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Alyssa Carriker (Miss Macoupin County), Claire Vinyard (Jr. Miss Macoupin County) and Averi Behme (Little Miss Macoupin County) were crowned royalty at the 2025 Macoupin County Fair Pageant. Photo by Ruth Gill.

Carriker, Vinyard and Behme reign at Macoupin County Fair pageant

Grammy Award-winning Diamond Rio performs at Fair
By: JACKSON WILSON
Enquirer Democrat Reporter

Several events had to be canceled at this year's Macoupin County Fair due to rain. However, a great deal of community and volunteer efforts ensured that Illinois' oldest and most historic county fair would continue its treasured tradition.

The weather cooperated with sunny skies the first two days, but the remainder of the week had showers and storms in the forecast, which led to cancellations of the demolition derby and truck/tractor pulls due to muddy conditions.

There was additional doubt about planning for the queen pageant and grandstand concert when a downpour hit Carlinville mid-week, but the county fair team and volunteers remained resilient, stood on business and

ensured that the show would go on.

Pageant

With umbrellas and tents out the evening of June 5, Alyssa Carriker was selected as the new Macoupin County Fair Queen one year after her sister, Molly, took the Jr. Miss crown. Molly Carriker passed her title on to Claire Vinyard. Averi Behme was named Little Miss Macoupin County.

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Carl Kasten speaks at Carlinville Rotary Club

By: JOE HINDS
Enquirer Democrat Reporter

Carlinville Rotary Club President, Austin Hubbard, introduced Carl Kasten, a well-known Carlinville attorney for over 48 years, as the program speaker at its June 5 meeting, held at the newly renovated community room at the Carlinville Police station.

Kasten graduated cum laude from Illinois State University in 1966, majoring in social sciences with a Russian minor, and Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law with a Juris Doctorate in 1969, receiving the Wigmore key for his dedication to service and scholarship. His opening remarks praised Blackburn College for its great fund raising on its Giving Day, on its yearlong fundraising effort, and its spike in enrollment applications. He then distributed a compilation of data relating to the founding dates, current enrollment and other data for all Illinois public universities and a few private Illinois colleges and universities.

Kasten then turned to his legal career and stated that the Macoupin County Courthouse Courtroom was not matched by any other courtroom that he had seen during his career in which he had addressed courts in 16 states and the District of Columbia. He said that few, if any, rival its beauty and size.

Kasten has always been a powerful advocate for due process and the United States system of justice. "Even though the justice system sometimes makes mistakes, America's judicial system is still one of the best in the world," he said. "Some justice systems will just put you in jail



Carl Kasten

or to death without even having a trial. Our Constitution requires otherwise."

Kasten then turned to some unusual things he had seen or heard during his practice.

Semantics was always important in the legal profession. In one trial more than 30 years ago, the witness was a tow truck driver, who did not grasp the difference between winch and wench. He continued the use of "wench," stating that he had a very special position for his "wench." The judge scolded those who found hilarity in the testimony.

Kasten recounted his dealings with Kentucky co-counsel by the name of Daniel Boone in Kentucky. He also recalled receiving a surprising deposition witness answer to "Where were you on this day?" The answer was, "I was with the President of the United States." Of course, the witness did not add that there were also hundreds of others on the boat with Jimmy Carter.

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Baby Miss Macoupin County headed to the National Pageant

By: RUTH GILL
Enquirer Democrat Reporter

Local darling and 14-month-old Olympia Pinkerton, "Baby Miss Macoupin County," will compete in the 2025 America's Best Pageant Nationals in Nashville (TN) September 5-7.

Olympia is the daughter of Eric & Lexis Pinkerton of Bend. Miss Olympia started her pageant hobby in January 2025 where she has been participating in different pageants.

Olympia has attended pageants at a variety of different locations such as Belleville, Champaign, Sullivan (IN) and Mt. Vernon. In July, she will be attending an event in Springfield.

Olympia is currently undefeated in her age group. She was awarded the "Most Beautiful" award. The highest title she has won is 'Mega Grand Supreme'. This is the highest title aside from the 'Elite' title which is usually reserved for an older child. Olympia has received some unique crowns, six-foot trophies, sashes, medals and so much more. She has also competed and won a few online



pageants where they will have a theme for that specific pageant and she will submit a photo of said theme. Olympia is sponsored by Pink's Fences & Flooring as well as Pink's Royalty, an online virtual pageant group.

Olympia has only competed in one pageant circuit, which is America's Best Pageant. Within the current circuit there are three categories: Beauty, OOC (outfit of choice) and Showcase. Beauty

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Kate Harding presenting Carlinville Intermediate with the 2025 Community Partner Award for Macoupin County. Back row, from left, are Principal Roy Kulenkamp, Kate Harding, and PE Teacher Tim Johnson; from row, Emelia Daggett, Eva Heller, Lillian Dickison and Phoebe Foiles.

Carlinville Intermediate School receives 2025 Community Partner Award

Carlinville Intermediate School is the 2025 Community Partner Award winner for University of Illinois Extension in Macoupin County. CIS has partnered with Extension for over

10 years with the 4-H Health Jam program. Over the years, the program has evolved to meet the needs of the students and re-branded to Health Rocks, but the overall goal remains the same: to

educate youth and provide needed information to help youth lead a healthier lifestyle. "The school is committed to teaching

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Blackburn College celebrates the 36th Annual Science Day

Blackburn College welcomed 14 regional schools and 26 educators, bringing around 250 high school students for its 36th annual Science Day. The event, held on the College's campus in Carlinville, offered a day of hands-on science activities, friendly competition, and immersive academic exploration, planned and led almost entirely by Blackburn students.

Through Blackburn's distinctive Work Program, more than 50 student workers were essential in organizing, preparing, and carrying out the event. From coordinating with schools and setting up labs to leading demonstrations and managing logistics, Blackburn students were at the heart of the experience. Seniors Alexia Mosby '25 and Jessica Muckensturm '25 coordinated the effort.

"I love getting the opportunity to coordinate Science Day because we get to meet regional high school teachers and students throughout the process," said Mosby. "Many of the Blackburn students participating in Science Day, including myself, are from local areas and get the opportunity to reconnect with their former high school science teachers. When speaking with my high school teachers at Science Day, they're surprised to see how much I've grown and all I've accomplished since being a shy high school student in their classroom."

Muckensturm added, "It is amazing to work with the community because it's important to give back to those who support us. I also think it's important to show the community what we do here and invite them to enjoy the same things we get to enjoy every day."

Nine Blackburn professors worked alongside students to facilitate demonstrations in biology, chemistry, computer science, psychology, and physics. Visiting students competed in scholarship exams and interactive science challenges designed to spark curiosity and promote hands-on discovery.

Science Day continues to be a meaningful connection point between Blackburn and the surrounding community, highlighting the impact of student-led work and the value of experiential learning. For local students and educators, it's a memorable visit. For Blackburn students, it's a powerful opportunity to lead, grow, and give back.

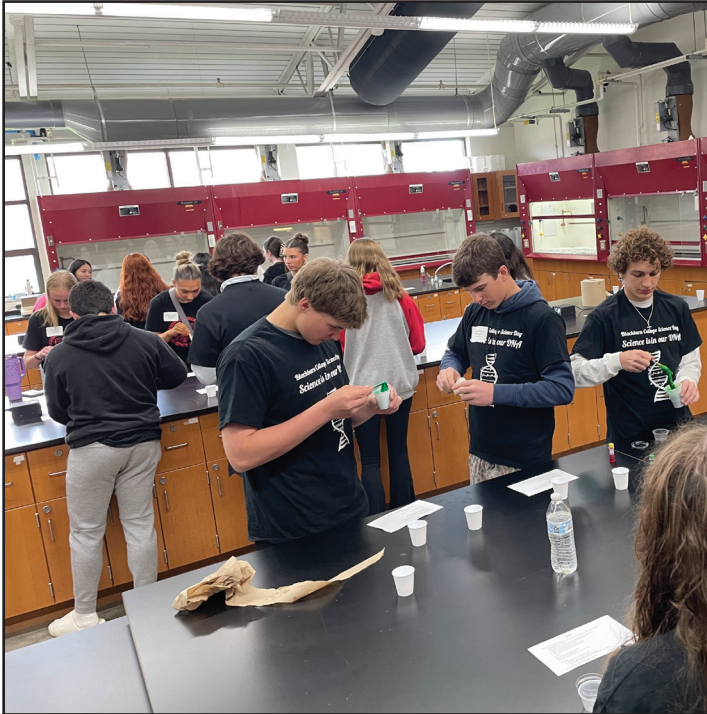
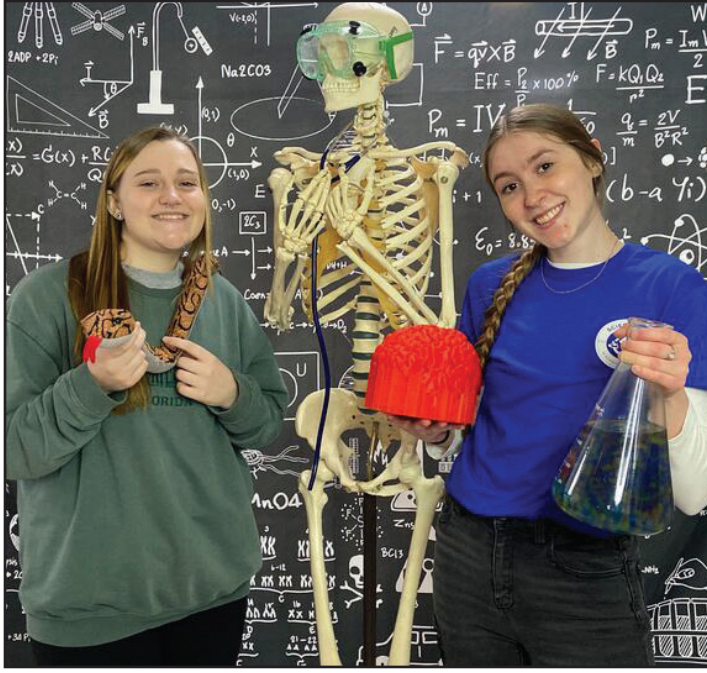
Science Day Results

Below is a list of the 2025 Science Day winners.

