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Notes

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



August's full moon appeared last weekend in the summer sky over Union County. The photograph was taken Friday night, Aug. 8, just as the moon was rising. The space.com website shared that "August's full moon is known as the Sturgeon Moon in parts of the U.S. in reference to the magnificent fish that are often caught around the time that it rises. It's also known as the green corn moon, grain moon and red moon."

Make plans to attend the 2025 Union County Fair in Anna. The fair once again will take place at the Anna City Park. Activities are scheduled to begin Friday.

Livestock pens and the show arena were to have been set up Saturday, Aug. 9, for the upcoming Union County Fair.

A 4-H Summer Celebration series event is planned Aug. 20 at the Union County Fair.

Early box seat ticket pick up for the fair was available last Friday and Saturday at the fair office.

Those who attend the fair will see lots of changes which have happened, or are underway, at the Anna City Park.

Looks like the first weekend of the fair could be hot, with high temperatures in the upper 90s. Heat index values are expected to top out in the range of 100 to 105 degrees.

Rain fell during the early morning hours of Tuesday in the Union County area.

Scattered thunderstorms were in the forecast for the area on Tuesday, Wednesday and again on Thursday, today. The forecast included the possibility of torrential downpours, lightning and some gusty winds.

Thank you to the Cobden Lions Club for another successful Peach Festival. The festival was last Friday and Saturday.

Former Cobden Mayor Zee Tomazzoli was grand marshal of last Saturday afternoon's Cobden Peach Festival parade. He was accompanied in the parade by grandson and "future mayor" Sawyer.

Shawnee School District 84 in Wolf Lake is planning to host a ceremony at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, to honor Illinois Rural School Teacher of the Year Dee Rose. She was the inaugural recipient of the honor presented by the Association of Illinois Rural and Small Schools.

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Union County Fair in Anna set to get underway Friday



Grandstand at park

The Henry Dillow Grandstand at the Anna City Park was a quiet place last week. That all changes with the upcoming start of the 2025 Union County Fair. The Anna City Park is the home of the fair each year.

The 2025 Union County Fair in Anna is scheduled to get underway Friday, Aug. 15. The fair once again will take place at the Anna City Park.

Here's a look at the schedule for fair week, as well as admission prices to events, as posted on the fair's website:

Friday, Aug. 15

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

7 p.m. Union County Fair queen pageant. General admission ticket prices: Adults \$10, children \$5.

Saturday, Aug. 16

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

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

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

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Junior entry registration. Bring your exhibits item with you.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open show registration at the fair office. No exhibits are to be placed on this day in open show classes. Only tags will be given. Please do not bring your exhibit.

1 p.m. Harness racing; at the grandstand. Free admission.

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

3:30 p.m. Judging for Junior Classes N and P and ages 5-8 will be judged in the exhibit hall.

6 p.m. Gaited and western horse show, in front of the grandstand. Adults \$10, children \$5.

Sunday, Aug. 17

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

10 a.m. Mini tractor pull, presented by 618 Mini Tractor Pullers. Adults \$10, children \$5.

1:15 p.m. Pet parade registration, junior show arena.

2 p.m. Pet parade, junior show arena.

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

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., community worship service, grandstand, free admission to grandstand.

Monday, Aug. 18

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

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

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

5 p.m. Sale livestock weigh-in.

5 p.m. Open beef, dairy and sheep registration.

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

barn area.

7:30 p.m. Truck, semi and farm stock tractor pull. Adults \$10, children \$5.

Tuesday, Aug. 19

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

8 a.m. 4-H livestock show.

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

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

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

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

Family Night. \$15 armbands.

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

7:30 p.m. Tractor pull, in front of the grandstand. General admission tickets are available. Adults \$10, children \$5.

Wednesday, Aug. 20

9 a.m. Open dairy judging.

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

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

6:30 p.m. Heartland Idol contest. Bandstand location, free lawn seating.

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

7:30 p.m. Ranch Rodeo, in front of the grandstand. General admission tickets are available. Adults \$10, children \$5.

Thursday, Aug. 21

Veterans Appreciation Day. All veterans showing veterans organization memberships cards or wearing a veterans organization cape will be admitted free to the fair.

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

6 p.m. Junior livestock auction, junior show area. Free admission.

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

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

Friday, Aug. 22

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

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

7:30 p.m. Demolition derby, in front of the grandstand. General admission tickets available: Adults \$20, children \$10.

Saturday, Aug. 23

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

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

7:30 p.m. Demolition derby, in front of the grandstand. General admission tickets available: Adults \$20, children \$10.

Sunday, Aug. 24

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Exhibits to be claimed in the exhibit building.

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

Fair queen pageant set for Friday night

The Union County Fair Queen Pageant is scheduled for Friday night, Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. The event will be held in front of the Henry Don Dillow Grandstands. The pageant will have three categories of contestants: Miss Union County Fair, Junior Miss Union County Fair and Little Miss Union County Fair.



Miss Union County Fair Queen contestants

From left are Brooklynn Eastman, Malayna Korb, 2024 Miss Union County Fair Queen Lakelyn Carter and Lily Johnson. Not pictured, Daisy Urban and Kaylee Stover.



Junior Miss Union County Fair Queen contestants

From left are Jaylyn Stroehlein, Hayden Dillow, Payton Brown, 2024 Junior Miss Union County Fair Camiah Lowe, Ava Boreup, Eleison Baggott and Taylor Baker.



Little Miss Union County Fair Queen contestants

From left are Lauren Ellis, Bella Cook, Addysyn Stroehlein, Maggie Roach, 2024 Little Miss Union County Ella Bailey, Mahayla Dukes, Vayda Joles, Rylan Norwood, Jewels Watson. Not pictured; Luci Harris.



Cobden Peach Festival queen crowned

The 2025 Cobden Peach Festival queen was crowned Saturday night, Aug. 9. The naming of a new queen and her court was one of the highlights of the annual Cobden Peach Festival. The community celebration of the local peach harvest was held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 8-9. The Peach Festival is sponsored each year by the Cobden Lions Club.

From left are Mariana Palmerin, first runner-up and Miss Congeniality; Amelia Long, the 2025 Cobden Peach Festival queen; and Lakelyn Carter, second runner-up.

Amelia, 17, of Cobden, is the daughter of Mike and Julia Long. Mariana, 17, of Cobden, is the daughter of Guillermo and Carmen Palmerin. Lakelyn, 19, of Anna, is the daughter of Thomas and Amanda Carter. Photo by Stephanie Stroehlein.



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Marching Appleknockers participate in parade
Cobden Peach Festival activities included a parade, which was held Saturday afternoon, Aug. 9. The Peach Festival was held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 8-9. The Cobden High School Marching Appleknockers band was one of the many participants in the parade. The parade's route was through the downtown Cobden area. Many people lined the streets to watch the parade. The parade was sponsored by the Village of Cobden.



Peaches at the parade
Flamm Orchards once again had a classic farm vehicle entered in the annual Cobden Peach Festival parade. The vintage tractor has been a part of the parade for a number of years. Flamm Orchards, which is located near Cobden, handed out peaches to those who were watching the parade. The Peach Festival parade was held Saturday afternoon, Aug. 9. The parade was sponsored by the Village of Cobden. The festival was celebrated Friday and Saturday, Aug. 8-9, and was sponsored by the Cobden Lions Club.



Cobden Peach Festival run/walk
The annual Cobden Peach Festival 5K run/walk and 1-mile fun run were held early Saturday morning, Aug. 9. The events were conducted by the Cobden Runner's/Walker's Club as part of the annual Peach Festival. The running/walking events began and ended near the Cobden Community Park. The Cobden Peach Festival was Friday and Saturday, Aug. 8-9.

SNAP nutrition education program, U of I jobs cut

In late July, the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign announced it will end a successful Illinois Extension-led program impacting food security and health for 1 million residents annually, affecting nearly 2,000 statewide partnerships, and cutting over 200 jobs, which is more than one-quarter of Illinois Extension's workforce.

The move is in response to the elimination of federal funding for a program called SNAP-Education, which provides nutrition education for people eligible for SNAP benefits (formerly known as food stamps and branded as Link in Illinois).

Illinois Extension has led one of the largest SNAP-Education programs in the country, under the brand Eat.Move.Save, for over 30 years. In this capacity, Extension acts as a hub to map agrifood systems in communities across the state, identify gaps and develop programs, action plans, partnerships, nutrition education and interventions based on system elements that drive food insecurity in each community.

Illinois SNAP-Education networks include schools, food pantries, charitable organizations, grocery stores, farmers, storage and processing facilities, transportation networks, public health departments, state and county agencies and more. Together with Eat.Move.Save. staff, these networks help Illinoisans in all corners of the state access and prepare healthy food, stretch food dollars and incorporate movement into their lives.

Those involved with the programs say they effective. Each year, Eat.Move.Save. prevents more than 5,000 cases of obesity and nearly

600 cases of food insecurity among Illinois residents. More than half of program participants report making positive changes after taking part in Eat.Move.Save. activities.

"With 360,000 Illinois residents now at risk of losing SNAP benefits under the new legislation, they're not just losing the support they rely on to afford food, they're also losing tools that helped them use that food wisely and stretch it further to feed their families," said College of ACES dean Germán Bollero in a news release shared on Extension's website.

"SNAP-Education should be elevated, not eliminated. With a proven track record of improving health and economic outcomes, it represents a model for what effective public service, a key element of our land-grant mission, can look like."

Among its many tools to support food access, Eat.Move.Save. developed and maintains Find Food IL, an interactive statewide directory that helps users locate grocery stores, food pantries and meal sites that provide free food or accept SNAP/LINK and WIC benefits.

