to educate the public about the importance of early intervention and early childhood special education services for eligible children as early as possible in their development.

The project is in charge of the development and statewide dissemination of resources and service information to Illinois schools, early intervention providers, health care providers, and the general public.

Head Start is a comprehensive child development program funded by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services which serves families with young children age birth to 5.

Services include education, school readiness, social service, health and family involvement.

Illinois State Pre-K is a preschool education program funded by the ISBE Early Childhood Block Grant Program.

The program serves children ages 3 and 4 and is designed to improve school readiness through education and parent education services. Both programs are available at no cost to parents.

Child Fund screening location dates and appointment information have been scheduled throughout the region. Schools can be contacted for more information.

The schedule for Union County and neighboring counties follows:

Union County

April 26 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Cobden Elementary School in Cobden. Call 618-893-2311.

May 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Dongola Elementary School in Dongola. Call 618-827-4441.

May 13 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Jonesboro Elementary School in Jonesboro. Call 618-833-5148.

May 23 from 8:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. for Lick Creek students at United Missionary Baptist Church located at 125 United Missionary Baptist Ln. in Buncombe. Call 618-833-2545.

Date(s) and times to be determined for Lincoln Elementary School in Anna. Call 618-833-6851

Alexander County

May 3 and 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Egyptian Elementary School in Tamms. Call 618-776-5756.

Johnson County

April 11 and 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Vienna Elementary School in Vienna. Call 618-658-8286.

Date(s) and times to be determined at Goreville Elementary School in Goreville. Call 618-995-2141.

Pulaski County

May 15 and 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Century Elementary School in Ullin. Call 618-845-3572.

Phone registration by appointment only at Meridian Elementary School in Mounds. Call 618-342-6773.

Items Needed

Items needed for the screenings include:

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

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

For more information about the Community "Child Find" Screening, contact Sharity Gaddis, Southern 7 Head Start enrollment specialist, at 618-634-2297, extension 971127.

Young people invited to poetry workshop

Junior high school and homeschooled students are invited to attend free poetry workshop sessions which are scheduled at Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center. The arts center is located at 117 W. Davie St. in Anna.

The theme for the workshop is "Who I Am and Who I'm Yet To Be." Tom Caldwell, a retired English professor, is scheduled to lead the workshop.

The arts council shared in a news release that the workshop "is a quick look at poetry as an art and expression in three sessions."

The first session is set for 6 p.m. on April 2 and will be a review of poetry, its purpose and its components. Caldwell has picked out various poems for the discussion of purpose and components.

The workshop's second session is set for 6 p.m. on April 9. Caldwell will guide participants in composing a poem of their own.

The third session is scheduled at 6 p.m. on April 16. Each participant will have an opportunity to share her or his original compositions. Families, friends and the community are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

To register, or for more information, call Lee Hackney at 904-625-1109, email vabchlee@gmail.com or just come to the opening session.

Anna-Jo Garden Club meeting held

Anna-Jo Garden Club met Tuesday afternoon, March 12. The program speaker was Lisa Lowe, the owner of Enchanted Garden Florist in Anna. Her topic was pressed flowers used in décor. Members did a craft activity using pressed petals that she provided.

Members answered roll call by completing the statement: "An early spring bird I anticipate and enjoy is ..."

Hostesses were Tom Caldwell, Cherry Connolly and Nancy Kucera.

Tom Caldwell's horticulture tip was about the results of a soil test conducted at the Anna-Jo Garden Club Park in Anna. He talked about nutrients necessary in the soil for plants to thrive.

Preparations are being made for the club's participation in the Annabelle Festival. Annabelle hydrangeas will be for sale. The club plans to sponsor a flower show at the Anna Arts Center. The club plans to offer garden-related crafts for children.

Anna-Jonesboro Garden Club will purchase one of three maple trees that are scheduled to be planted at Anna Junior High School.

Efforts are continuing to meet the NGC requirements for the Anna-Jo Garden Club Park to be a Certified Wildlife Habitat. This includes providing pollinators, shelter in natural areas and sustainability.

A project is planned to build and add bat houses at the park. Bats are a desirable species to include in natural habitat efforts.

Members were reminded to prepare perennial plants for the annual spring plant sale. The sale is planned on the first Saturday in May at the Anna-Jo Garden Club Park starting at 8 a.m.

Wednesday morning park work days were scheduled to begin on March 20.

The GCI semi-annual District 7 meeting is planned March 21 and will be hosted by the Evergreen Garden Club in Carbondale. The schedule for the meeting includes a continental breakfast, lunch, speaker, an auction and fellowship with lik-minded gardeners.



Arts Amaze Conference held

Four members of the Shawnee Hills Arts Council board attended an "Arts Amaze" Southern Illinois regional arts conference which was held March 9 at John A. Logan College in Carterville. Board members who attended the conference were, from left, Debra Davis, Zack Rowatt, Macky Cohen and Norma Lee Hackney.

The board members attended various workshops which were offered at the conference, including a "spontaneous art creation" workshop presented by Gregory Wendt, an Illinois Arts Council update presented by Jackie Banks-Mahlum, "Take It to the Streets: Succeeding in Public Art, Art Social – Why It Matters, From Trash to Timeless Art" presented by Alexis Estes, "Much to Do About Acting" presented by Julia Stemper and "Art Practice to Art Prices."

"What an interesting day," board member Macky Cohen shared in a news release from the arts council. "I met some wonderful people and I am excited to learn about the various programs we can host at the arts center." All of the board members said they enjoyed networking with other art organizations and artists to get ideas for future programs at the Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center. Photo provided.





Racking Horse Breeders Association awards presented

The Racking Horse Breeders Association recently held its High Point and Horseman of the Year awards in Decatur, Ala. Meisenheimer Stables of Union County received two awards. In the photo on the left is Rex Meisenheimer, who won the High Point award for Lead Line Rider of the year. In the photo on the right is Lance Meisenheimer, who won an award for High Point Amateur with the horse Jazz and the Blues. Rex and Lance are with Racking Horse Breeder Association representative Anna Sanchez. The awards included hand painted pictures of the horse. Photos provided.

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