Schools

Biology Exam (there was a tie for third place)

First place - Riverton led by Chris Brown and Megan Mc-



Students

Biology Exam (there was a tie for second place)

First place - Kaine Climaco from Mascoutah

Second place - Kate Zipprich from Calhoun

Third place - Athens led by Pam Warren and Rachel Skelton

Chemistry Exam

First place - Pleasant Plains led by Brian Conklin

Second place - Jacksonville led by Heather English and Adam Reed

Third place - Calhoun led by Ann Gilman and Heather Reed

Physics Exam

First place - Pleasant Plains led by Brian Conklin

Second place - Rochester led by Ms. Seitz, Mrs. Godar, and Mrs. Green

Third place - Jacksonville led by Heather English and Adam Reed

Psychology Exam

First place - Pleasant Plains led by Brian Conklin

Second place - Pleasant Plains led by Jason Crowell and Robin Phelps

Chemistry Exam

Second place - Jacksonville led by Heather English and Adam Reed

Third place - Calhoun led by Ann Gilman and Heather Reed

Physics Exam

First place - Lincoln Young from Pleasant Plains

Second place - Cole Payne from Pleasant Plains

Third place - Jacob Hermes from Pleasant Plains

Psychology Exam

First place - Kaylee Kilbreath from Mascoutah

Second place - Garret Beobe from Pleasant Plains

Third place - Joshua Oh from Pleasant Plains

Dr. Samantha Kahl, Professor of Biology and Ecology, serves as the faculty advisor for Science Day. If there are any questions about the 2026 event, contact Dr. Kahl samantha.kahl@blackburn.edu until new student coordinators are appointed in the fall.

Photos by Blackburn College



Carlinville Patterson House homes summer trips

Carlinville Patterson House homes are kicking off summer by going to all the best attractions. Those pictured are at Grant's Farm (top pic.), St. Louis Zoo (middle pic.) and Six Flags.

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Pages from the Past

From the files of the Macoupin County Enquirer-Democrat

June 12, 1975
50 Years Ago
Front Page

Swindler, stolen car, wrecks are reported

A swindler apparently was at work in Carlinville recently and is alleged to have duped a 79-year-old woman out of \$500. As a result a warrant for theft by deception has been issued for George Goffo, with bond set at \$5,000. The age and address of Goffo is unknown.

The man reportedly offered to treat the roof of the woman's house with chemical which he said would prevent the shingles from blowing off. Chief of Police Robert Stratton said the woman apparently agreed to have the west side of the house treated May 29 for \$500 and that is appeared that about a fourth of the roof was covered with a thin aluminum substance. The woman's check for \$500 was cashed by Goffo at the Farmers & Merchants bank after a teller there reportedly called the woman to verify that she had issued the check.

According to authorities, Goffo is described as a small, thin Caucasian, about 50 to 60 years of age, with graying curly hair. He was said to be driving a red pickup truck.

Stolen Car

A Mercedes Benz automobile owned by Mrs. Robert H. Rutherford was recovered shortly after it was reported stolen Thursday afternoon. The car was found in a ditch along the Lake Carlinville

road, where the driver apparently left it when he could not get it out of the ditch.

Mrs. Rutherford told police the car was in front of the Rutherford home on South Broad St. and that she saw the car being driven around the block after her 4-year-old granddaughter reported that a stranger had driven the car away. Mrs. Rutherford said she also saw the car being driven south on South Broad St., apparently out of town.

Douglas E. Stark, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Stark of Carlinville, apparently placed the family car in reverse Thursday evening and it rolled into the medical building just east of Area hospital. According to the report, a 12-foot-square hole was knocked in the brick exterior of the building, with damage estimated at about \$3,100. The boy was reported uninjured.

Guy R. Woods, 34 of Gillespie was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after he apparently drove his car into the City park about 11:30 Thursday evening. A water line to a drinking fountain was reported ruptured in the accident.

At the Marvel Theatre

Escape to Witch Mountain

At the Diane Drive-In Theatre

W.W. and the Dixie Dancekings

Ace Eli & Rodger of the Skies

June 15, 1950
75 Years Ago
Front Page

Awarded bronze Star in Ceremony in Germany

Sgt. A.C. Schroeder Decorated for Action in World War II

Sgt. Andrew C. Schroeder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Schroeder, 1029 S. Oak Street, Carlinville, was one of four men to receive Bronze Star awards at a recent ceremony held at European Command Headquarters, Heidelberg, Germany.

Schroeder received his decoration for exemplary conduct in ground combat against the armed enemy on or about Mar. 12, 1945 while serving with 264th Infantry Regiment in the European Theater of Operations.

A member of the Armed Forces for five years, Schroeder has three years of wartime service to his credit. Following several years as a civilian, he reenlisted in September, 1948, at which time he returned to Europe where he has been stationed at Heidelberg since his arrival.

At the Marvel Theatre

That Forsythe Woman

A Dangerous Profession

Storm Over Wyoming

Cinderella

Chain Lightning

2024 Macoupin County Final Multiplier announced

Macoupin County has been issued a final property assessment equalization factor of 1.0000, according to David Harris, director of the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR).

The property assessment equalization factor, often called the "multiplier," is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as required by law. This equalization is particularly important because some of the state's 6,600 local taxing districts overlap into two or more counties (e.g., school districts, junior college districts, fire protection districts). If there was no equalization among counties, substantial inequities among taxpayers with comparable properties would result.

Under a law passed in 1975, property in Illinois should be assessed at one-third (1/3) of its market value. Farm property is assessed differently with farm homesites and dwellings subject to regular assessing and equalization procedures. Farmland is assessed at one-third of its agriculture economic value and not subject to the state equalization factor.

Assessments in Macoupin County are at 33.10 percent of market value, based on sales of properties in 2021, 2022, and 2023.

The equalization factor currently being assigned is for 2024 taxes, payable in 2025.

Last year's equalization factor for the county was 1.0000.

The final assessment equalization factor was issued after a public hearing on the tentative factor. The tentative factor issued on 27-Mar-2025 was 1.0000.

The equalization factor is

determined annually for each county by comparing the price of individual properties sold over the past three years to the assessed value placed on those properties by the county supervisor of assessments/county assessor.

If the three-year average level of assessment is one-third of the market value, the equalization factor will be one (1). If the average level of assessment is greater than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be less than one (1). And if the average level of assessment is less than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be greater than one (1).

A change in the equalization factor does not mean total property tax bills will increase or decrease. Tax bills are determined by local taxing bodies when they request money each year to provide services to local citizens. If the amount requested by local taxing districts is not greater than the amount received in the previous year, then total property taxes will not increase even if assessments increase.

The assessed value of an individual property determines what portion of the tax burden a specific taxpayer will assume. That individual's portion of tax responsibility is not changed by the multiplier.



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on the Carlinville Square at the Gazebo

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James M. Bertagnoli Park, 9203 New Lake Road, Bunker Hill

OUR MARKET'S FARMERS & ARTISAN MARKET EVERY SATURDAY 9 a.m. to noon
Our Market at the Plaza, #5 Plaza, Carlinville

CAH COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE, JUNE 16
Impact donor bus at CAH 20733 North Broad, Carlinville, 11 to 2:30

ADULT BOOK FAIR, JUNE 28 10AM-1PM
at Hawthorn's, 242 East Side of Carlinville Square

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR, JUNE 18-22
300 Water St., Butler

VBS - EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
at 117 W 2nd South St. Carlinville
June 22, 2 to 4 pm kids VBS, 4 to 7 pm family VBS Party
June 23, June 24 & June 25, 5 to 8:15 p.m. kids VBS
Kids pre-K to sixth grade. Dinner provided every night

WOOD DUCK 10TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY - JUNE 28
546 W. Main St., Carlinville, starts at noon

A MOVIE NIGHT - "I CAN ONLY IMAGINE"
June 28, 6 to 8 p.m. Memorial Christian Church,
corner of East 1st and Charles St., Carlinville
Ages 12 years of age to high school

CARLINVILLE CAR SHOW - JULY 26
on the Carlinville Square, registration 8:30 to 10 a.m.