The program also oversees Hunters Feeding Illinois, a unique initiative that enables hunters to share surplus venison with families in need by covering processing costs and coordinating distribution through local food pantries.

Illinois SNAP-Education staff also played a central role in launching IL-EATS, a statewide initiative that connected local food producers with hunger relief organizations. Through this program, fresh fruits and vegetables, grains, dairy products and proteins were distributed at no cost to Illinois residents via food pantries, mobile markets and food box delivery. IL-EATS

is also set to end in the coming year, cutting short an innovative effort that benefited both growers and Illinois families.

With its SNAP-Education funding eliminated, Illinois Extension will lose 217 highly trained staff who, for decades, delivered Eat.Move.Save programming and facilitated impactful community partnerships.

"These are professionals who live in the communities they serve, building trust, offering education, and creating real change. We deeply regret that, with the elimination of SNAP-Education funding, their positions will be lost," said Jennifer McCaffrey, Illinois Extension's assistant dean and program leader for Family and Consumer Sciences.

Nonprofit research organization Altarum estimated that every dollar spent on Illinois SNAP-Education returns between \$5.36 and \$9.54 in health care savings and long-term benefits, amounting to \$135 million in return on an annual investment of \$18 million.

"Eat.Move.Save. is a rare program that simultaneously improves health, reduces health care costs, and strengthens communities," said Dr. Amy Christison, associate professor with the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria and an Obesity Medicine Pediatrician at OSF Healthcare. "Extension's expertise, locally based, locally responsive staff and effective 'systems' approach is a best-in-class example of the land-grant mission leveraging transformative impact on a statewide scale."

Extension and College of ACES leadership are currently determining how and when the program will officially cease Eat.Move.Save. operations.

\$4.5 million anonymous gift benefits SIU softball program

A \$4.5 million gift from an anonymous donor will leave a lasting impact on generations of Salukis at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

The donation, part of the donor's estate plan, will benefit two key areas:

- \$4 million to support scholarships for female student-athletes.
- \$500,000 to support improvements to the Saluki Softball stadium.

"This gift uplifts our entire university by showing the incredible power of the Saluki spirit," said Tim Leonard, Southern Illinois University's director of athletics, in a news release. "This historic donation provides inspiring support for women's athletics at SIU and helps ensure our women's programs continue to thrive."

SIU has nearly 400 student-athletes across 15 men's and women's sports, each facing unique financial challenges that come with competing at the Division I level.

Scholarships allow coaches to recruit top talent and enable student-athletes to focus on training and academics.

"There are few things more valuable to an athletics department than financial support for our athletes," Leonard said. "They must be locked in to compete and succeed in the classroom. Scholarships are an invaluable tool in our mission."

In addition to scholarships, the gift will enhance one of SIU's most successful programs, Saluki softball, by funding major improvements to Charlotte West Stadium.

Under head coach Jen Sewell, the team has posted

a 115–51 record over the past three seasons. Building on a legacy that includes 11 Missouri Valley Conference championships, 15 NCAA Tournament appearances and 26 Academic All-Americans, the \$500,000 gift sends a powerful message.

"This generous donation is more than just a facilities gift – it's an investment in our female student-athletes, our program, and the future of college softball. It will help provide a first-class facility that reflects the hard work, dedication, and passion of our staff and players," Sewell said.

"Four and a half million dollars is a powerful statement about the importance of women's athletics. It's not just an investment in facilities – it's a vote of confidence in our female athletes, their potential, and the future of women's sports. We are incredibly thankful for this support, which will open doors for generations to come, both in our facility and through scholarships."

The gift comes as part of the Salukis Unleashed initiative, which aims to enhance revenue within Saluki Athletics by \$100 million. Through this initiative, the athletics department plans to expand scholarship opportunities and enhance facilities, creating a premier experience for student-athletes, coaches, and fans. It is part of the university's Imagine SIU 2030 fundraising campaign, which has raised more than \$400 million toward its \$500 million goal.

Larry Hill makes hole-in-one

Larry Hill achieved a rare golfing feat with a hole-in-one on Thursday, Aug. 7 at the Union County Country Club in Anna.

Hill aced the 90-yard shot on the 15th hole of the course with a pitching wedge.

The shot was witnessed by Jeannie Hill.

Welcome to the 144th Union County Fair!

Memories of past county fairs highlighted by homecomings, meeting friends, reunions

The City of Anna celebrated its centennial in 1954. That year also was noteworthy because 1954 was the only year in which the Union County Fair was not held...at least until the 2020 pandemic. For many years, the event was known as the Anna Fair. A book titled "100 Years of Progress" was written and published to commemorate Anna's centennial in 1954. The history of the Anna Fair up until 1954 was included in "100 Years of Progress." Here is that history:

THE ANNA FAIR

Playing an important role in the agricultural, economic, educational and social development of the City of Anna for three quarters of its existence has been this 75-year-old institution.

Originally incorporated as the Southern Illinois Fair Association, it has always been known as "The Anna Fair," and since time before memory of all but the very elder of the inhabitants of this community, its annual exposition has been looked forward to by young and old alike.

The Fair was incorporated in December, 1879, by a group of prominent and influential citizens; the Articles of Incorporation setting for the purpose for which it was formed, as "The Advancement of Mechanical and Agricultural Art and Science, the encouragement of home manufacture of mechanical and Farm implements, to encourage stock raisers to introduce finer breeds of stocks, to use the grounds as a salesy and for the sale of all stock to which may be brought there for that purpose."

Subscribers to the application for charter were M.V. Ussery, Olive Alden, J.M. Perrine, R.B. Stinson, John E. Lufkin, Jesse E. Lentz and M.M. Inman; their signatures were notarized by Thomas H. Phillips, Notary Public; and the original subscribers for shares included most of the well-known names among the early settlers, so that from the beginning it has been truly a community project.

A site was acquired at the same location that the Fair is now held upon; and the early Fairs appear to have been held as a sort of celebration of the end, or nearing end, of the harvest season; with an exposition of farm products, crafts, the culinary arts and domestic skill of the ladies, and contests of speed and strength.

A race track was constructed early, and many fine horses were produced and trained in Union County. Among them were the harness horses of Dr. Will Eddleman and those of the Walton clan, whose Walton Boy set a track record on the old track which still stands to the best of our knowledge.

The history of the Fair, its exhibitions, premium statements, and receipts from all sources, would record very accurately the transition from the old agricultural practices to the new; as it would record the coming of the mechanical age to our economy.

Where rows of stalks used to be filled with draft animals and exhibits of horse-drawn machinery, we now see the latest in farm mechanical equipment. The spaces where horses and buggies, or farm wagons, used to be hitched under the shade trees, now cannot provide room for the automobiles of patrons of the Fair.

Closely identified for many years with the Fair was the Norris family – Mr. James Norris having been secretary and manager until his death, at which time his son, John F. Norris, took the offices which he retained until his death in 1946.

In 1952 an arrangement was entered into with the City of Anna whereby the grounds, which had always been available for any community recreational purpose, were transformed to the City for a City Park.

The City now maintains the grounds and is completing the creation of a modern recreational park, with a community swimming pool and supervised playground facilities. The Fair maintains a perpetual lease of the grounds for purposes of the annual Fair, in August of each year.

Officers of the Fair at the present time are E.P. Owen, president; Robert W. Brown, secretary; and Floyd (Rocky) Davis, treasurer.

Directors include A.F. Bruchhauser, R.M. Choate, Robert Kohler, L.E. Hinkle, Roy A. Brown, Robert L. Rich, James W. Rich, Ned Walton, James K. Walton, Amos Sanford, L.B. Tuthill (who served several terms as President), C.O. Clark, Glendale Huges, Arthur Bigler, Lloyd Ballard, Ruel Hindman and Charles A.



Jean.

Approximately \$30,000.00 in premiums (are) paid out each year to exhibits at the annual Fairs.

The Fair has always had as its motto "Bigger and Better Every Year," and the management has striven to keep alive this tradition.

The 1953 Fair was no

exception and much comment was received that it was the best Fair on record. The stock show, in particular is noteworthy, and it is a matter of some pride that several of our Grand Champions also led their classes at the Illinois State Fair and at the Du Quoin State Fair held one week following the Anna

Fair.

Thus, with a record of seventy-four years of straight Fairs, with all memories of past fairs, of home-comings, and meetings of old friends, family reunions, and plain, simple, down-to-earth folks, it is no wonder that the stock farewell at each Fair is, "See you next Fair."

See you at the
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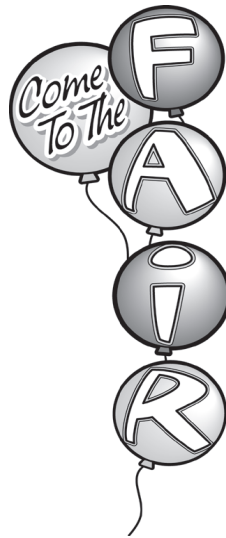
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Getting to big Anna Fair for bright, early start to day

Following are excerpts from “All Anybody Ever Wanted of Me Was to Work: The Memoirs of Edith Bradley Rendleman,” edited by Jane Adams. Southern Illinois University Press. Edith was from Wolf Lake.

When we were kids, Uncle Allen and Aunt Minnie used to take the big wagon and take all of their kids and Grace, Louie, and me to the big Anna Fair.

We would get up by four o’clock and start getting ready and we started before daylight.

The put straw in the back of the wagon with a (comforter) over it and we sat back there, with Aunt Minnie and Uncle Allen in the spring seat.

