

Piatt County Courthouse News

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For The Graphic-Clarion

This is a "nice" morning after a thunderstorm during the night; a true sign of spring.

This week has been busy with the usual baking and delivering to Rural Kings. I catered for 35 to the annual stockholder meeting at the Arcola Best Western last night. This the fifth year I've catered this event. They are nice folks to work with.

Saturday, I am cooking for 17 folks from the Mattoon-Charleston area. They are coming here to the house to eat.

Today is the annual Beacon Benefit Sale at the Otto Center. Tomorrow there's a fundraiser at Arthur Christian School for the Larry and Ruby Schrock family. I will be making the cole slaw for that event.

There's lots going on in the area this weekend.

Try these recipes for your Easter brunch.

Country Brunch Skillet

- 6 slices bacon
- 6 cups shredded potatoes
- 3/4-cup chopped green peppers
- 1/2-cup chopped onions
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 6 eggs
- 1/2-cup shredded cheese

In a large skillet, cook bacon until crisp. Reserve 2 tablespoons drippings. Add potatoes, green peppers, onions, salt, and pepper to drippings. Cook and stir for 2 minutes. Cover and cook for about 15 minutes. Stir occasionally, until potatoes are golden and tender.

With a spoon, make 6 wells in potato mixture. Crack one egg into each well. Cover and cook on low heat for 8 to 10 minutes until eggs are completely set. Sprinkle with cheese and bacon.

Creamy Ham and Hash Brown Casserole

- One 32-ounce package frozen hash browns
- One cup diced ham
- Two 10.75-ounce cans cream of potato soup
- One 16-ounce container sour cream
- 2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1 1/2 cups grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a large bowl, combine hash browns, ham, potato soup, sour cream, and Cheddar cheese. Spread mixture into a greased 9 x 13 inch baking dish. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake for 1 hour or until bubbly and light brown. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.

Baked Omelet Roll

- 6 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2-cup flour
- 1/2-teaspoon salt
- 1/4-teaspoon pepper
- Cheddar cheese
- Onions
- Peppers
- Mushrooms
- 1 cup each sausage, ham, or bacon (as desired)

Blend eggs, milk, flour, salt, and pepper. Bake in well-greased jelly-roll pan at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Remove from pan. Spread with toppings and roll up.

When ready to serve, place on a greased pan and reheat until cheese is melted. Onions, peppers, and mushrooms can be sauteed first.

Biscuits & Sausage Gravy

- One 12-ounce package sausage
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1/4-cup flour
- 3 cups whole milk
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Prepared biscuits, your choice

In a large skillet over medium-high heat, crumble and cook sausage until browned. Remove sausage from pan, reserve drippings, and set aside. Add the butter and stir until melted. Stir in flour until smooth. Reduce heat to medium and continue to cook until mixture is a light brown color.

Slowly add milk, whisking as you pour. Continue cooking until thickened. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in cooked sausage. Reduce heat and simmer for 12 to 15 minutes. Serve over biscuits of your choice.

Sweet Potato Pancakes

- 3/4-pound sweet potatoes
- 1 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 3 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2-teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1/4-cup butter

or margarine, melted
In a medium pan of boiling water, cook sweet potatoes for approximately 15 minutes or

until tender but firm. Drain water and immediately immerse potatoes in cold water to loosen skins.

Drain, remove skins, chop, and mash potatoes.

In a large bowl, combine flour, baking powder, salt, and nutmeg. In a medium bowl, beat together eggs, milk, and butter then mix in sweet potatoes. Add potato mixture to flour mixture and stir until well combined.

On a lightly greased griddle or large skillet over medium-high heat, add a heaping tablespoon of the potato mixture for each pancake. Flatten each pancake with your spatula. Cook on each side until pancakes are browned and crisp.

Place on paper towels to remove excess grease before serving.

Blueberry French Toast Bake

- One 1-pound loaf Italian bread, cut into 1-inch cubes, divided
- One teaspoon cinnamon, divided
- One 8-ounce package cream cheese, diced into 1/2-inch cubes
- One cup blueberries
- 10 eggs
- 2 cups milk
- One teaspoon vanilla
- 1/3-cup maple syrup
- Maple syrup

In a greased 9 x 13-inch baking dish, spread half of the bread cubes. Sprinkle 1/2-teaspoon cinnamon over bread then top with blueberries and remaining bread cubes.