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| <p>Bethlehem Baptist Church
6975 Shaw Road, Shipman
618-372-3639 Rev. Ray Robinson
9:30 a.m., Sunday School; 10:30 a.m., Sunday Worship.</p> | <p>Charity Baptist Church
21964 Charity Church Road, Carlinville
217-408-6291 Pastor John Truax
Sunday: 9:30am Sunday School;
10:30am worship service;
5pm 6th-12th grade youth group.
Wednesday: 6am men's breakfast;
6pm Pathfinders for all ages and adult prayer meeting</p> | <p>First Christian Church of Girard
700 West Center Street, Girard
217-627-2529
9 a.m., Sunday School; 10 a.m., Sunday Worship.</p> | <p>Plainview Baptist Church
11365 Shipman Road, Plainview
Pastor William Baughman
9 a.m., Sunday School; 10 a.m., Sunday Worship.</p> |
| <p>Blooming Grove Christian Church
29207 Quarton Road, Palmyra
217-436-2554
9:30 a.m., Sunday School; 10:30 a.m., Sunday Worship; 6 p.m., Youth Group.</p> | <p>Chesterfield Bible Church
106 Dunn Street, Chesterfield
618-753-3128 Pastor Jarod Walston
9 a.m., Sunday School; 10:10 a.m., Sunday Worship.</p> | <p>Gilead Baptist Church
679 Boy Scout Road, Hettick
9 a.m., Sunday Worship.</p> | <p>Pleasant Hill Christian Church
19433 West Frontage Road, Raymond
217-229-3074
Preaching Minister Dave Ziegenbein
Pleasant Hill Christian Church: Sunday Worship, 8am & 9:45am; Nursery at 9:45; Kid's Own Worship Hour (Age 4-5th grade) at 9:45; Sunday Night Youth groups: Middle School & High School 5:30-7PM, grades 3-5 meet 6-7PM.</p> |
| <p>Boston Chapel Christian Church
Girard 217-627-2795
Pastor, Larry Brandon
9:30 a.m., Sunday School; 10:30 a.m., Worship Service.</p> | <p>Concord Primitive Baptist Church
27260 Concord Road, Palmyra
217-854-2411
9:15 a.m., Sunday Bible Study; 10:30 a.m., Sunday Worship.</p> | <p>Holy Dormition Russian Orthodox Church
300 North Fourth Street, Benld
217-835-2202
Very Reverend Father Paul Waters
9:30 a.m., Sunday Liturgy.
Medora United Methodist Church
309-369-3137 Pastor Dean Blackburn
8:15 a.m., Sunday Worship; 9:30 a.m., Sunday School.</p> | <p>Rural United Methodist Church
19789 South Standard City Rd., Carlinville
217-854-4446 Pastor Jeremy Hensen
8:45 a.m., Sunday Worship; Sunday School during worship.</p> |
| <p>Bunker Hill Baptist Church
503 South Clinton, Bunker Hill
618-585-3295 Pastor Darrell Molen
9:30 a.m., Sunday School; 10:40 a.m., Sunday Worship.</p> | <p>Cross Church
1030 W. Main, Carlinville
217-854-2837 Pastor Raymond Gregory
9 a.m., Sunday Worship.</p> | <p>Memorial Christian Church
410 East First North Street, Carlinville
217-854-2639 Pastor Gary Farthing
8:45 a.m., Sunday School; 9:30 a.m. "Sacred Grounds"
10 a.m. Sunday Worship & Kids Time; 6 p.m., Bible Study.</p> | <p>Ss. Mary and Joseph Catholic Church
2010 East First South Street, Carlinville
217-854-7151 Father Joe Koyickal
5:30 p.m., Saturday Mass; 9:30 a.m., Sunday Mass.</p> |
| <p>Carlinville Calvary United Pentecostal Church
704 East First South, Carlinville
217-854-8724 Pastor Larry Mouser
10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Sunday Worship; 10:30 a.m., Sunday School.</p> | <p>Emmanuel Baptist Church
117 West 2nd South St., Carlinville
217-854-4473 Pastor Rev. Cliff Woodman
9 a.m., Sunday School; 10:15 a.m., Sunday Worship.</p> | <p>New Beginnings Community Church
142 West Center, Girard
217-491-6215 Pastor Kenneth Lovely
9 a.m., Sunday Bible Study; 10 a.m., Sunday Worship; 6 p.m.; Sunday Discipleship.</p> | <p>St. John's Lutheran Church
110 West Water St, Dorchester
217-556-1025 Pastor John Lottes
10:30 a.m., Sunday Worship</p> |
| <p>Carlinville First
18772 Route 4, Carlinville
217-854-8924 Pastor Steve Schmidt
9 a.m., Sunday School; 10 a.m. Sunday Worship; 10 a.m., Kids Clubhouse.</p> | <p>Federated Church: American Baptist/Presbyterian
122 East Second South Street, Carlinville
217-854-3031 Rev. William Mitchell
10 a.m., Sunday Worship; 10:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Fellowship; 9:30-11:30 a.m., Sunday Nursery Care Provided (ages 5 and under).</p> | <p>Nilwood Baptist Church
38 Judd St., Nilwood
217-627-2208 Pastor Ron Schaff
9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.</p> | <p>St. Paul United Church of Christ
202 East Main Street, Carlinville
217-854-4046
9 a.m., Sunday School and Confirmation; 10 a.m. Adult & Children Worship Services.</p> |
| <p>Carlinville United Methodist Church
201 South Broad Street, Carlinville
217-854-4446 Pastor Jeremy Hensen
10 a.m., Sunday Worship; Sunday School and Youth Group during worship; 6:00-7:00PM Wednesday Night Youth Group Pre-K-12th Grade.</p> | <p>First Baptist Church
310 W. Madison, Girard - 217-627-2633
10:30 Sunday Morning</p> | <p>Piasa United Methodist Church
Route 16, Piasa Pastor Dean Blackburn
8:30 a.m., Sunday School; 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship.</p> | <p>St. Paul's Episcopal Church
415 South Broad Street, Carlinville
217-854-6431 Reverend Carter Aikin
9:15 a.m., Sunday Holy Eucharist.</p> |



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Debbie Bouillon

Debbie Bouillon, 68, of Carlinville, passed away Thursday, June 5, 2025, at her home in Carlinville.

Debbie was born Nov. 4, 1956, in Litchfield, a daughter of Kenneth and Beulah Mae (Behl) Sharp. Debbie graduated from Southwestern High School with the 1974 class.

She married Kenny Bouillon on July 12, 1974, in Carlinville.

Debbie worked for Gene and Margaret Lippold for 15 years at Alby Quarry in Alton.

Debbie lived on the farm in Plainview, and loved her time there gardening, farming, and going to ballgames. Debbie and Kenny moved to Carlinville in 2005.

Debbie battled MS for 27 years. Unfortunately, as her disease progressed, she was faced with multiple health issues. Her husband, Kenny along with her

sons provided her with unwavering support and care each day until her last.

Debbie is survived by her husband; Kenny C. Bouillon of Carlinville; sons, John (Rachel) Bouillon of Plainview, Joe (Natalie) Bouillon of Plainview; grandchildren, Josie, Hank, Reid, Ryder; brothers, Glenn Sharp of Randolph, WI, Larry (Debbie) Sharp of Carlinville.

Debbie was preceded in death by her parents.

The burial will be in New Calvary Cemetery. A private family service will take place later.

Memorials may be made to Carlinville Area Hospital.

Visit davisandersonfuneral-home.com to give condolences or light a candle in her memory.

Davis-Anderson Funeral Homes, Carlinville is in charge of arrangements.

Joyce Cooksey

Joyce (Tate) Cooksey of Hettick, passed away on June 5, 2025, one week and a day shy of her 95th birthday.

Joyce was born on June 13, 1930, to Roy and Ola (Clevenger) Tate of Hettick.

She graduated from Hettick High School and married Leslie Cooksey in 1949. The couple lived in Hettick their entire lives, except for a brief stint on West Coast military bases.

Joyce was the town Avon lady and volunteered in the community in many ways including as an election judge, in groups like Home Extension, and as a provider of cakes and other treats for many local events. With other family members, Joyce was Hettick's Secret Santa, delivering Christmas Eve gifts to the elderly. She was an enthusiastic member of the Thursday afternoon card club.

Her family will remember her never-empty tin of homemade cookies, her unsigned birthday cards, and her thought-

ful Christmas gifts and cheering for the Cardinals.

She is survived by daughter Peggy; granddaughter, Amber (Cliff); grandson, Patrick (Stefanie); granddaughter-in-law, Jennifer; great-grandchildren, Sam, Annabelle, Magdalene, Kinnsley, and Aiden; many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Joyce is preceded in death by her parents, husband, sisters, Donna Sonneborn, Pat Clark and grandson Logan Anderson.

Graveside Funeral Services will be conducted at Hettick Cemetery, Hettick, at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 14, 2025.

Memorials may be made to Hettick Community Club or Northwestern Fire District.

Visit davisandersonfuneral-home.com to leave condolences or light a candle in her memory.

Davis-Anderson Funeral Homes, Carlinville is in charge of arrangements.

Raymond Skinner

Raymond Layton Skinner, 62, of Auburn, passed away on June 4, 2025 at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO.

Raymond was born on Jan. 31, 1963 to Earl and Ella (Sheets) Skinner at Great Falls, MT.

He attended school at Girard High School, acquiring his GED in 1982.

Raymond worked for Bunn Capital, in Springfield.

He had previously worked at Henry Tech in Chatham, and had been a security guard for several places locally.

He loved listening to Classic Rock, gardening, cooking and collecting little motorcycles, as well as various Hamilton collectibles, and loved cats. Raymond spent time welding little animals out of steel.

Raymond is survived by his three sister, Keila (Roger) Jackson of Girard, Lilly (Bernie Barker) Skinner of Girard, Brenda (George) Smith of

Columbia, MO; brother, Brian (Vicki Guthrie) Skinner of Thayer; several nieces and nephews.

Raymond was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Alice Lorton.

Visitation was held Monday, June 9, 2025, at Davis-Anderson Funeral Home, 226 N. 3rd St, Girard.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at the Davis-Anderson Funeral Home, Girard, with Rev. Victor Angulo, officiating.

Burial will be in Girard Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Sangamon County Animal Shelter and/or Macoupin County Animal Shelter.

Online condolences can be given at davisandersonfuneral-home.com.

Davis Anderson Funeral Home, Girard, is in charge of arrangements.

John Yule

John "Jack" M. Yule, 58, of Plainview, passed away Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at his home in Plainview.

Jack was born Dec. 25, 1966, in Boston, MA, a son of Robert Yule and Patricia (Hickey) Yule.

He attended high school in Brockton, MA, and graduated with the class of 1984.

He married Sarah Heitzman on March 5, 1999, in Carlinville.

Jack was a truck driver for Kleeman Trucking Co. (previously Gwillim Trucking) of Carlinville, for over 25 years where he delivered milk.

Jack loved his family and his dogs, He could often be found doing woodworking, and remodeling his home.

Jack is survived by his wife, Sarah Yule, of Plainview; niece,

Sammi Damm; great nephew, Bo Damm; sister-in-laws, Elizabeth Releford, Sandy Rutherford of VA; sisters, Veronica Rosenkranz of IL, Chris Currie of MA, Laurie Yule of MA, Maggie Yule of MA; brother, Dan Yule of MA; sister, Annie Yule-Pryor of MA; several nieces and nephews.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents.

There will be no services for John "Jack" M. Yule, but a future celebration of life is planned.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association.

Visit davisandersonfuneral-home.com to leave condolences or light a candle in his memory.