Mom and Aunt Minnie cooked all day the day before and we had a picnic dinner in the fairground.

We saw the sun come up in the fairground several times. We would be in there by nine o’clock so we could get a good place to put the wagon and team.

Uncle Allen would take the horses loose from the wagon and tie them behind the wagon

and take hay along for them to eat on.

There was a watering trough in Jonesboro, just south of the overhead bridge you still cross today. We would to water them when we started home.

That is where Dad always put his team and wagon any time we went to town, which wasn’t but about twice a year.

Mom and Dad wouldn’t start as early as we did. They went in a hack (a two-seated topless buggy).

We would all gather at the wagon at dinnertime and have dinner. And we would always eat again before we started home at four or five o’clock. We wouldn’t get home till eight or nine o’clock.

I’ll bet we didn’t have ten cents to spend all day. As I remember when I was twelve years old, when I went with Dad and Mom, Dad would only give me twenty-five cents.

I would try to wait till we got to the fairground and catch him talking to somebody and then ask him. Then he would

give me fifty cents.

Everett, Grace, Bill, and I always went to the Anna Fair. One time I remember, Bill had two and a half dollars to go to the fair.

We paid fifty cents to put the horses in a livery stable in Jonesboro, paid ten cents to ride the streetcar to Anna, paid our way into the fairgrounds, which was twenty-five cents each, went out and ate dinner at the restaurant, and we had the rest of it to spend at the fair. We had to pay ten cents each to ride the streetcar back to Jonesboro.

Another year, Bill, Grace, Everett, and I went to the Anna Fair.

You went in the morning and stayed all day. You just walked from one end of the fairground to the other.

We would ride the merry-go-round. They had a Ferris wheel but we never rode it. That was the only two rides they had then.

And we would meet some of our friends and stop and talk.



Agricultural fair associations in county date back to 1855

The following article originally appeared in the book “100 Years of Progress,” a centennial history of Anna, which was published in 1954.

Union County has been well supplied with agricultural fair associations, having had two excellent organizations during this 100 year period.

The oldest of them was the Union County Agricultural and Mechanical Society, which dates back to 1855. It was organized and held under the auspices of the citizens of Jonesboro and the county with Jacob Hunsaker as its first president.

It was later known as the Union County Agricultural

Board, reorganized under the State laws governing agricultural societies.

Fair were held annually on 10 acres of ground in Jonesboro and it was here the famous Lincoln and Douglas Debate was held September 15, 1858. The association was discontinued many years ago.

The Southern Illinois Fair Association of Anna was organized under a special act of the Legislature on December 13, 1879, with M.V. Ussery as first president; C.M. Willard, treasurer; and E.R. Jinette, secretary, elected in 1880.

The association at that time was under the supervision of 21 directors elected for three

years, seven of whom were elected each year.

They bought 51 acres of land on the present site of the Anna Fairgrounds. Since its purchase, a portion was sold to the City of Anna for a cemetery.

The Southern Illinois Fair Association and Fairgrounds at Anna were a private enterprise and owned by a joint stock company.

Last year the outstanding stock holders relinquished their shares and the City of Anna acquired the property. The City of Anna is creating a city park and building a swimming pool on the site. Fairs will continue to be held here in the future.

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6pm **Racking Horse Show,** in front of the Grandstand. Adults \$10, children \$5

Sunday, August 17th:
10am-3pm Adult entries will be taken in the office from 10:00-3:00 and can be placed in the brown Exhibit Hall
10am **Mini Tractor Pull** - Presented by 618 Mini Tractor Pullers. General Admission tickets available: Adults \$10, Children \$5

1:15pm **Pet Parade Registration,** Junior Show Arena
2pm **Pet Parade,** Junior Show Arena
3pm-7pm Junior Exhibit Area

Open, Exhibit Hall
6:30pm-8pm **Community Worship Service,** Grandstand

Monday, August 18th:
9am-5pm Junior Livestock Registration, fair office.
3pm **Junior Tractor Operators Contest** - infield of Grandstand.
5pm-8pm Junior Exhibits in exhibit building open.
5pm Sale Livestock Weigh-in.
5pm Open Beef, Dairy, and Sheep registration.
7pm Meeting for all Junior Livestock Exhibitor's in barn area.
7:30pm **Truck, Semi, & Farm Stock Tractor Pull** - in front of the grandstands. General admission tickets are available. Adults \$10, children \$5.

Tuesday, August 19th:
8am Open Class, Livestock and Exhibit Judging
8am **4H Livestock Show**
10am Mule/Donkey Halter Classes, Heavy Horse & Mule Barn
10am Heavy Horse Show, Heavy Horse and Mule Barn
5pm-9pm Exhibit Building Open
6pm-10pm **Carnival Open** - Family Night! \$15 Armbands!!
6pm **Peewee Showmanship** - Junior Show Arena
7:30pm **Tractor Pull** - in front of the grandstands. General admission tickets are available. Adults \$10, children \$5.

Wednesday, August 20th:
9am Open Dairy Judging
9am Junior Swine & Sheep Judging, Junior Show Arena
Junior Livestock Dairy/Beef Judging, Junior Show Arena

5pm-9pm Exhibit Building Open
6:30pm Heartland Idol Contest. Bandstand location. Free lawn seating.

6pm-10pm **Carnival Open**
7:30pm **Ranch Rodeo** in front of the grandstand. Adults \$10, children \$5

Thursday, August 21st:
Veteran's Day - All Veterans Admitted Free
5pm-9pm Exhibit Building Open
6pm **Junior Livestock Auction,** Junior Show Arena (free)
6pm-10pm **Carnival Open**
7:30pm **Championship Rodeo** - Presented by Whippoorwill Rodeo. General admission tickets, Adults \$10, children \$5.

Friday, August 22nd:
5pm-9pm Exhibit Building Open
6pm-10pm **Carnival Open**
7:30pm **Demolition Derby.** General admission tickets available, \$20 adults, \$10 for children.

Saturday, August 23rd:
5pm-9pm Exhibit Building Open
6pm-10pm **Carnival Open**
7:30pm **Demolition Derby,** in front of the Grandstand. General Admission tickets available, \$20 adults and \$10 children.

Sunday, August 24th:
1pm-3pm Exhibits to claimed in the Exhibit Building
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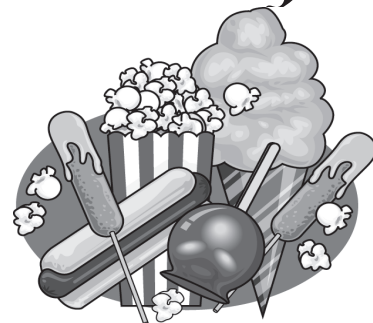


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Gary Lee LeFevre

Gary Lee LeFevre passed away on Wednesday, July 30, at the age of 84, surrounded by Christ’s love and family members.

He was born into a loving home on Feb. 24, 1941, to Earl and Hilda (Weissenbach) LeFevre in Mound City, Ill.

He was married to Lynn (Burd) LeFevre on Dec. 27, 1961. Together, they shared over 63 wonderful years.

Gary attended Southern Illinois University, where he earned his degree in agriculture. He has been a proud supporter of the Salukis ever since.

In 1975, Gary, alongside his father-in-law and brother-in-law, founded Absorbent Clay Products in Mounds, Ill. During his time at Absorbent Clay Products, Gary was a loyal team member who put people first and strived to provide the best opportunities for his employees and their families.

As the youngest of five boys, Gary developed a love for competition and began playing sports at a young age. His love for the game is a tradition he passed down to many of his family members.

Gary was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed gardening, hunting, fishing, and being with animals.

He loved to take in God’s beauty all around him. He said it best, “Relax. Be patient. And enjoy the moment.”

He was a strong man of faith and was a member of Mount Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna, and also enjoyed attending services at LaCroix Church in Cape Girardeau.



Martha A. Chapman-Mayer

Martha A. Chapman-Mayer, age 78 of Murphysboro, passed away, Monday Aug. 4, 2025 at Manor Court.

She was born Nov. 5, 1945 in Alto Pass, the daughter of Pearl and Opal (Brandon) Hagler. She lived and grew up on a small farm in Alto Pass and graduated from Alto Pass High School in 1964.

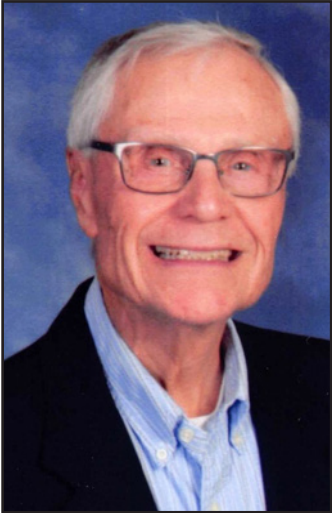
Martha is survived by her loving son, Chris Chapman of Cobden; stepchildren, Joseph Jr. and wife Christy Mayer, Tim and wife Gail Mayer, Bill and wife Kim Mayer; grandchildren, Dawn and husband Ryan Cerar, Briese and husband Manzell Henry, J.C. and wife Katie Chapman, Ben and wife Hannah Mayer, Kaitlyn and husband James Kallianis, Nick Mayer, Wyatt and wife Hallie Mayer, Becca and husband Keith Galbraith; great-grandchildren, Abigail and Anzleigh Cerar, Zidane and Azaela Henry, Scarlett Mayer; twins, Fallon and Tatum Chapman; sister, Linda McKinstry; brothers in law, Wayne Moore, George and wife Jana Chapman; numerous nieces and nephews; close friends; and of course all her church family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, John F. Chapman; husband, Joseph E. Mayer; daughter in law, Andria Chapman; and sister, Carolyn Moore.