Sprinkle 1/2-teaspoon cinnamon over top of all, tossing top bread cubes to coat with cinnamon.

In a large bowl, beat together eggs, milk, vanilla, and maple syrup. Pour egg mixture evenly over bread cubes. Cover dish with foil and refrigerate for 8 to 12 hours.

Remove pan from refrigerator and allow to sit for 30 minutes before baking. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake covered dish for 30 minutes. Uncover and continue to bake for an additional 30 minutes until golden brown and center is set. Serve casserole with maple syrup.

Cappuccino Muffins

- 2 cups flour
- 3/4-cup sugar
- 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2-teaspoon salt
- 3/4-cup mini chocolate chips
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons instant coffee
- 1/2-cup butter, melted
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Expresso Spread:
4-ounce cream cheese, softened
1/2-teaspoon instant coffee
1/4-cup mini chocolate chips
1 tablespoon sugar
1/2-teaspoon vanilla

Combine flour, sugar, baking powder, cinnamon, and salt. In another bowl, stir milk and coffee until dissolved. Add butter, egg, and vanilla. Mix well.

Stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in chocolate chips.

Fill muffin cups 2/3 full. Bake at 375 degrees for 17 to 20 minutes or until finished baking. Cool 5 minutes.

Remove from pan and serve with Expresso Spread.
Yields 14 muffins.

Softball team has busy week

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More conference action awaited the Knights on Friday as they traveled to Cerro Gordo for a matchup with the Broncos. Cerro Gordo-Bement went up 1-0 in the first inning before ALAH knotted the game in the second at 1-1.

It was at that point the Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond offense began to roll scoring 13 runs over the next four innings. The home team did score a run in the bottom half of the third, but the Knights went back home with the 14-2 six-inning victory over the Broncos.

Shelby Frederick was the ALAH pitcher of record, getting the win for her complete game effort. Frederick also had four RBIs in the game to help her own cause. The following Knights had two RBIs each in the contest vs. CGB: Marissa Herschberger, Kristen Corum, Addi Tinkle, and Molly Day. Cheyenne Chupp

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(Editor's note: The following is a report of the traffic tickets, criminal charges, and law and divorce cases filed within the past week at the office of the Piatt County Circuit Clerk in the Courthouse, Monticello.

Tickets and cases covered were issued to or filed against residents of Douglas, Moultrie, and Piatt counties and towns within the circulation area of this newspaper.

Real estate transactions listed below were filed in the office of the Piatt County Clerk during the same weekly period.)

Traffic Tickets

Daryl W. Abbott, 40, of Arcola was ticketed April 6 for speeding 1 to 10 mph over the speed limit, driving under the influence of alcohol and DUI with alcohol concentration in blood or breath equal to or greater than .08. Tickets were filed April 9.

Tony L. Norris, 43, of Johnston City was ticketed April 5 for driving under the influence of alcohol and DUI with alcohol concentration in blood or breath equal to or greater than .08. Tickets were filed April 10.

Michael L. Brown, 49, of Cerro Gordo was ticketed for disobeying a stop sign. Ticket was filed April 5.

Mary Rose Louise Smith, 33, of Bement was ticketed April 5 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed April 5.

Nicholas Anthony Romito, 22, of Oakwood was ticketed April March 28 for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Ticket was filed April 5.

Richard Zuniga, 56, of Danville was ticketed March 29 for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Ticket was filed April 5.

Annyiah Dawnae Slaw, 19, of Decatur was ticketed April 5 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit and improper display of registration plate. Tickets were filed April 8.

M. Dylan Benson, 23, of White Heath was ticketed April 1 for improper passing an emergency vehicle. Ticket was filed April 8.

Kevin Michael Pope, 50, of Edwardsville was ticketed April 1 for improper passing an emergency vehicle. Ticket was filed April 8.

Keegan M. Davis, 18, of Monticello was ticketed April 6 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed April 9.

Robert D. Blythe, 41, of Decatur was ticketed April 6 for operating a motor vehicle with no valid driver's license (expired more than one year). Ticket was filed April 9.

Indira E. Castillo-Valdadares, 34, of Decatur was ticketed April 6 for improper passing emergency vehicle. Ticket was filed April 9.