Davis-Anderson Funeral Homes, Carlinville, is in charge of arrangements.

John Elden Boston

John Elden Boston, 91, of Girard, passed away peacefully on Monday June 9, 2025, at HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

John was born on Sept. 12, 1933, in Atwater, to Marion and Gladys (Jones) Boston.

He graduated from Carlinville High School in 1952 and later married Maxine Whitworth on April 15, 1963, in Springfield.

A proud veteran, John served four years in the U.S. Air Force before transferring to the Air National Guard, from which he eventually retired.

He worked as a crop insurance adjuster for several companies and was widely respected throughout the community.

John was a member and elder of Trinity Lutheran Church in Girard. Member of the Girard Lions Club and held a seat on the Girard Township Board.

John was a life long fan of

the St Louis Cardinals.

John is survived by his wife, Maxine of Girard; daughters, Bunnie (Ron) Miller, Ruth (Ronnie) Crays, Kelly (Rocky) Turner, and Beth Wise; eight grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Dick Boston; brothers, Louis and Gerald Boston and sister, Francis Haley.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 am Monday, June 16, 2025 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Girard IL with Rev Christen Prumm officiating.

Burial will take place at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Visit davisandersonfuneral-home.com to leave condolences or light a candle in his memory.

Davis-Anderson Funeral Home, Girard is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Brueggeman

Robert "Bob" "Grouch" Brueggeman, 82, of Plainview, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at his home.

He was born on Sept. 9, 1942, in Carlinville, the son of the late Ralph and Hermina (Schaffer) Brueggeman.

Bob met his future wife at 5 years old: his neighbor Sandy Rutherford. They were married on June 9,

1962 in Shipman. They moved to Polk Township in 1968, where they built a long, contented life together.

They raised a family and farmed together there for the next 57 years. Grouch was a lifelong farmer who had a love for two cylinder John Deere's and raising crops in Macoupin Creek bottoms. He also spent many years driving a truck, raising hogs and cattle.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Shipman.

Bob is survived by his wife, Sandy; two children, Margie (Mike) Foster, Russell "Bud" (Michelle) Brueggeman both of Plainview; grandchildren, Riley Brueggeman (Kayla

Smalter) of Carlinville, and Kylie (Devin) James of Sikeston; great grandchildren Peyton and Kadin James and sister-in-law, Verna Robinson of Shipman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Hermina; siblings, Gene Brueggeman, Helen "Susie" Brueggeman, Mary Pittman and two infant brothers.

Graveside services will be held at 3 pm on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at Shipman Cemetery. All friends and family are invited to gather after the service at Bud and Michelle's home in the shop. Bring a lawn chair, and join them for a meal and memories.

Anderson Family Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements. Memorials may be made to Macoupin County Center for the Developmentally Disabled (MCDD), a place that his mother helped start, and where his sister attended for most of her life.

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 - Egg shape
 - Running out
 - French painter
 - Some are "of the Caribbean"
 - Painful intestinal problem
 - More irritated
 - Prove yourself
 - Catch
 - Supplement with difficulty
 - American automotive giant
 - Form of "to be"
 - Boxing's GOAT
 - Peyton's little brother
 - Eli's big brother
 - Capable of producing
 - Reproductive structures in fungi
 - Allowed to go forward
 - Smiles
 - Arteries
 - VVV
 - Win a series without losing a game
 - This (Spanish)
 - Opposites of beginnings
 - Germanic mythological god

- ### CLUES DOWN
- Consisting of uncombined atoms
 - Island country
 - Heavenly body
 - Caribbean island
 - Copyread
 - A place to eat
 - Drops down
 - Native group of Alaska
 - Engage in
 - "Desperate Housewives" lane
 - Thyroid-stimulating hormone
 - Foot (Latin)
 - A place to bathe
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Join us for a special event!

We are excited to invite you to a celebration marking the 250th birthday of the United States Army. This milestone event will take place at the Carlinville, IL American Legion Hall on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at 5:00 PM.

Event Details

- Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025
- Time: 5:00-6:30 PM
- Location: Carlinville, IL American Legion Hall

Highlights

- Barbecue dinner to enjoy with family and friends
- Price: \$10.00 per person

Please RSVP by text or call Dave McKee at 217-710-0613 or Larry Kaburick at 217-652-9782.

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Marriages

Mary Ross and Shane Hopper, both of St. Louis. Alexander Loveless and Christina Gallik, both of Carlinville.

Divorces

Jeffrey Michaelis of Carlinville vs. Natosha Michaelis of Nilwood.

Jessica Gieson of Mt. Olive vs. Robyn Gieson of Mt. Olive.

Emily Turner of Carlinville vs. Alexander Dawson of Carlinville.

Lawrence Peterson of Virden vs. Christina Peterson of Doe Run, MO.

Complaints

Amelia Murrell filed a complaint against Jillian Adams for negligence. The Plaintiff demands judgement against the Defendant in a sum in excess of \$50,000 plus the costs of suit.

Capital One filed a complaint against Autumn Cobb for breach of contract. The Plaintiff requests judgement against the defendant in the sum of \$10,361.26 plus court costs.

Reach Financial filed a complaint against Marilyn Loveless for breach of contract. The Plaintiff demands judgement in the amount of \$17,404.40 and court costs to the extent permitted by applicable law.

Felonies

William Cooper, 41, of Gillespie was charged with possession of a stolen vehicle in connection to a May 29 incident in which the defendant possessed a vehicle belonging to another, knowing it to have been stolen.

Julia Cuvar, 26, of Granite City was charged with aggravated battery in a public place in connection to a May 30 incident in which the defendant caused bodily harm to another, in that she kicked the individual in the knee, while inside the Macoupin County Jail, a public place.

Justin Lebo, 48, of Virden was charged with residential burglary in connection to a June 1 incident in which the defendant remained in the dwelling of another with the intent to commit therein a theft.

David Lindley, 25, of Royal Lakes was charged with aggravated battery causing great bodily harm and aggravated battery using a deadly weapon in connection to a June 3 incident in which the defendant caused great bodily harm to another in that he struck an individual with a large stick and in committing said battery caused great bodily harm in that he caused two head wounds requiring sutures and staples to repair and said defendant used

a deadly weapon, being a large stick used as a bludgeon, to strike an individuals in the head with said stick.

SCHOOL

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wellness and is a valuable partner that provides the platform for Extension to share knowledge with fifth-grade students at the school," said Kate Harding, 4-H youth development program coordinator.

University of Illinois Extension serving Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery counties are exceptionally proud to provide this award to Tim Johnson, physical education teacher, and the staff of Carlinville Intermediate in recognition and gratitude for their service to Extension. "Illinois Extension relies on strong community partnerships in all aspects of our work. From providing facilities or volunteers that assist with programming to offering financial support or exposure to new audiences, Extension staff and volunteers are grateful and appreciative of each of our community partners and the support they provide," said Sara Marten, Extension county director.

This award is sponsored by the Extension Council of University of Illinois Extension, serving Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery counties. The council recognizes a community partner throughout our four counties each year. Extension Council is a volunteer board that serves in an advisory role cooperating with Extension staff in planning, promoting, developing, implementing, evaluating, and financing an Extension program designed to meet the needs, interests, and resources of the local communities.

ROTARY

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Kasten remembered one time the legislature raised the amount for felony property theft going from \$150 to \$500 of value for the stolen property. He and his colleagues laughingly and jokingly considered whether they had a duty to advise their criminal clients from court appointments that they could increase their take \$350 without risking a felony. Of course, they did not.

One of the more interesting contempt rulings was against an attorney, who also was a witness in the case. The judge ruled that he could just simply testify himself without asking questions, but the feisty attorney decided to question himself and then answer as the witness. The judge watched in disbelief

as the attorney asked the question from his table and then he walked over to the witness seat to answer each question. The questions and answers were lengthy because of the silent walk from the barrister's table to the witness stand and then return. The judge was fuming as the simple questions of "what is your name" and "where do you live" took too much time. The attorney then asked, "Where were you on the first of May at 9:00 am?" The attorney slowly strode across the room and sat in the witness chair. He paused and asked, "Would you please repeat the question?" Finally, the judge erupted with a contempt ruling.

There were many bizarre events related to a large smiling crowd.

Kasten concluded with his favorite saying attributed to Hubert Humphrey. "Behind every successful person, there is an absolutely astonished in-law."

When Kasten attended Illinois State University in the mid 60's, he was Student Senate President. He dedicated many decades to his alma mater on the Board of Regents, the Board of Trustees, the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association, and the Attorney's Advisory Council. Kasten received the Distinguished Service Award in 2004 and was inducted into the College of Arts and Sciences Hall of Fame in 2006. The ISU Alumni Center named its board room after him in 2008. His name is also on the ISU pre-law leadership annual award from the Attorney Advisory Council.

In 2008, Al Bowman, then President of ISU, honored Kasten as the last inaugural ISU Trustee. He stated, "Kasten is among the most cherished members of the Illinois State family, and the entire University community will miss his leadership as a member of the Board of Trustees. During his service, Illinois State has enjoyed a dramatic rise in quality and prominence, and Trustee Kasten has played a major role in that success."

ISU honored Kasten with the Alumni Award in 2014. He and his wife, Donna (Gerber), who have been married for almost 60 years, along with his daughter Heather DeNeve (ISU class of '93) and son Martin Kasten (class of '95) are all solid, proud supporters of the Illinois State Redbirds and the Brooklyn/Los Angeles Dodgers.

PAGEANT

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is where one shows off the dress, features, smile and poise. OOC is a category where the child will want to dress to entertain. Lexis said they typically follow the pageant theme and do something fun and will almost always have a prop to enhance her routine. They make the props as a family. Finally, showcase this is where the speaking skills come in and she gets to talk in front of an audience, answer questions and really show her personality. Her dad is usually the one who will be on stage with her for this and will help her answer for now while she is still little. She does interact with the director asking questions and will talk into the mic. Olympia's parents want to provide her options with a variety of different opportunities and find what it is she enjoys and support what it is she wants to do.