Martha was a daddy’s girl, she loved being with her father. She helped him with chores around the farm, went hunting and learned how to play basketball and softball.

Her two older sisters helped their mother and everyone

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In this next phase, we know he is busy being a servant of God in his heavenly home.

Gary treasured his family and all of the wonderful memories we shared.

Survivors include his wife, Lynn; children Doug (Sally) LeFevre and Pamela LeFevre; five grandchildren Zack (Lindsey) LeFevre, Ethan (Hanna) LeFevre, Alex (Andrea Baumann) LeFevre, Megan Schmitz, and Abigail Schmitz; and three great-granddaughters Rowan LeFevre, Hasely LeFevre, and Merritt LeFevre.

He is preceded in death by his parents and brothers.

A Memorial Service was held at Mount Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna on Tuesday, Aug 5, 2025 with Pastor Mark Hasty officiating.

Interment followed at Green Lawn Memorial Gardens.

The family requests, with gratitude, that memorial contributions be made to Mount Moriah Lutheran Church or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Crain Funeral Home in Anna, Illinois is in charge of arrangements.



working together always got the job done.

Martha was the office manager for Dr. Michael Treece at his Murphysboro practice. She loved working with him and got to know many of the patients as family. She was always there to help however she could.

Martha was a member of Dutch Ridge Baptist Church in her youth. Later she became a member of the First Baptist Church in Alto Pass. Her church family was very important to her, she was a prayer warrior.

A celebration of Martha’s life will be at 12 noon on Saturday, Aug. 16, 2025 at the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden with Rev. Danny Miller officiating.

Interment will follow at the Alto Pass Cemetery. Visitation for family and friends will be after 10 a.m. and until the service hour at 12 noon on Saturday, Aug. 16, 2025 at the funeral home.

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

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Deanie Heern, age 86 of Makanda, passed away Friday, Aug. 8, 2025 at her home.

She was born March 4, 1939 in Carbondale, the daughter of Charles Stanley and Ida Louise (Canada) Nance.

She married Francis Edward Heern on March 10, 1956. Together they shared fifty-six years of marriage before his passing on May 24, 2012.

Deanie leaves behind a wonderful loving family that will miss her dearly, her two daughters, Donna Bennett, Linda Diane and husband Greg Glasford; son, Mark and wife Jayne Heern all of Carbondale; three grandchildren, Crystal and husband Jon Cooper, Cody Heern, Brittany and husband Chris Vaughn; ten great-grandchildren, Tera and Lane Cooper, Mark L., Chase and Macey Heern, Henley, Lucas, Nolan and Rosalie Vaughn, Jade Nicole Bennett; two great-great grandchildren, Skylar Lynn and Jonathon Levi; two sisters in law, Linda Nance of Cobden and Virginia Waddington of Carbondale; numerous nieces and nephews, other extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ed Heern; brother, Jim and wife Mae Nance, Bobby Nance, Kenneth “K.O.” and wife Barbara Nance, Roscoe Nance.

Deanie was a member of the Makanda Baptist Church. She was retired from Com-Pac where she worked thirty-six years. Deanie was a hard worker, whether it was at her job

or at home, things were done right.

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Rose L. “Bonnie” Cundiff

Rose L. “Bonnie” Cundiff, 94, formerly of Sparta, Ill., passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2025, at Anna Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, Anna, Ill.

Bonnie was born Jan. 28, 1931, in Sparta, Ill. to Carl W. and Audrey M. (Glasscock) Saal.

She married John W. “Jay” Cundiff, and he preceded her in death on March 26, 1998.

Bonnie retired from Accounting at Sparta Light Metals, Sparta, Ill. She was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Sparta, Ill. and The Eastern Star.

Bonnie enjoyed spending time with her family and friends

Bonnie is survived by her daughter, Jaylene (John) Cerny of Anna, Ill, her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a son, John M. “Mike” Cundiff and 2 half-sisters.

Graveside services will be

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Mickey Stute Chaney

Mickey Stute Chaney, age 44 of Anna, passed away, Sunday, July 20, 2025 at St. Francis Medical Center.

She was born Nov. 1, 1980 in St. Louis, Mo., the daughter of Michael Stute and Kara Myers.

Mickey is survived by her three children, Johnathan (Emma) Chaney of Sikeston, MO, Makenzie Chaney (Logan Henson) of St. Louis, Mo., Alexa Chaney of Anna, their father, Mike Chaney of Anna; paternal grandmother, Barbara Stute of Anna; partner, Nolan Vail of Anna; brother, Alan Stute of Cobden; mother, Kara Myers of Cobden; other extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Michael Stute; paternal grandfather, Ken Stute and maternal grandparents, Harold and Rita Myers.

Mickey currently worked at Chocate Mental Health as a

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Deanie Heern



She was strong-willed and had a heart of gold, she was the cornerstone of her family.

Deanie was an avid outdoorswoman, horseback riding, camping, hunting for mushrooms or mowing the lawn, she loved to be outdoors. She was a phenomenal cook and quilter, her appreciation for handmade gifts made every occasion special.

Deanie’s philosophy was simple, treat everyone like you would want to be treated.

Funeral services were on Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2025 at the Makanda Baptist Church with Dennis Nance officiating.

Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery in Makanda.

Memorials are preferred to the Makanda Baptist Church. Envelopes will be available at the church and the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home.

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

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held at a later date, at Caledonia Cemetery, Sparta, Ill.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church Food Pantry, Sparta, IL, First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Anna, IL or Integrity of Anna Activity Fund, and can be mailed to Wilson’s Funeral Home, P.O. Box 277, Ava, IL 62907. To sign the guestbook, visit www.wilsonsfuneral-home.net.



technician. She was an avid animal lover and enjoyed spending time with her children.

Funeral services were on Thursday, July 24, 2025 at the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna. Interment was in the St. Joseph Cemetery in Cobden.

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

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Gerhonda Marie Wood

Gerhonda Marie Wood, age 52, of Dongola, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 7, 2025 at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

She was born on Nov. 3, 1972 to Richard and Carolyn (Bennett) Johnson in Doniphan, Missouri. She was married to Tony Wood and he survives.

Gerhonda was a homemaker and she loved to fish but most of all, she loved her family and particularly her grandkids.

Survivors include her husband, Tony; one daughter, Logan Wood; one son, Aaron (Megan) Wood; four grandchildren, Blake Ferrell, Mercy Wood, Jasper Wood, and Oaklynn Wood; one sister, Chasidy Kissiar; and three brothers, Johnny Johnson, Ted Johnson, and Mike Barringer.

She is preceded in death by



her parents.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date and will be announced.

The cremation of Gerhonda Marie Wood will be personally handled by the staff of Crain Funeral Home.

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County Line News

(Mill Creek and Upper Elco)

By Suzan Harvel

Well, how did your week go? Ours wasn’t too bad, but my husband received another bad phone call from his doctor. He’ll have to have another procedure to remove some skin cancer from two spots where the biopsy came back bad. He’s had several removed before...it’s a hazard of working outside most of his life. He wouldn’t wear sunscreen and no one thinks to put it on your ears. There are some life lessons here for everyone!

The thermometer crept up slightly this week. I was so enjoying the taste of fall. Now we need more rain and aren’t getting much of it. I’m hoping we get more, as that it will help with the fall colors. It’s been a few years, pre-Covid, since we’ve had really vibrant colors, so I’m hoping and praying. Fall is my favorite season of the year and always has been. The others have their perks, but fall has always resonated with me the most.

Anna has lost another restaurant. First the Brickhouse Grill and now Hardees. It’s a shame to lose even one, but two really hits hard. We hope that someone else will fill these building soon.

On a brighter note, I drove by the new Davie Street Plaza project and it’s progressing...not sure when the projected completion is, but I see something new each time I go by. If you are interested in being a sponsor call Anna City Hall or go online to: www.shawneehillsart.com/davie-street-project.

Mill Creek Baptist Church was led by Pastor Bobby Richardson into worship Sunday morning from the scriptures in Mark 5. This is the recounting of Jesus casting out demons from a man named Legion into a large herd of swine. This chapter should make all of us sit up and listen. We all have demons or unclean spirits that Satan tempts us with. Be it addiction, jealousy, unforgiveness, or a wayward tongue. Our

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Add the meatballs. Cover and cook, stir occasionally, until heated through-about 15 minutes.

Serve over warm noodles. Sprinkle with fresh parsley.

attitudes, actions, thoughts, and mouth can get us into a world of trouble and turn us and others away from God. Like the man called Legion, we can’t cast these sins away on our own, we must seek out the Lord for help. He can cast those sins as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103: 12) and He is there for us in our days of trouble, if we trust Him (Nahum 1: 7).

Now when Jesus cast those demons out, the demons asked to be sent into the swine. He did and the swine were driven mad and drown themselves in the sea. However, the people were upset at the loss and feared what Jesus could do, so they pled with Him to leave their region. They were more concerned with the loss, than the miracle that had occurred. We are often led to believe lies or half-truths, and give up ground as Christians.

Don’t underestimate the power that Satan has. Not every bad thing carries the slime and stink of evil...all too often it’s shiny and makes us feel great. Legion recognized the evil in him and with his trust in Christ overrode those demons to seek Jesus out and ask for help. Be strong and resist!

Those added to the prayer list are: Jim Thorton for health; Pauline Neighbors as she recovers from a broken hip; Nikki Bates for a biopsy on the 14th; Richard Harvel for healing; and please be with the families of Bonnie “Rose” Cundiff, Lou Ann Hartline, and Myrtle Martin who have all passed recently; and for Ashley Medlock in the loss of her husband.

Gray Media

acquires WSIL

Gray Media Inc. on Aug. 8 announced in a news release that it had reached an agreement with Byron Allen’s Allen Media Group Inc., AMG, to acquire AMG’s television stations in 10 markets for \$171 million. Gray Media Inc. is a multimedia company headquartered in Atlanta, Ga.

The acquisition included WSIL, an ABC affiliate which serves the Harrisburg, Cape Girardeau and Paducah market.

The transaction would bring Gray into three new markets: Columbus-Tupelo, Miss.; Terre Haute, Ind.; and West Lafayette, Ind.

Gray Media Inc. also owns KFVS in Cape Girardeau.

Gray said it expects the transaction to strengthen the company’s presence in the seven other

markets by creating new duopolies that would allow Gray to preserve and deepen public service to their communities with expanded local news, local weather and local sports programming.

Gray anticipates closing the transaction in the fourth quarter of this year following receipt of regulatory approval, including certain waivers of

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Cairo bridge inspection planned to begin

The Illinois Department of Transportation, IDOT, has announced that the U.S. 60/62 bridge over the Mississippi River at Cairo would be closed during daytime hours for an annual safety inspection which was scheduled to start Monday, Aug. 11.

The bridge connects Alexander County in Southern Illinois with Mississippi County in

Southeast Missouri.

The bridge is scheduled to be closed daily from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., from Monday, Aug. 11, through Friday, Aug. 15, and again from Monday, Aug. 18, through Friday, Aug. 22. Closure dates are weather permitting.

IDOT said that motorists are encouraged to plan accordingly and to use alternate routes during the closure times.

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News from Camp Ground Church, Community

Continuing the series “The Characteristics of God”, Bro. Easton’s sermon Sunday focused on God’s Mercy and Compassion. Scripture was from Psalm 145.

He began by defining mercy – God withholding what we deserve, and compassion – God giving us undeserved favor and love.

We need to know who it is that we worship. Only a holy, all-powerful God can forgive His creation.

Unfortunately, many take advantage of God’s goodness and grace and continue to

sin. They try to keep one foot in the world and one in step with God. We must live by His standards rather than ours or the world’s.

Only by God’s grace and compassion are persons able to avail themselves of Salvation and Eternal Life.

Those having birthdays this week have been Tracy Warren, 11th, and Addi Bonner, 12th.

Justin and Rachael Bonner celebrated a wedding anniversary the 7th.

Karen Vaughn is our elder in charge during August.

Our attendance was down Sunday as some were getting in last minute vacation time before school starts, some were sick, or caring for others.

Speaking of school starting, we will be having our annual “Back to School” celebration Sunday, the 17th. Following Morning Worship, we will have a potluck in honor of our students as well teachers and staff.

We encourage everyone to attend the Worship Service at the Union County Fair this Sunday evening beginning at 6:30 at the grandstand. This

ecumenical service is sponsored annually by the Union County Alliance of Churches.

From 6 to 6:30, there will be a local gospel quartet “mini” concert. Plan to attend; this is a privilege many county fairs do not offer.

We invite you to join us each Sunday, beginning with fellowship and coffee at 9:15, Bible study for all ages at 9:30 is followed by Morning Worship at 10:30

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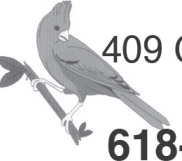
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Weekly Scripture Reading

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SIU CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL BUILA, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).

2025-FC-11 PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed herein, notice is hereby given to you Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, that this cause has been commenced and is pending against you asking that an order be entered foreclosing Plaintiff's mortgage on the following described real estate, situated in the County of Union, State of Illinois, to-wit:

The Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 12, Township 11 South, Range 1 West of the Third Principal Meridian, and also the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 7, Township 11 South, Range 1 East of the Third Principal Meridian, except two acres in the Northeast corner of the said last named tract bounded as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of last named tract, -thence South forty (40) rods, thence West Eight (8) rods, thence North forty (40) rods, thence East Eight (8) rods to place of beginning; and also excepting a strip of land for road purposes deeded December 7, 1946, recorded March 15, 1947, in Deed Record 82, page 239, to Elliot Addison, situated in Union County, Illinois.

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Identification of mortgage sought to be foreclosed:

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Unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, in the Union County Courthouse, in the City of Jonesboro, IL, on or before September 15, 2025, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED FOR IN THIS COMPLAINT.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Lick Creek Community Consolidated School District #16

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Lick Creek Community Consolidated Board of Education of School District Number 16, in the County of Union, State of Illinois, that a tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the District Office in this School District located at 7355 Lick Creek Road, Buncombe, Illinois from the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday beginning Monday, August 18th, 2025.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 5:15p.m. on the 23rd day of September, 2024 at Lick Creek Community Consolidated School District located at 7355 Lick Creek Road, Buncombe, Illinois in this School District Number

16. Dated this 6th day of August, 2025.

Lick Creek Community Consolidated School Board of Education of School District Number 16, in the County of Union, State of Illinois.

Jordan Suits, Superintendent
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of GEORGIA LEE BRIDGES (formerly WEBB)
Deceased.
No. 2025PR4

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Georgia L. Bridges, of Anna, Union County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 15, 2025, to Gladys Reese, whose address is 1190 275 N Ave, Versailles, IL, 62378 as Independent Executor proceeding pro se. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4), any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court, Union County Courthouse, 309 W Market St., Room 108, Jonesboro, IL, 62952, or with the representative, on or before February 7, 2026, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, 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 to the representatives within ten (10) days after it has been filed. Dated this 29th day of July, 2025.

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So far, Republicans see ‘ghost town’ in primary races for statewide offices

By Ben Szalinski
Capitol News Illinois
SPRINGFIELD – With U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, Comptroller Susana Mendoza and other members of Congress not seeking reelection in 2026, robust fields are growing in the Democratic primaries for the open seats.

Gov. JB Pritzker is seeking a rare third term and has been on the campaign trail for more than a month. Three high-profile Democrats are seeking to replace Durbin, sparking a flurry of state-level Democrats seeking to climb the political ladder.

But on the Republican side, it's a ghost town in primary races for statewide offices so far.

“We’ve been decimated to the point in Illinois where we don’t have a strong bench,” former Republican State Rep. Mark Batinick, now a political consultant, told Capitol News Illinois.

At this week’s Illinois State Fair political days, long viewed as the unofficial start to election season in Illinois, the GOP’s focus will largely be on Washington in the absence of prominent state-level candidates, according to the state party chair.

“We have an opportunity in Illinois not only because Pritzker is such a trainwreck, but also because so many great things are happening with the leadership of this Republican president,” Illinois Republican Party Chair Kathy Salvi said in an interview.

But winning statewide elections has been a daunting task for Illinois Republicans since President Donald Trump first entered the national political stage in 2016. Two years later, in 2018, a “blue wave” swept the nation in Trump’s first midterm election and Pritzker was elected governor. Since that year, Democrats seeking statewide offices have cruised to victory.

Thus far, just two lesser-known Republicans have expressed interest in challenging Pritzker in 2026. A similar group of lesser-known candidates is considering a U.S.

Senate run, but there has been no news about anyone running for comptroller, treasurer or secretary of state.

It’s still early in the election cycle, the petition gathering period began last week and runs through October, and Salvi said she expects there will be a Republican candidate in November for each statewide office.

GOP’s 2026 Message

The Illinois GOP isn’t going to shy away from Trump, Salvi said, even though the party often tried to ignore his influence under her predecessor, Don Tracy, who is considering a run for statewide office.

Salvi said embracing the One Big Beautiful Bill will be a key part of her party’s message in 2026 that she believes will resonate with voters. She encouraged voters to find common ground on areas they agree with Trump and ignore things they disagree with.

“Look at the success of this White House,” Salvi said. “Go to the White House website every week, or more than that, and learn what’s happening. And if there’s something you don’t like, then fine. Just don’t talk about that. Look to what you do like. Find what we have in common.”

That’s a welcome strategy for the Illinois Freedom Caucus, a group of the General Assembly’s most conservative lawmakers that has criticized the party for not embracing Trump in recent years.

Collin Moseley, the caucus’ state director, said in an interview they want the party to support Trump-aligned candidates, but the Illinois party still has too many leaders who disassociate with Trump.

“I think that it’s mostly being stifled by people who hate Donald Trump in our own party, people who are clinging with a death grip to hold our party further to the left instead of moving to the right to the issues that working families care about,” Moseley said. “We are stuck in this old-fashioned way of campaigning and the old Republican Party that mostly has lost its way.”

Salvi is also hoping to capitalize on Trump’s performance in Illinois in 2024, in which he cut down 17-point losses in 2016 and 2020 to about 11 points, largely due to a falloff in Democratic votes. Meanwhile, Republicans did not lose seats in Springfield despite Democrats targeting several vulnerable districts.

Pritzker Beatable?

Pritzker is beatable, Batinick argued, citing the results of a poll released Thursday, Aug. 7, conducted by his polling firm and commissioned by the conservative Illinois Policy Institute where Batinick also works as a policy analyst. It found Pritzker’s favorability rating was at 47 percent.

The poll conducted last month of 752 likely 2026 Illinois voters found 60 percent of voters say “high taxes” is a top issue for them, while 26 percent named “state governance” as a top issue. Batinick said Pritzker appears set to run on his record of governing the state, but also frequently discusses national issues.

“The issues that matter to Illinoisans aren’t the issues that JB Pritzker is talking about right now,” he said.