Olympia's mom, Lexis, coached pageantry and also had experience in coaching dance and tumbling along with doing hair and makeup. She loved being apart of something with children whom she was close to and admired. Lexis and her husband thought getting their daughter into the pageant world would be an "exciting hobby" where they could watch her thrive, be able to make friends, improve her social skills, and learn to be apart of something meaningful. They decided to start in the beginning of 2025 in a beginner pageant to see how Olympia would do and if she would like it. At this beginner pageant, she won in every category. It wasn't her winning that had them hooked, it was witnessing her face light up when she interacted with other children and waving while saying hello to everyone she met. She loves looking at all of the 'pretty pretty's' she calls them, meaning the dresses and crowns. After doing this prelim pageant and being so successful, she then qualified for her first nationals.

The Pinkerton family would like to promote the community and "good citizenship." Olympia's father, Eric, is on the Benld Fire Department (BFD) and so far, in her short time since qualifying for nationals, Olympia has participated in two BFD events. The Fire Department hosted a lunch where she handled money exchanges, handing out food and drinks and mingled with the community. She also attended the Benld Italian American Day Car Show where she talked to spectators. She has also attended Hillsboro School where she helped her grandparent hand out breakfast to the students on the last day of classes.

Blackburn College receives State Farm Leadership Development grant

Edited by Jackson Wilson

Blackburn College received a \$7,600 community grant from the State Farm Corporation to support ongoing leadership training initiatives in the Work Program. Blackburn's Provost and Dean of Work will partner to utilize the funds in the 2025-2026 academic year.

The college's "Leadership Development for Emerging Leaders" program is designed to help create strong leaders who provide guidance, inspiration, and a level of excellence in their roles ensuring the smooth and effective operation of the College's unique student-led Work Program.

Carlinville State Farm agent Richard Oswald said, "I'm proud to be affiliated with a company like State Farm, that has made 'giving back' a core value, especially as it relates to developing leadership in young people in my community. Blackburn's Work Program, where students literally help plan, manage and run the facilities, provides real-world experiences that create a career candidate who is prepared to be immediately productive."

Blackburn Provost, Dr. Laura Wiedlocher, explained that students participating in the Work Program at Blackburn will benefit greatly through these leadership training programs and

how they will be able to apply these skills in their new roles as student leaders guiding students in the 12 departments of the College's Work Program. She stated, "In the past, funds from the State Farm leadership grant have been used to give students access to strength-based leadership assessments, bring speakers to campus to lead our students in workshops that facilitate strong communication, conflict resolution, and team building. We have also been able to use funds to include more students on experiential learning trips off campus, for example, taking students to Washington, D.C., to speak with members of Congress and their staff about the value of the Work Program. This outreach is part of our membership in the Work Colleges Consortium."

In addition to this recent gift, the local State Farm Corporation agent's group has supported Blackburn over the past several years with grants to the College totaling \$20,000 for an Emerging Leaders Program in 2022 and for the Blackburn & Beyond program in 2021. Individuals in the local State Farm agents' group include Linda Worlow, Virden; Jessica Ely, Gillespie; Richard Oswald, Carlinville; and Mark Stieren, Litchfield.

ATTENTION! LOOK FOR INKY GAME!



To make the game more challenging, we are now hiding this image of our office cat, Inky, in one of our three newspaper sections: Section A (the Macoupin County Enquirer-Democrat), Section B (the Coal Country Times), or Section C (the Enquirer Express). When you find him email us your name, phone number, what edition you saw him in and the page number at editorial@enquirerdemocrat.com or stop in to our office at 125 E. Main St., Carlinville. We will continue to have a monthly drawing and pick one name out of our cat box for a \$5 off coupon on your next subscription to the Enquirer-Democrat.

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MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALES: Saturday, June 14th. Bluffs Subdivision, Carlinville. 8am to 5 pm. 6/12

YARD SALE: June 13 & 14, 7 a.m.-? 401 N. West St., Carlinville. 6/12

GARAGE SALE: Friday, June 13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 15 Fox Hill Dr., Carlinville. Home decor, clothing, grill, antiques, buffet and much more. 6/12

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE: Saturday, June 14, 7:30 a.m. to noon, 619 Minton St., Carlinville. Lots of great stuff you don't want to miss. Clothes from baby to adult, home decor, toys and misc items. 6/12

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE: Friday, June 13, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, June 14, 7 a.m. to noon. 23007 Harvest Road, Carlinville, Approximately 3 miles North of Carlinville on Rt. 4. Woman, junior, boys and girls clothing, purses, shoes, small bike, toys, high top table with chairs, dining room table with 6 chairs, party decorations, knickknacks, curtains and lots of misc. Rain or Shine. 6/12

GARAGE SALE: 820 S. Plum - Carlinville. Thursday, June 12 - 3 to 6 pm, Friday, June 13 - 9 am to 5 pm and Saturday, June 14 - 8 to 11 am. Lots of usual - Like New Lift Chair - Glass Storm Door. 6/12

GARAGE SALE: 1312 N. Broad St., Carlinville, Saturday, June 14, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tools, electronics, home decor, clothes - adult to children's. Rain cancels. 6/12

Public notices

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, MACOUPIN COUNTY IN PROBATE
In the Matter of the Estate of GERALDINE ALBINS, Deceased.
CASE NO. 2025-PR-44
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of Geraldine Albins, of Carlinville, Illinois, 62626. Letters of office were issued on May 28, 2025 to Richard Albins, of Crossville, TN 38558, whose attorney is SIMS LAW OFFICE, 130 East Main Street, Suite A, Carlinville, Illinois 62626.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at MACOUPIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, Carlinville, Illinois 62626, or with the representative, or both, on or before the December 5, 2025 (which date is not less than 6 months from the date of first publication or 3 months from the date of mailing and delivery, whichever is later), and 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 representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Richard Albins, Executor of the Estate of Geraldine Albins, deceased

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TO: RICK WOOD, CANDACE PARTRIDGE, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property in Macoupin County:
PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 21-000-191-10
On October 21, 2025 at 9:00 AM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on December 12, 2022 for general taxes of the year 2021. The period of redemption will expire on October 16, 2025.
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TAX DEED NO. 2025-TX-63
FILED: 06/02/2025
TAKE NOTICE
TO: PARKEOKA HUDLESTON, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property in Macoupin County:
PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 16-003-109-00
On October 21, 2025 at 9:00 AM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed

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be issued. The real estate was sold on December 12, 2022 for general taxes of the year 2021. The period of redemption will expire on October 16, 2025.
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TAX DEED NO. 2025-TX-64
FILED: 06/02/2025
TAKE NOTICE
TO: TIMOTHY A. SMITH, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property in Macoupin County:
PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 22-000-072-00
On October 21, 2025 at 9:00 AM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on December 12, 2022 for general taxes of the year 2021. The period of redemption will expire on October 16, 2025.
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TAX DEED NO. 2025-TX-56
FILED: 06/02/2025
TAKE NOTICE
TO: ANDREW KERKEMEYER, MARY KERKEMEYER, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property in Macoupin County:
PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 22-000-409-00
On October 21, 2025 at 9:00 AM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on December 12, 2022 for general taxes of the year 2021. The period of redemption will expire on October 16, 2025.
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TAX DEED NO. 2025-TX-59
FILED: 06/02/2025
TAKE NOTICE
TO: PEGGY A. MAHAN, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property in Macoupin County:
PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 03-002-831-00
On October 21, 2025 at 9:00 AM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on December 12, 2022 for general taxes of the year 2021. The period of redemption will expire on October 16, 2025.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MACOUPIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF MAXINE M. BLOOME, DECEASED
IN PROBATE
2025PR42
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of MAXINE M. BLOOME of 30571 Walnut Dr., Girard, IL 62640. Letters of Office were issued on May 28, 2025, to LORNA J. SCOGGINS of 3313 Ivyton Dr., Springfield, IL 62704, whose attorney is Bill Nichelson. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Macoupin County Courthouse, Carlinville, Illinois, 62626, or with the representative or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, which is December 12, 2025, or within three (3) months from the date of the mailing of this notice, whichever is later, and 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 representative(s) and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
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LORNA J. SCOGGINS
Executor

Prepared by:
Bill Nichelson #6237771
Attorney at Law
1330 N. Springfield St.
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nichelsonlaw@gmail.com
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Township of SOUTH OTTER TOWNSHIP in the County of Macoupin, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025, will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the Supervisor's home, Carlinville, Illinois. Notice is further hereby given that a Public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held on Monday, July 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the South Otter Township Hall and final action on this Ordinance will be taken at the said meeting.
Respectfully Submitted,
JASON KESSINGER
Supervisor for Township 6/12