The primary race to challenge Pritzker is still taking shape with DuPage County Sheriff Jim Mendrick the most notable name seeking the office so far. Lake Forest businessman Joseph Severino, who has run for Congress as a Republican and independent, has announced his intention to run for governor, but has not filed a fundraising committee with the State Board of Elections.

Batinick said that politicians seeking to “climb the political ladder” benefit from running for office, but the risk of losing their current elected position is keeping Republicans from stepping into a race where their odds of winning are low in a state that leans left.

“Everybody has to give up what they got to run for something that they don’t think they can win,” he said. “They’re looking at a Trump midterm; they’re looking at a lack of money; they’re looking

a lack of excitement at the top of the ticket for governor and senator to date.”

Batinick thinks the right Republican candidate can beat Gov. JB Pritzker and overcome his spending power.

“A Republican candidate is going to have to work hard on the ground and we’re going to have to band together to really match the money that he can just buy,” Batinick said. “Republicans are going to have to do it with volunteers. It’s possible, you just need somebody that is inspiring to the public.”

Other Offices

In the Senate race, four Republicans have filed paperwork with the Federal Election Commission and are actively raising money.

Former Illinois Republican Party Chair Don Tracy is reportedly considering running for either governor or Senate and is expected to make an announcement soon. Ted Dabrowski, the president of conservative research site Wirepoints, is also considering running for governor.

Bob Fioretti, who has unsuccessfully run for several offices as a member of both parties, is reportedly circulating petitions to run for attorney general.

But even as petition-gathering begins, no other candidates are publicly known to be interested in running for other statewide offices. Notable names, including U.S. Rep. Darin LaHood and former Illinois Republican National Committeeman Richard Porter have declined to run for governor or Senate.

Candidate recruitment isn’t the state party’s role but rather turning out voters, said Salvi, an attorney from Mundelein who was the party’s nominee for U.S. Senate in 2022.

Democrats’ National Focus

While Republicans headed into the state fair still in search of people to run for statewide office, Democrats have two primary elections for statewide offices and three crowded primaries for congressional seats in the Chicago area.

The primary for the

open comptroller seat continues to expand. Rep. Stephanie Kifowit, D-Oswego, announced she will run for the seat, joining Rep. Margaret Croke, D-Chicago, and Lake County treasurer Holly Kim in the race as other Democrats also consider jumping in.

But even as some Democrats gear up to compete against each other, much of the party’s focus this summer has been on national politics, including currently hosting Democrats in the Texas House who left their state to prevent a vote on redrawing Texas’ congressional maps.

After the Illinois Democratic Party hosted Democratic National Committee chair Ken Martin last week for one of several news conferences in the western suburbs with Texas Democrats, the Illinois Democratic County Chairs’ Association will host U.S. House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries at their annual brunch on Wednesday in Springfield as part of State Fair festivities.

“Illinoisans face unprecedented harm from Donald Trump and Elon Musk and I cannot think of a better national leader right now to talk to our party about how to meet this moment,” association President Mark Guethle said in a statement.

Pritzker, who has put himself at the center of Texas’ redistricting fight, will also hold the governor’s traditional event at the State Fair on Wednesday afternoon. Pritzker has continued trying to grow his national profile this summer amid speculation he plans to run for president in 2028, including with an appearance on Stephen Colbert’s late-night show on CBS last week.

The Republicans will host FOX News analyst Gianno Caldwell as their keynote speaker at the fair on Thursday.

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News from

Anna Nazarene Church

Sunday, August 10
The morning worship service was held at 10:35 a.m. on Aug. 10. Announcements were given by Jessica Elkins. The worship service was led by Pastor Wright and the worship team.
The message “God’s Amazing Grace” from Titus 3:3-7, Romans 15:4, Jeremiah 23:23-24, Titus 3:3, 1 Corinthians 2:9-11, Hebrews 11:1, Galatians 3:26-29, Acts 4:12 was brought by Pastor Wright..
The evening message “Gates and Gatekeepers” on Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. was brought by Pastor Wright from 2 Chronicles 23:19.
Celebrating birthdays this week are 10th Abigail Hinkle, 16th Madison West.
Our prayers and sympathy are extended to Sarah Morrison in the loss of her grandfather, Rev. Douglas

Anderson. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, 2025 at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton, Ky.
Sunday, August 17
Breakfast - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service-10:35 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 20
Wednesday Night Service will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Youth Group in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 23
Women’s Ministry Luncheon at KiKi’s CoffeeHouse at 11 a.m.
Saturday to Sunday, Aug. 23 to 24.
Revival with Rev. Kim Smith on Saturday, Aug. 23 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 24 at 10:35 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
You may contact the church by calling the church office at 618-833-6702 and leaving a message if necessary or by calling Pastor Wright at 618-534-7103.

Quartet to perform free concert at Union County Fair

The Union County Alliance's annual fair worship service is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 17.
Featured this year is the southern gospel group, the New Beginnings Quartet. The free concert will be held from 6:30 to 7 p.m. at the Anna Park fairgrounds.

Summer is a good time for a yard sale.

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Television Listings

THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Little League Softball World Series (Live)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	TBA	(5:49) The Gilded Age	(5:25) “Wilson” (‘17)	“Hunt for Red Oct.”
7 PM :30	Family Feud (HD)	Big Brother (HD)	Burgers North (HD)	The Hunting Party		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	★★★ “Click” (‘06, Comedy) Adam Sandler. (PG-13)		Yogurt Shop	★★★ “The Flash” (‘23, Action) Sasha Calle. (PG-13) (HD)	★★★½ “Red” (‘10, Action) Bruce Willis. (HD)
8 PM :30	Press Your Luck (HD)	Marriage Ghosts	The 1% Club (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	ESPN Original Documentaries	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)		Electric Electric	(:01) “Opus” (‘25) Ayo Edebiri. (R)		Dexter: Resurrection
9 PM :30	Press Your Luck (HD)	(:01) Matlock “Friends”	Local Programs Local info.	Law & Order (HD)		Jokers Jokers	(:28) ★★½	Miraculous	“You Hurt My Feelings” Julia Louis-Dreyfus.	“Mortdecai” (‘15) Johnny Depp.	“Paranormal Activity” (‘09) (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local (:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	★★★½ “Jurassic Park” (‘93) Sam Neill. (HD)	“The Waterboy” (‘98) Adam Sandler.	Jessie Jessie		“Frost/Nixon” (‘08)	“Shutter”
11 PM :30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)		“Click”	Bluey	“Split”		

AUGUST 14, 2025

FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(4:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Little League Softball World Series (Live)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	“The Waterboy” (‘98)	(5:15) “Movie”	“Barbershop” (‘02)	“Knox Goes Away”	“Forrest Gump” (‘94)
7 PM :30	Stand Up 2025	Stand Up 2025	Stand Up 2025	Stand Up 2025		★★★ “Godzilla vs. Kong” (‘21) Millie Bobby Brown. (HD)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	Electric Electric	Stand Up 2025	★★ “Trap” (‘24) Josh Hartnett. (HD)	To Be Announced
8 PM :30	20/20 Investigative news. (HD)	Fire Country (HD)	MasterChef (HD)	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)	Professional Fighters League (Live)			Wizards Wizards	Yogurt Shop	(:46) ★★★	Dexter: Resurrection
9 PM :30		NCIS: Sydney (HD)	Local Programs			★★½ “The Meg” (‘18, Thriller) Jason Statham. (PG-13) (HD)	The Rainmaker	ZOMBIES ZOMBIES	Real Time with (HD)	“Traitor” (‘08, Drama) Don Cheadle.	“Faster” (‘10) Dwayne Johnson.
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local			9-1-1 “Ashes, Ashes”	Electric	The Gilded Age		
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)		9-1-1 “All Fall Down”	Electric		(:41) “Oracle” (‘23) Ryan Destiny.	(:45) “Jackass: The Movie” (‘02)
11 PM :30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night				Big City Big City	(:11) Real Time with		

AUGUST 15, 2025

SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	MLB Baseball “Regional Coverage-Teams TBA” (Live) (HD)	Local Programs	UFC Fight Night Prelims “UFC 319: Du Plessis vs. Chimaev” (Live)	(4:45) “The Meg” (‘18)	NASCAR Cup	“Movie”	“Crocodile” (‘22) (HD)	(5:09) “Tuesday” (‘24)	“L. Crusade” (‘89)
7 PM :30	Match Game (HD)	FBI: Most Wanted		The Wall “Joel and”		“Meg 2: The Trench” (‘23, Action) Jason Statham. (HD)	NASCAR Cup Series “Richmond” (Live)		“The Legend of Ochi” (‘25) (PG)	“The Huntsman: Winter’s War” (‘16) (HD)	“Kingdom Crystal Skull” (‘08) Harrison Ford.
8 PM :30	Match Game (HD)	48 Hours (HD)		Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)				Phineas Phineas			
9 PM :30	Match Game (HD)	48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs		SportsCenter (HD)			Phineas Electric	“The Peanut Butter Falcon”	(:55) ★★★ “Dredd” (‘12) Karl Urban.	(:15) ★★★★★ “Gladiator” (‘00, Drama) Russell Crowe. (HD)
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	The Quiz with Balls	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	“The Lost World: Jurassic Park” (‘97) Jeff Goldblum.	Post Show	Wizards Wizards	(:19) “Couples Retreat” (‘09) Vince Vaughn.	“Mechanic: Resurrection” (‘16)	
11 PM :30	Local Programs		Local Programs	Saturday Night Live (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)		(:01) 9-1-1 (HD)	Big City Big City			Dexter

AUGUST 16, 2025

SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM :30	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	The Quiz with Balls	American Ninja Warrior “Finals 2” (HD)	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at New York Mets (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	“Hotel Transylvania” (‘12) (HD)	(5:16) “Ochi” (‘25)	(:12) The Knick (HD)	Dexter: Resurrection
7 PM :30	Videos	Big Brother (HD)	NFL Preseason Football Buffalo Bills at Chicago Bears (Live) (HD)			Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU		(:55) Yogurt Shop	★★★½ “Sully” (‘16) Tom Hanks. (HD)	Dexter: Resurrection
8 PM :30	“Sister Act” (‘92, Comedy) Whoopi Goldberg.	Tracker “The Night”		America’s Got Talent “Brithday Party” (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Phineas Phineas	Yogurt Shop	(:36) “Trap” (‘24, Thriller) Josh Hartnett. (HD)	Dexter: Resurrection
9 PM :30		Tracker “The Disciple”			SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Electric Electric	Yogurt Shop		“Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit” Chris Pine.
10 PM :30	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	The Rainmaker	Wizards	Last Week		
11 PM :30		Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.		“School of Rock” Jack Black.	Law & Order: SVU	Wizards Bluey	(:43) Yogurt Shop	“The Accountant” Ben Affleck.	Dexter: Resurrection
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AUGUST 17, 2025

MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Monday Count-down	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	“Transylvania” (‘12)	(:19) Last Week (HD)	(5:05) “Traitor” (‘08)	“Gone Baby Gone”
7 PM :30	Bachelor in Paradise (HD)	Neighbor. Neighbor.	Lego Masters Jr. (HD)	American Ninja Warrior “Finals 3” (HD)	NFL Preseason Football Cincinnati vs Washington (Live)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	ZOMBIES ZOMBIES	Yogurt Shop	★★★ “The Flash” (‘23, Action) Sasha Calle. (PG-13) (HD)	Dexter: Resurrection
8 PM :30		FBI “Abandoned” (HD)	The Quiz with Balls			Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Electric Electric	(:05) “The Hunger Games” (‘12) Jennifer Lawrence. (HD)		★★★★ “Pulp Fiction” (‘94, Crime) John Travolta. (R) (HD)
9 PM :30	Are You My First?	Watson “Teeth Marks”	Local Programs Local info.	Survival Mode		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Electric Electric		“Birds of Prey: And the” (‘20) (R)	Dexter: Resurrection
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD) Dad (HD)	The Rainmaker	Jessie Jessie	“Hunger Games: Catching” (‘13)	(:14) “Unlocked” (‘17)	
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD) Dad (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Bluey Bluey			“Faster”
11 PM :30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night							

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TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Little League World Series (Live)	MLB on TBS MLB Baseball (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City Big City	(:08) “Final Destination: Bloodlines” (‘25)	★★★ “The Bling Ring”	“Red”
7 PM :30	High Potential (HD)	NCIS (HD)	The 1% Club (HD)	America’s Got Talent “Quarterfinals 1” (HD)			Law & Order: SVU	Kiff Kiff		“Wilson” (‘17) Woody Harrelson.	“The Godfather Coda: Death” (‘20) Al Pacino. (R) (HD)
8 PM :30	Will Trent (HD)	NCIS: Origins (HD)	(:02) The Snake (HD)		The Kingdom		Law & Order: SVU	StuGo ZOMBIES	Hard Knocks (HD)	(:35) “Janet Planet” (‘24, Drama) Zoe Liegler.	Dexter: Resurrection
9 PM :30	Will Trent (HD)	NCIS: Sydney (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Songs and Stories	The Kingdom	MLB on TBS	Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous Electric	(:57) Yogurt Shop		
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Family	The Rainmaker	Jessie	Hard Knocks (HD)	(:28) “The Dis-aster Artist” (‘17)	(:15) ★★½ “Backcountry” (‘15) Missy Peregrym.
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Family	Law & Order: SVU	Bluey Bluey	(:57) Hard Knocks		
11 PM :30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night		Family					

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WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Little League World Series (Live)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Chicago Fire (HD)	Big City Big City	(5:55) Seth Meyers	“Prisoners” (‘13) (HD)	“Full Metal Jacket” (‘87) Matthew Modine. (R)
7 PM :30	Who Wants to Be a	Big Brother (HD)	MasterChef (HD)	America’s Got Talent		All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite	★★★ “National Treasure” (‘04, Adventure) Nicolas Cage. (PG) (HD)	Big City Big City	Hard Knocks (HD)	“Unknown” (‘11, Thriller) Liam Neeson. (HD)	
8 PM :30	Match Game (HD)		Secret Service “Savin”	Epic Universe	ESPN Original Documentaries			StuGo ZOMBIES	(:57) “The Legend of Ochi” (‘25)		“The Hunt for Red October” Sean Connery.
9 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	Elsbeth “Tiny Town”	Local Programs Local info.	Chicago P.D. (HD)		Family		Miraculous		“Mechanic: Resurrection” (‘16)	
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Family	The Rainmaker	Electric	(:36) Yogurt Shop		(:15) “Panama” (‘22, Action) Cole Hauser. (HD)
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Family		Jessie	“Sinners” (‘25) Michael B. Jordan.	(:33) “Sully” (‘16) Tom Hanks. (HD)	
11 PM :30	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night		Family	(:01) Chicago Fire	Bluey Bluey			

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WEDNESDAY

7:00pm
FOX MasterChef “Divide & Conquer” Chefs create a three-course meal with an appetizer from Joe Bastianich’s menu, an entree from Tiffany Derry’s menu and a dessert from Gordon Ramsay’s menu. TV14 (HD)
8:00pm
PARSHO The Hunt for Red October ★★½ (1990, Action) Sean Connery, Alec Baldwin. During the Cold War, a Soviet sub turns rogue on its maiden voyage, heading straight for U.S. waters with both America and the U.S.S.R. hot on its trail. PG (HD)

7:00pm
NBC The Hunting Party “Doctor Ezekiel Malak” The team attempts to get ahead of a murderous hospital psychiatrist searching for victims in Chicago, but they are shocked when he makes his next move. TV14 (HD)
9:01pm
CBS Matlock “Friends” Olympia and Matty team up on a wrongful termination case for Elijah’s cousin; Edwin begins to worry that Matty staying at Jacobson Moore puts her in danger. TV14 (HD)

7:00pm
ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, HBO Stand Up To Cancer 2025 Bringing together the best and the brightest in the cancer community, facilitating collaboration to help new therapies move from the laboratory to the patient.
9:00pm
PARSHO Faster ★★½ (2010, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Billy Bob Thornton. A man seeks revenge on the people he holds responsible for his brother’s death, but while he hunts, he is tracked by a cop and an assassin. R (HD)

7:00pm
ABC Match Game Four contestants join each week to attempt to match the answers given by invited guest celebrities including stars of stage and screen and entertainers. TV14 (HD)
9:15pm
PARSHO Gladiator ★★★★★ (2000, Drama) Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix. In ancient Rome, a deposed yet courageous general becomes a successful gladiator and seeks revenge against the man who had his wife and son murdered. R (HD)

7:00pm
FOX NFL Preseason Football Buffalo comes off its sixth-straight playoff appearance behind Josh Allen; Ben Johnson brings his unique offense to a Bears team that went 5-12 last season. (HD)
8:00pm
NBC America’s Got Talent “AGT 20th Brithday Party” A celebration of 20 years of talent, viral moments and global impact along with a mega-mix performance and judge interviews that showcase the series’ legacy. TVPG (HD)

7:00pm
MAX The Flash ★★★ (2023, Action) Sasha Calle, Ben Affleck. A superhero discovers a way to go back in time, where he encounters a dangerous foe set on world annihilation. PG-13 (HD)
8:05pm
HBO The Hunger Games ★★★ (2012, Action) Jennifer Lawrence, Stanley Tucci. In a post-apocalyptic future, an annual event is held in which 24 young people are pitted against each other in a bloody game of survival. PG-13 (HD)

7:00pm
ABC High Potential “The RAMs” The team investigates the death of a famous baseball newscaster; Soto and Morgan talk about Roman’s disappearance with a potential lead. TV14 (HD)
9:00pm
CBS NCIS: Sydney “Back in the USSR” After a long-missing U.S. Naval engineer’s corpse is discovered in concrete, the team contacts an old friend of Doc Roy to help them discover the culprit. TVPG (HD)

7:00pm
FOX MasterChef “Divide & Conquer” Chefs create a three-course meal with an appetizer from Joe Bastianich’s menu, an entree from Tiffany Derry’s menu and a dessert from Gordon Ramsay’s menu. TV14 (HD)
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Opinion and Commentary

Union County Fair ‘a meeting place for old friends’

Note: the following thoughts about the Union County Fair, then called the Anna Fair, originally appeared in The Gazette-Democrat in 1955. With the 2025 fair starting this week, we share this look back...

The Fair – What It Means To Union County?

The Fair and what it means to Union County? As we have walked up and down the streets of Anna this year, we have constantly heard this comment, “Boy, they had better make the fair this year a good one or there will never be another one.” And we would think to ourselves, “who is that makes a fair good or bad?”

We realize that a lot depends upon the kind of entertainment offered to the people by the fair board. People want something for their money – they always have and undoubtedly, always will. In our estimation they get a pretty good deal for their money at The Anna Fair.

There are two prices for tickets into the grand stand – fifty cents and seventy-five cents. Tuesday night there will be a Pet Parade and a stage show. Where else could you go and see your own children or those of your neighbors in a parade of this sort besides a live show?

Wednesday night will be the Horse Show and after seeing the one in Cobden this summer we know darned well that it will be worth the money and this is true of each night’s entertainment.