TAX DEED NO. 2025-TX-62
FILED: 06/02/2025
TAKE NOTICE
TO: PAUL SCHELLING-BURGER, SUSAN SCHELLINGBURGER, CAPITAL ONE BANK, THE CITY OF BUNKER HILL, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property in Macoupin County:
PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 15-001-336-00
On October 21, 2025 at 9:00 AM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on December 12, 2022 for general taxes of the year 2021. The period of redemption will expire on October 16, 2025.
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TAX DEED NO. 2025-TX-58
FILED: 06/02/2025
TAKE NOTICE
TO: RENEE DOTY, MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGMENTS, INC., UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property in Macoupin County:
PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 03-001-674-00
On October 21, 2025 at 9:00 AM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on December 12, 2022 for general taxes of the year 2021. The period of redemption will expire on October 16, 2025.
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TAX DEED NO. 2025-TX-53
FILED: 06/02/2025
TAKE NOTICE
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF SHIRLEY NORLEN, FIRST NATIONAL BANK IN STAUNTON, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property in Macoupin County:
PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 03-003-829-00
On October 21, 2025 at 9:00 AM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on December 12, 2022 for general taxes of the year 2021. The period of redemption will expire on October 16, 2025.
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TAX DEED NO. 2025-TX-60
FILED: 06/02/2025
TAKE NOTICE
TO: JOHN J. BLANK, DOTTY A. BLANK, CU REVEST, LLC, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property in Macoupin County:
PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 10-002-621-00
On October 21, 2025 at 9:00 AM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on December 12, 2022 for general taxes of the year 2021. The period of redemption will expire on October 16, 2025.
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TAX DEED NO. 2025-TX-61
FILED: 06/02/2025
TAKE NOTICE
TO: YOGESH KARTALU SHIVAKUMAR, DOM M. MUSO, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property in Macoupin County:
PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 12-002-643-00
On October 21, 2025 at 9:00 AM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on December 12, 2022 for general taxes of the year 2021. The period of redemption will expire on October 16, 2025.
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TAX DEED NO. 2025-TX-52
FILED: 06/02/2025
TAKE NOTICE
TO: PAUL SCHELLING-BURGER, SUSAN SCHELLINGBURGER, CAPITAL ONE BANK, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property in Macoupin County:
PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 02-001-618-00
On October 21, 2025 at 9:00 AM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on December 12, 2022 for general taxes of the year 2021. The period of redemption will expire on October 16, 2025.
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Pursuant to Section 17-40 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/17-40), the percentage to be applied to the assessed valuation of locally assessed property other than that assessed under Sections 10-110 through 10-140 and 10-170 through 10-200 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/10-110 through 10-140 and 10-170 through 10-200) in Macoupin County as certified by the Department of Revenue for the assessment year 2024 is 0.00%. by the application of an equalization factor is 1.0000.
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TAX DEED NO. 2025-TX-54
FILED: 06/02/2025
TAKE NOTICE
TO: MARGARET C. DREW, JOHN F. CAVENY, DAVIS RAFTIS, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AID, ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property in Macoupin County:
PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 16-000-534-00
On October 21, 2025 at 9:00 AM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on December 12, 2022 for general taxes of the year 2021. The period of redemption will expire on October 16, 2025.
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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, MACOUPIN COUNTY IN PROBATE
In the Matter of the Estate of FREDERICK O. KAHLER, Deceased.
CASE NO. 2025-PR-41
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - WILL AND CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of Frederick O. Kahler. Letters of office were issued on May 19, 2025 to Michael W. Ruyle and Haley N. Ruyle, whose attorney is SIMS LAW OFFICE, 130 East Main Street, Suite A, Carlinville, Illinois 62626.

Notice is given to Frederick Sharman Miller, Leroy Miller, Nancy Jeanette "Nettie" Holway, Marietta "Mary" Moore, Ada Gertude Miller Dale, Louis Baxter Miller, Nellie Mell Hicks, Roxie Alice Miller, James M. Miller and any unknown lineal descendants of Herman Oscar Koehler and Louisa Rauch Koehler a/k/a Kahler, deceased, who are named in a Petition filed in the above proceeding to probate a Will and whose names or addresses are not stated in the Petition that an Order was entered by the Court on May 14, 2025 admitting the will to probate. Withing 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 to the Will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21). You also have the right under Section 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 months after admission of the Will to probate.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the

Clerk of the Court at MACOUPIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, Carlinville, Illinois 62626, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 5th day of December, 2025 (which date is not less than 6 months from the date of first publication or 3 months from the date of mailing and delivery, whichever is later), and 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 representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Michael W. Ruyle and Haley N. Ruyle, Co-Administrators of the Estate of Frederick O. Kahler, deceased

SIMS LAW OFFICE
Byron J. Sims
130 East Main Street-Suite A
Carlinville, IL 62626
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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE
Publication Notice is hereby given that on May 23, 2025 a certificate was filed in the office of the County Clerk of Macoupin County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: WALLEY & SONS AUCTIONS. Located at 190 Carlinville Plaza, Carlinville, IL 62626.
Dated May 23, 2025.
Pete Duncan, County Clerk
5/29-6/12

South Central All-Conference softball roster released

Nine of 11 first team members are Macoupin County athletes

By: JACKSON WILSON
Enquirer Democrat Reporter

The 2025 high school softball season was another highly-successful campaign for Macoupin County athletes and it was especially evident by how the South Central All-Conference team was structured.

Nine of 11 first team slots were filled by local superstars, including Hallie Gibson (Carlinville), Sadie Sholtis (Gillespie), Delaney Taylor (Gillespie), Lilly Bandy (Staunton), Isabella Tiburzi (Carlinville), Laci Shuckebrook (Gillespie), Vivian Zurheide (Southwestern), Hannah Gibson (Carlinville), Sydney Valdes (Southwestern) and Taylor Kierns (North Mac).

The county depth continued on down the line with Grace Burris (Staunton), Taylor, Kendal Maddox (Carlinville), Ava Parish (Gillespie), Ele Feldmann (Staunton), Macie Wright (Gillespie), Madison Fenstermaker (Southwestern), Lilly Troeckler (Staunton) and Paxton Reid (Gillespie) headlining the second team and Grace Strohbeck (Southwestern), Ava Rakers (Gillespie), Lennox Wiseman (North Mac)

and Gillian Smith (Gillespie) making the third team.

ALL-CONFERENCE ROSTER
First team
P - Hallie Gibson (Carlinville) Jr.
P- Sadie Sholtis (Gillespie) Jr.
C - Delaney Taylor (Gillespie) Sr.
C- Lilly Bandy (Staunton) Sr.
IF - Isabella Tiburzi (Carlinville) Sr.
IF - Laci Shuckebrook (Gillespie) So.
IF - Shelby Ashcraft (Pana) Sr.
IF - Vivian Zurheide (Southwestern) Jr.
OF - Kennedy Bowker (Pana) Jr.
OF - Sydney Valdes (Southwestern) Sr.
DH/UTIL Taylor Kierns (North Mac) Sr.

Second team
P - Payton White (Greenville) Fr.
P - Grace Burris (Staunton) Jr.
C - Delaney Taylor (Gillespie) Sr.
IF - Kendal Maddox (Carlinville) Sr.
IF - Payton Chappellear (Hillsboro) So.
IF - Ava Parish (Gillespie) Jr.
IF - Ele Feldmann (Staunton) Sr.
OF - Macie Wright (Gillespie) Sr.
OF - Ramzi Stefanisin (Green-

ville) Sr.
OF - Madison Fenstermaker (Southwestern) Sr.
OF - Lilly Troeckler (Staunton) Sr.
DP/UT - Paxton Reid (Gillespie)
DP/UT - Lili Anne Readenaure

(Litchfield) Sr.
Third team
P - Anika Camp (Hillsboro) Sr.
P - Shelby Ashcraft (Pana) Sr.
P - Grace Strohbeck (Southwestern) Sr.

C - Izzy Reed (Pana) Sr.
IF - Ava Rakers (Gillespie) Jr.
IF - Zoe Englert (Greenville) Jr.
IF - Lennox Wiseman (North Mac) So.
IF - Joey Laker (Pana) Jr.

OF - Gillian Smith (Gillespie) Fr.
OF - Haylee Clark (Greenville) Jr.
OF - Chloe Green (Litchfield) So.
DP/UT - Lainey Lessman (Hillsboro) Fr.



SCC All-Conference softball players Sadie Sholtis, Paxton Reid, Ava Rakers, Gillian Smith, Delaney Taylor, Macie Wright, Ava Parish and Laci Shuckebrook (Gillespie).

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SCC All-Conference baseball roster released

Ian Brantley, Luke Schuckenbrock and Aiden Hatalla named to first team

By: JACKSON WILSON
Enquirer Democrat Reporter

Ian Brantley (Southwestern), Luke Schuckenbrock (Gillespie) and Aiden Hatalla (North Mac) were selected as the top high school baseball players in Macoupin County for 2025, with several other elite athletes included behind them on the South Central All-Conference roster.

Other All-Conference honorees included Ryan Lewis (Southwestern), Collin Etter (North Mac), Reese Bohlen (Staunton), Zander Machota (Staunton), Jack Kaylor (Gillespie), Luke Alexander (North Mac), Quinn Morrow (North Mac), Ike Austin (Southwestern), Colin Griffith (Gillespie), and Brody Shaw (Gillespie).

Lewis, Etter, Bohlen, Machota, Kaylor and Alexander were named to the second team.

Third team honors went to Morrow, Brantley, Austin, Griffith and Shaw.

ALL-CONFERENCE ROSTER

First team

P - Rowdy Sussenbach (Greenville) Jr.

P - Nathan Matoush (Hillsboro) Sr.

C - Dominic Sanchez (Greenville) Jr.

IF - Ian Brantley (Southwestern) Sr.

IF - Rowdy Sussenbach (Greenville) Jr.

IF - Luke Schuckenbrock (Gillespie) Jr.

IF - Aiden Hatalla (North Mac) Sr.

OF - Gus Olson (Greenville) Sr.

OF - Max Leitschuh (Litchfield) Jr.

OF - Kohnor Depew (Vandalia) Jr.

DH/UT Ben Hutchinson (Greenville) Sr.

Second team

P - Drake Curry (Greenville) Jr.

P - Ryan Lewis (Southwestern) Sr.

C - Mathew Bywater (Litchfield) Jr.

IF - Dayton Oliver (Greenville) Jr.