No, the Anna Fair does not have acts like the Du Quoin Fair but neither do you have to pay up to \$3.00 for a seat. Don’t get me wrong. There is nothing wrong with paying \$3.00 but a lot of us don’t have it and we like to attend fairs too.

It is necessary to have the cooperation of all the residents of Union County and the surrounding area to have a good fair. If you don’t have plenty of entries in the racing program, the stock show, the Domestic Science division, the flower show, etc., well, then they are no good.

Where else can the farmers, the fruit growers, the vegetable growers in Union County display their prize-winning products of the year for the other residents to see? Where else can our children enter their school exhibits? What better place is there for Union County livestock to be displayed.

Remember, if the fair is not a good fair this year, you, unless you help, have made it that way. Attend the fair – a meeting place for old friends.

The Cat's Meow

An article by Cobden Spay Neuter Coalition

The work continues. Several more kitties spayed or neutered this week. Many more to come. All done through the work of the volunteers for Cobden Spay Neuter Coalition and veterinary partners. Won’t you join us?

Other ways of helping are to like and follow CSNC’s Facebook page, talk to and educate your family, friends, and neighbors about the enormity of this issue and the importance of spaying and neutering their companion animals, and/or volunteer to assist with various aspects of the effort or to help with and develop fundraising events.

In fact, mark your calendars for Saturday, September 20. The Cobden Community Block Party is slated for that day, and CSNS will be there with some fun fundraising activities. More information to come.

Remember, over 257 cats were spayed or neutered, and many rehomed, in less than two years. Community coming together can humanely and significantly reduce the cat overpopulation problem in the county.

Please Spay/Neuter/Adopt companion animals. Meanwhile, if you see a companion animal in need, in trouble, or suffering, please, please call someone before it’s too late for them. Call your local animal control office, the police, or the Sheriff’s Dept. It IS your business if an innocent being who cannot speak for himself needs your help!

‘Many fruit trees bearing profusely in hill country’

From “A New Geography of Illinois: Union County,” Outdoor Illinois magazine, June-July 1974.

The earliest settlers had discovered that the terrain and climate of Union County were conducive for the production of high quality fruit trees.

Results were particularly good on the ridges so that by 1858, many fruit trees were bearing profusely in the hill country around Cobden and the present day community of Alto Pass.

The new railroad provided fast shipment of produce to the big city markets.

In 1860, the first express package of fruit was shipped from Union County to Chicago.

Because of the mild climate in Union County (temperatures rarely fall below zero), fruits and vegetables have a long growing season.

As a result, Union County farmers began growing great quantities of apples, peaches, cherries, pears, blackberries, raspberries, gooseberries, strawberries, rhubarb, asparagus, radishes, onions, peas, beans, potatoes, and sweet potatoes.

And when one of Union County’s most ingenious orchard growers, Parker Earle, invented the first refrigerated crates in 1877, the county was in for a tremendous boom.

By 1880, refrigerated railroad cars lined up at Cobden, Anna, and Balcom, along the Illinois Central, and at Alto Pass, along the Cairo to St. Louis Railroad, to load hundreds of bushels of fruits and thousands of pounds of vegetables daily for rapid transport to metropolitan markets in Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Buffalo, and other cities.

Cooling houses adjacent to the railroads were constructed in Anna and Cobden in 1881. Union County had become the fruit and vegetable capital of the midwest.

In 1881, twenty-five to thirty-five train carloads of peaches left Cobden daily for Chicago markets.

During that year, 10,650 bushels of peaches were shipped from Union County. Fifteen to twenty carloads of strawberries left the county daily for Chicago.

Two hundred twenty-five thousand one-third-bushel boxes of tomatoes were shipped from Cobden in 1882, as were one hundred seventy tons of rhubarb.

The need for packing fruits and vegetables in crates gave rise to several factories for making such containers.

Farm and orchard products contributed to bring prosperity and, in 1934, Anna and Cobden built large municipal markets.

Please read this...

Rare critter makes an appearance not far away...

This week...how ‘bout a bit of a “nature lesson” about a special six-legged Critter? We’ll get to that in just a bit...

Meanwhile...

Bob and one of his people looked out the back door last Sunday evening. No bears. No armadillos. No deers. No geese. No mice. No gnus. And, as we all know, no gnus is good gnus. Sorry...

We also did not see any rain falling, which was a little bit disappointing. For Bob’s person, anyway. I cannot be sure what his thoughts might have been about the lack of precipitation. During the course of the afternoon on Sunday, I was watching the weather radar on the website for the National Weather Service in Paducah. Sure looked like some rain might have been heading our way. Nope.

Same thing happened on Sunday afternoon a week earlier. Guess we will just keep watching what little grass we have in the front yard continue to turn brown. Oh, well. At least it’s not been snowing...

Meanwhile...

Did you happen to see the moon rise last Friday night in the sky over Union County? It was pretty impressive. And, speaking of the sky, the Perseid meteor shower was to have peaked Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The cosmic event happens around this time each year. I planned to head out into the dark and hoped to see a meteor or two. The most I have ever spotted in a single night of watching was about a dozen or so a few years back.

Meanwhile...

The Other Half and her traveling partner on The Journey Through Life did a little bit of retail therapy one day last week. At one of our stops, a very nice employee shared some kind words with a couple of “old folks.” Her thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

Meanwhile...

This week, we came upon a Critter Sighting story somewhere out there in media universe about a rather unique dragonfly which was spotted not too far from our little corner of the world. I believe the story appeared online, so it must have been true.

Seems like I have shared my fascination with dragonflies in the past. I like to think of them of six-legged flying jewels... colorful, some with wings like crystal. This is a good time of the year to see dragonflies. We’ve even been seeing them in our yard.

Well, the Missouri Department of Conservation, MDC, in early August confirmed the first-ever observation of a male Hine’s emerald dragonfly (*Somatochlora hineana*) in Bollinger County, marking a significant milestone in the state’s conservation efforts for this federally endangered species.

MDC shared in a news release that staff and partners made the discovery during routine biological monitoring near a spring-fed wetland, called a Karst Fen, on private land in late June.

“The Hine’s emerald dragonfly is one of the rarest dragonflies in North America,” said MDC natural history biologist Steve Schell. “It wasn’t known from Missouri until 1999, and since then has only been documented from a handful of eastern Ozark counties.”

And because of its distance from other known sites, Schell said this new site, one of less than 25, likely represents a new population for Missouri.

“Like other species in the genus *Somatochlora*, the Hine’s emerald dragonfly is distinguished by its green body, bright green eyes and yellow-striped sides,” he said.

In Missouri, Schell said adults can be seen in June flying in Karst Fens where reproduction occurs. The nymph life stage might spend some time on the surface of the Fen, but eventually moves into crawfish burrows, where it will live for several more years before emerging as an adult, he explained.

Schell said that Hine’s emerald dragonflies rely on specific fen habitats linked to ground water saturating small areas creating shallow semi-permeate pools and rivulets, with plenty of crayfish burrows. And these habitats are sensitive to disturbance



If I remember correctly, and there is no guarantee about such things, this dragonfly was spotted right in our front yard on a recent warm and sunny summer morning.



This squirrel just seemed to look happy with its place in the world last week when it was spotted on another warm and sunny summer morning during a visit to the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro.

and threatened by development, road construction and other changes that might affect hydrology.

“The Bollinger County observation extends the known range of the species by over 30 miles to the east, suggesting more suitable habitat in Southeast Missouri,” said Schell.

This observation creates the opportunity to further exploration and conservation work in the region, he said.

“Finding a male is exciting, but we hope to find larvae or adults that indicate long-term breeding success,” said Schell. “This moves us closer to keeping them in Missouri, and it might also represent a unique genetics for the species as a whole.”

Schell said that while Missouri’s population size might be lower than areas around the Great Lakes, we have the highest genetic diversity.

“And that genetic diversity will likely be important for the recovery of the species,” he added.

The Hine’s emerald dragonfly is endangered under federal and state law, making it illegal to harm or collect without permits.

For those who might be inclined to do so, you can learn more about the species, and others, online at mdc.mo.gov.

Bollinger County in Southeast Missouri is not all that far away, as the crow flies, and maybe even the dragonfly, too. Hopefully, sometime during a future walkabout, one of those dragonflies will make an appearance right around here...

That’s about all for this week, folks. Maybe we’ll see you at the Union County Fair in Anna...

Joint action saves life of teen

The Anna Police Department is voicing its appreciation to its fellow first responders for their rapid response and assistance during an incident last week.

The department shared on social media that “officers from the Anna Police Department, Jonesboro Police Department and Union County Sheriff’s Office responded to an emergency medical call for a 15-year-old suffering a life-threatening medical emergency. The officers provided initial stabilizing care before assisting Union County Emergency Medical responders.

“Thanks to every person on scene, the child was resuscitated and successfully transported to a medical facility for advanced care.

“We at the Anna Police Department want to thank and acknowledge every first responder for this incident. Without each and everyone of you, a child’s life would not have been saved.

“And to our own officers of the Anna Police Department: thank you for what you do each day to preserve lives and serve our community.”

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Davie Street project in Anna

Progress continues on the Davie Street project in Anna. Structural elements are in place, including a new “City of Anna” sign. Plans call for the new community space to be completed by Sept. 19.



Friday night at Cobden Peach Festival

The Cobden Peach Festival was in full swing Friday night, Aug. 8. The annual event, sponsored by the Cobden Lions Club, continued on Saturday, Aug. 9, with many activities, including the naming of a new Cobden Peach Festival queen, a run/walk event, a parade, carnival rides, games, food and lots of Cobden peaches.