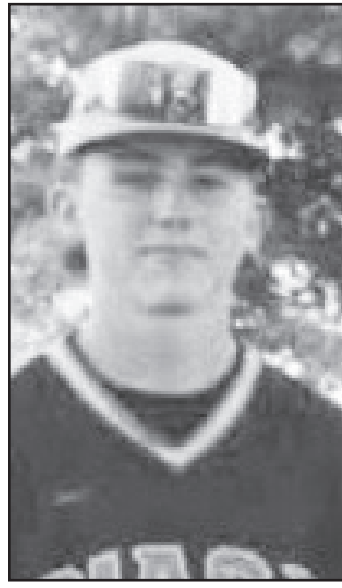
IF - Ethan Saathoff (Litchfield)



Brody Shaw



Zander Machota



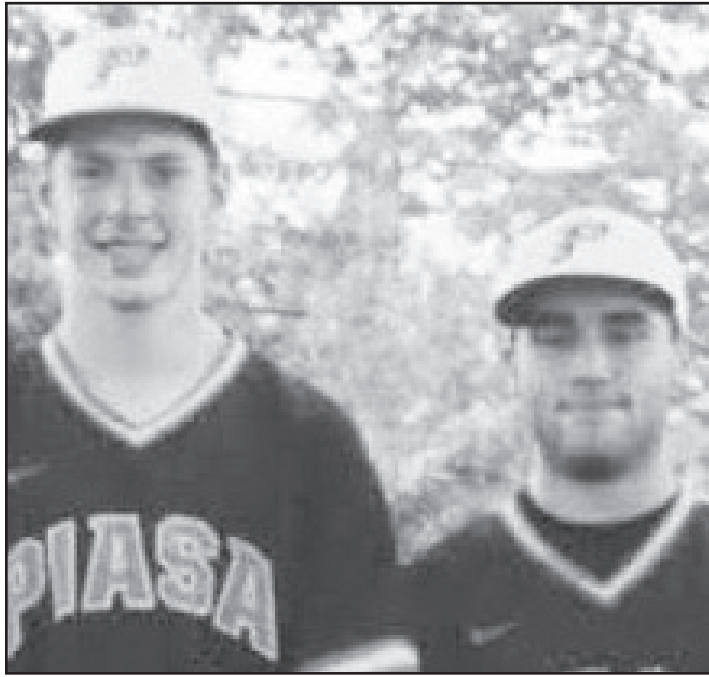
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Jack Kaylor



Luke Schuckenbrock



Ian Brantley and Ryan Lewis

Jr. IF - Collin Etter (North Mac) So.

IF - Reese Bohlen (Staunton) Jr.

OF - Zander Machota (Staunton) Sr.

OF - Jack Kaylor (Gillespie) Sr.

OF - Ryan Lewis (Southwestern) Sr.

OF - Parker Moore (Pana) Jr.

DH/UT Luke Alexander (North Mac) Fr.



Reese Bohlen

IF - Titan Hires (Litchfield) Jr.

IF - Ike Austin (Southwestern) Sr.

IF - Colin Griffith (Gillespie) Jr.

OF - Brody Shaw (Gillespie) Jr.

OF - Cash Lynch (Pana) Jr.

OF - C.J. Jackson (Greenville) Sr.

DH/UT - Andrew Casey (Vandalia) So.

Third team

P - Quinn Morrow (North Mac) Sr.

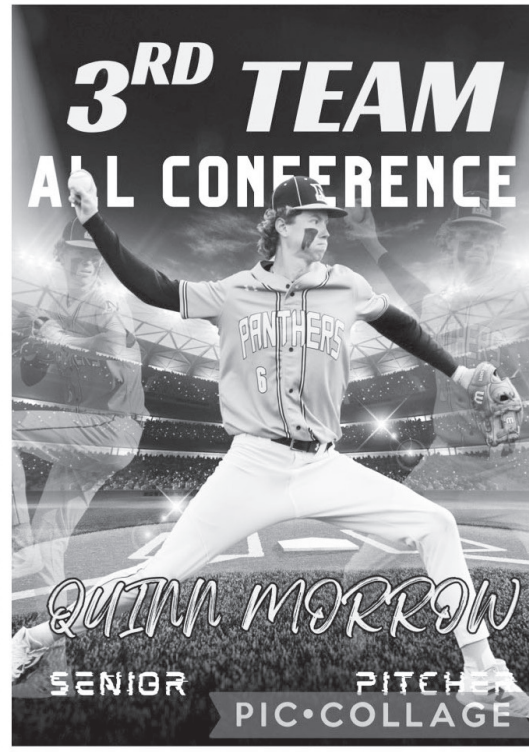
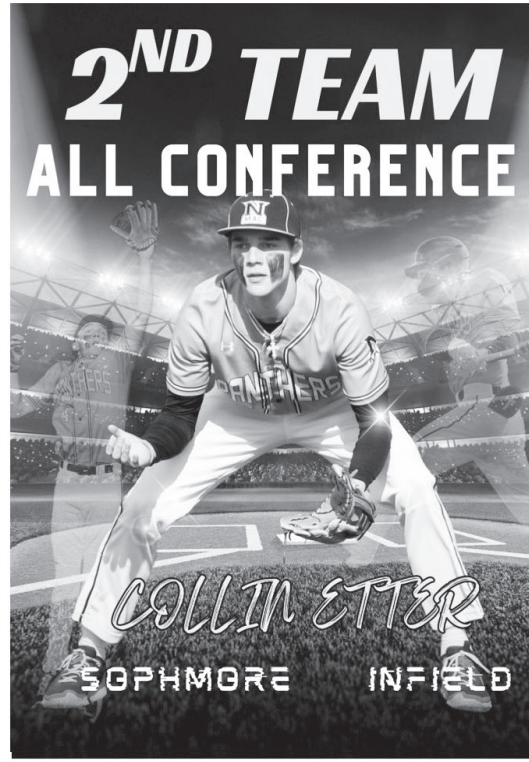
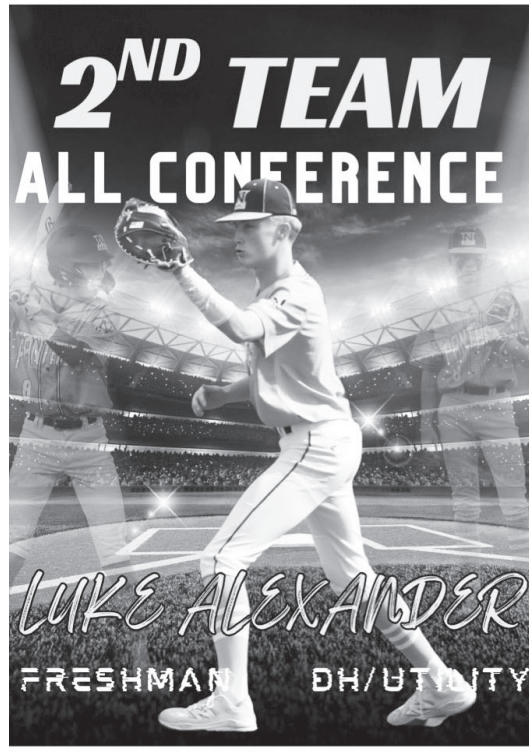
P - Ian Brantley (Southwestern) Sr.

C - Jackson Tuetken (Hillsboro) Sr.

IF - Drake Curry (Greenville) Jr.

IF - Nathan Matoush (Hillsboro) Sr.

IF - Ethan Saathoff (Litchfield)



SCC All-Conference baseball players (North Mac)

Blackburn College Athletics offers youth camps, clinics and leagues for the community this summer

Edited by Jackson Wilson

Blackburn College is inviting youth and adults from the surrounding communities to take advantage of athletic opportunities this summer. With a variety of camps, clinics and leagues for all skill levels and interests, Blackburn's summer programming is designed to keep participants active, learning and engaged on campus.

From youth sports camps to adult recreational leagues, Blackburn Athletics is committed to promoting wellness, skill development and community connection. Many activities will take place in Blackburn's upgraded athletic facilities, including the college's newly opened state-of-the-art indoor athletic center.

This series of summer camps and clinics will be led by NCAA-level collegiate coaches and student-athletes. These sessions offer area youth opportunities to enhance their skills, develop teamwork, and have fun in a supportive environment.

- Softball Kid's Camp - June 19
- Athletics Kid's Camp - June 23-27
- Basketball Kid's Camp - July 12
- Men's and Women's Youth Soccer Camp - July 14-17
- Men's Soccer ID Clinic - July 19

- Women's Soccer ID Camp - July 19
- Athletics Kid's Camp - July 21-25
- Women's Wrestling - July 31

These camps are open to a range of ages, depending on the sport and session. Additional details and registration information can be found by visiting blackburn.edu/sportcamps.

Blackburn also offers recreational opportunities for adults seeking to stay active and

compete in a fun, friendly environment. For Summer 2025, Blackburn is offering:

- Men's 5-on-5 Basketball League (Ages 16+)
- Co-ed 4-on-4 Sand Volleyball League

These leagues are open to individuals and teams. More information can be found at blackburn.edu/sportleagues.

In addition to camps and leagues, Blackburn offers memberships to its Golf Performance Center, which fea-

tures high-end simulators, a putting green, and a pitching area—ideal for players seeking to refine their game.

The college also welcomes facility rentals for team practices, special events, or private games.

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PETS OF THE WEEK



Tipper is a beautiful cross eyed Siamese. He is new here and has been hiding quite a bit in the cubbies. Tipper lived with an older lady and two large brothers. His owner sadly passed and the gentlemen have since found themselves in animal control. He is good with kids and other cats.



Lilian is an incredibly cute little pit-tie mix puppy. She is absolutely precious with a super sweet disposition. She is 3 months old and is good with kids and other dogs. Please come to Macoupin County Animal Control to view Lilian for adoption!

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Students in the news

Southeast Missouri State University Spring 2025 Dean's List

Southeast Missouri State University has announced its Dean's List for undergraduate academic achievement during the spring 2025 semester.

Students named to the Dean's List earned at least a 3.75 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and completed at least 12 hours of standard graded credit.

Katherine Polo of Carlinville; Jenna Clark of Gillespie; Clayton Waldeck of Girard; Sophia Ruffatto of Plainview.

Monmouth College Spring 2025 Dean's List

Alyssa McDaniels of Gillespie.

Missouri State University Spring 2025 Dean's List

Each semester, students at Missouri State University who attain academic excellence are named to the dean's list.

For undergraduate students, criteria include enrollment in at least 12 credit hours during the spring semester and at least a 3.50 grade point average (on a 4.00 scale).

Allene Brass of Brighton and Finley Riley of Palmyra.



Teacher of the Year Award

For 35 years, the Class of 1962 of Carlinville High School, has recognized the teacher of the year of Carlinville Schools Unit 1. Ballots are submitted by teacher's colleagues and chosen by a special committee. The 2025 recipient is Dustin White pictured with Rosie Arnett, class member. Other class of '62 members present were Jon and Sue Daggett and Larry Kaburick. Photo provided.



Mt. Olive 8th grader Alena Graham recently broke the 8th grade school records in the 100 meter and 400 meter track events. The new records stand at 13.04 for the 100 meter and 59.96 for the 400 meter. Photo from the Mt. Olive School District #5 Facebook page.

Carlinville Middle School Fall Semester Honor Roll

6th Grade - Fall Semester Honor Roll 4.0

Luke Aikin
Joseph Badalamenti
Dane Bredel
Brooklyn Carmel
Lyan Crowe
Callie Davis
Oakleigh Dunn
Daggar Eades
Weston Elvidge
Sofia Lane
Aaliyah Meyers
Eva Norris
Colt Rosentreter
Addisyn Swan
Jonathan White

3.99-3.75

Charles Behme
Haylee Carroll
Greta Dickison
Henry Frericks
Amedee Fronda
Aubree Harding
Austin Maples
Bram Peterson
Jase Ronald
Callan Rowe
Savannah Speth
Eila Starr
Tanner Suits
Hudson Summer
Addyson Trent-Harper
Claire Vinyard

3.74-3.50

Inariya Begalka
Gianluca Heinz
Olivia Hubrich
Bristol Jines
Zoey Killam
Bellamy Maberry
Tinslee McDaniel
Keegan Rainey
Lainee Rowatt
Sam Rowatt
Imogen Schesvold
Jase Starr
Gunnar Woofford
Reese Young

3.49-3.25

Hadlee Barnes
Daniela Donley
Jacob Gregory
Makayla Koller
Charlee Steward
Gracin Thacker

3.24-3.00

Kennedy Cooper
Grayson Decker
Kolsan Edwards
Gavin Eichen
Dylan Huff
Emmalyn Killam
Koleson Lambeth
Natalie McDaniel
Emmit McKinney
Amelia Porter
Brylee Powell
Jensen Rabida

7th Grade - Fall Semester Honor Roll 4.0

Roman Smith
Alexander Swearingen
Jude Bendorf
Oliver Bouillon
Grant Hammann
Evan Hergenrother
Scarlett Phelps
Ella White
Hadley White

3.99-3.75

Pierce Allen
Blaine Atterberry
Sanford Davis
Presley Enrietta
Kinna Frankford
Brittney Fugate
Graylyn Gibbs
Fischer Johns
Bo McFarland
Audrey Metzger
Reagan Miller
Illythia Morgan
Johnathon Whitlock
Frances Ziglar

3.74-3.50

Charles Abbott
Ava Brandenburg
Brynlee Clevenger
Ashlynn Gooding
Grace Marshall
Landon Rosentreter
Murphy Rowe

3.49-3.25

Harper Ryan
Lillia Snell
Claire Wills
Bailey Cobb
Brysan Edwards
Ella Gahr
Taylor Harding
Bella Hunt
Benjamin Jackson
Sydney Ogden
Riley Smith
Olivia Stover
Kadence White

3.24-3.00

Henley Bomkamp
Jenna Breeden
Lillian Cox
Violet Griffiths
Koltan Hogan
Kamryn Hubbard
Brady Maddox
Lylia Striplin
Noah Weller
Christian Williams
Dawson Wise

8th Grade - Fall Semester Honor Roll 4.0

Eleanor Behme
Jada Beichler
Aleah Boehm
Lyla Brown
Molly Carriker
Noah Genetti

Sylvee Gibbs
Evelyn Graves
Lyla Kahl
Alexa O'Brien
Laney Owsley
Leah Pigott
Jenna Quarton
Blakely Swann
Grant Way

3.99-3.75

Zander Bellm
Tyler Boente
Phynley Branson
Madden Craig
Avery Davis
Addison Dunn
McKenna Edwards
Lexi Fenton
Lexi Fortney
Claire Goesmann
Kamryn Hubbard
Porter Kimbro
Sola Lane
Brody McFarland
Shelyn Molloy
Samuel Norris
Hadley Ruyle
Emma Suttles

3.74-3.50

Carlton Abbott
Whitney Bell
Halle Bredel
Hunter Brown
Victoria Collins
Callum Duckels

Hagan Eades
Genevieve Emery
Macy Fairfield
Savannah Foster
Seryna Hageman
Madelynn Harris
Samantha Highes
Grayson Jaeger
Mason Michaelis
Saylor Nicholson
Delanie O'Brien
Drake Peterson
Zep Reiher
Madeline Rosentreter
Taryn Vinson

3.49-3.25

Tucker Ahrling
Klayton Chingman
Ayden Davi
Jersey Drew
Hunter Edwards
Emily Hertz
Royce Hurt
Lauren Lambert
Rex Millburg

3.24-3.00

Olivia Amos
Kimberlee Borders
Jnessa Cruz
Eli Emery
Brooklyn Gillespie
Jeremiah Knowles
Andrew Konnerker
Sophia Lomeline
Keaton Saffell



School may be out throughout the county but that doesn't mean there are not activities and events still happening. These Gillespie Students attended a volleyball camp the first week of summer break to learn how to play the game. Photo from the Ben-Gil Elementary School Facebook Page.



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2025 Macoupin County Fair



The Macoupin County Fair kicked off on Tues., June 3 with Twilight Harness Racing as the first grandstand event of the week. There were 16 totals races that night featuring horses, trainers and jockeys from across the country. Enquirer-Democrat photos by Erin Sanson.



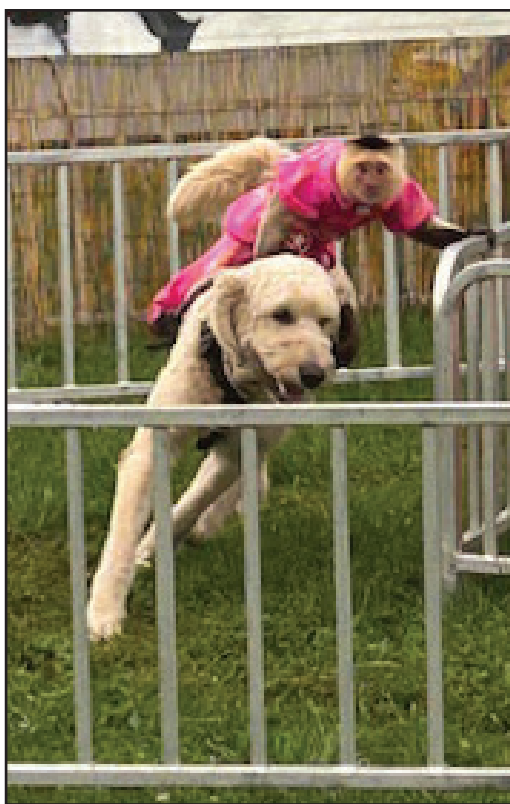
Diamond Rio performed during the annual county fair grandstand concert in Carlinville on June 5. Photo by Jackson Wilson.



The county fair hosted many attractions for all ages, including the Kids' Corner. Photos by Ruth Gill.



Although the demolition derby was canceled due to the muddy conditions, a large crowd was still on attendance at the county fair for the carnival rides. Photo by Ruth Gill



Other attractions of this year's county fair included Monkey Jockey Banana Derbies and wood-carving. Photos by Ruth Gill and Jackson Wilson.



FAIR

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Other honors went to the following contestants.

Little Miss Macoupin County

Third runner-up Brett LoBue
Second runner-up Ayla Braley

First runner-up Macy Mitchell

Junior Miss Macoupin County

Miss Congeniality Ava Turner

Third runner-up Lydia Lowry
Second runner-up Charlee Steward

First runner-up Ava Turner

Miss Congeniality Emma Kallal

Third runner-up Adrienne Adams

Second runner-up Shelbee Geisler

First runner-up Makayla Clarkson

The contestants sold raffle tickets before the pageant. The one who sold the most was recognized in each category. The Little Miss contestant who sold the most was Emma Dickinson. The Junior Miss leader was Leah Gibbs. The Miss Macoupin County top-seller was Adrienne Adams.

Grandstand concert

On June 6, a record crowd paid attendance and braved the weather conditions for this year's grandstand concert, which headlined Easton Corbin and popular 90s country band Diamond Rio.

Corbin, a 43-year-old solo artist from Florida, got the show started with highlights of his self-title from March 2010 (which featured two number one hits in "A Little More Country Than That" and "Roll With It"). Corbin also performed selections from his other albums, "All Over The Road," "About to Get Real," "Didn't Miss A Beat," and "Let's Do Country Right." Corbin, who was signed to Mercury Records Nashville in 2009, has performed alongside other country stars including Mel McDaniel and Janie Fricke. He also performed as the opening act for Brad Paisley's H2O World Tour back in 2010. Last week at the Macoupin County Fair, he had the honor of opening the grandstand show for Diamond Rio.

Nashville-born Diamond Rio, originally known as the Grizzly River Boys and Tennessee Riv-

er Boys, took the crowd back in time to the 1990s and early 2000s with a taste of music that had led to three RIAA platinum certification honors, four Country Music Association Group of the Year awards, two Academy of Country Music Top Vocal Group awards and a Grammy. "Meet Me In The Middle," made Diamond Rio the first ever band to send a debut single to No. 1 on the Billboard Hot Country Songs charts. They then released many other No. 1 singles including "How Your Love Makes Me Feel," "One More Day," "Beautiful Mess" and "I Believe."

Other activities

Other activities from this year's county fair included carnival rides, harness races, a food festival, petting zoo, monkey jockeys, 4-H livestock/poultry/cow/sheep shows, exhibits, kids' corner, cake auction and Smoky Jennings Pavilion live music from Hank Greenwalt, Mitch Falkner, Longmeyer Band and Lick Creek plus a lot more.

Look for photos and other highlights in this week's edition of the Macoupin County Enquirer Democrat.



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