Anthony B. Cooley, 31, of Champaign was ticketed April 6 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit and driving with no valid driver's license (never issued a license). Tickets were filed April 9.

Jayse L. Booker, 17, of De-

catur was ticketed April 6 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed April 9.

Jeffery L. Gibson, 54, of Decatur was ticketed April 6 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed April 9.

Shelby L. Lageman, 24, of Clinton was ticketed April 6 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed April 9.

Timothy R. Winters, 19, of Cerro Gordo was ticketed April 6 for disobeying a stop sign. Ticket was filed April 9.

Autumn K. Runyen, 21, of Cerro Gordo was ticketed April 5 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed April 9.

Richard L. Suits, 47, of Ivesdale was ticketed April 5 for disobeying a stop sign. Ticket was filed April 10.

Tyler R. Cullison, 17, of Cerro Gordo was ticketed April 5 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed April 10.

Tony L. Norris, 43, of Johnston City was ticketed April 5 for illegal transportation of alcohol by driver. Ticket was filed April 10.

Danielle A. Seibring, 41, of Monticello was ticketed April 3 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed April 10.

Amanda J. Staley, 22, of Decatur was ticketed April 2 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed April 10.

Yolanda L. Flake, 43, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, was ticketed April 10 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed April 11.

Blake A. Nelson, 24, of Decatur was ticketed April 8 for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Ticket was filed April 11.

Isaac W. Kitchen, 20, of Arthur was ticketed April 10 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed April 11.

Hank R. Hamilton, 18, of Chestnut was ticketed April 9 for o window treatment adjacent to driver. Ticket was filed April 11.

Akeem Lamont Evans, 21, of Decatur was ticketed April 1 for driving while license is suspended. Ticket was filed April 11.

Emmanuel E. Williams, 21, of Kokomo, Indiana, was ticketed April 8 for driving with no valid driver's license (was never issued a license) and improper lane usage. Tickets were filed April 11.

Stephanie R. Harris, 46, of Springfield was ticketed April 9 for speeding 21 to 25 mph over the speed limit, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and operating a motor vehicle with a registration plate cover. Tickets were filed April 11.

Susan N. Gramlich, 44, of Monticello was ticketed April

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Chaffin and Anna Faith Richardson, both of Brimfield.

A marriage license was issued April 10 to Peter James Eisenmenger and Cecile Rose Cassida, both of Villa Grove.

A marriage license was issued April 10 to Aaron James Yutzy of Goshen, Indiana, and Grace Elizabeth Schrock of Arthur.

A marriage license was issued April 10 to Jason Grover Garner and Jenna Rae Uptmro, both of Villa Grove.

Real Estate

Michael C. Sommer and Emily Sommer granted TIAA FSB a corrective mortgage for Lot 215 of Woodard's Forest Glen Second Subdivision, Tuscola (138 Wilshire Drive, Tuscola).

Morton Community Bank granted Joseph McDonald Condit, Virginia J. Beard, and Virginia J. Condit a release for Lot 1 in Block 2 of Reeder's Third Addition, Arthur (409 S. Pine Street, Arthur).

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Criminal Petitions

Dakota S. Rice, 20, of Monticello has been charged with two counts of violating stalking or violating a no contact order, a Class 4 felony. Rice is accused of stalking or of violating a no contact order. Charges were filed April 11.

Cody M. Beaver, 20, of Monticello has been charged with disorderly conduct, a Class C misdemeanor. Beaver is accused of committing disorderly conduct on March 28. Charge was filed April 8.

Dissolution of Marriage Petitions

Misty D. McCall, age not available, of Hammond filed a petition for dissolution of marriage against Michael McCall, age not available, of Farmer City. Petition was filed April 10.

Marriage Licenses

A marriage license was issued April 10 to Garret Martin Cler of Tolono and Mary Rose Louise Smith of Bement.

A marriage license was issued April 11 to John Charles Lynch of Champaign and Kylie Kay Beach of Foster, North Dakota.

Real Estate

Timothy S. Hoffman, Evelyn J. Hoffman, Laura A. Hoffman, and Ernest Edward Hoffman Estate granted Gerber State Bank a mortgage for a parcel in SW SE 35-16-4.

U.S. Bank and Trust N.A., trustee of LSF 10 Master Participation Trust, granted Randall E. Hopkins and Susan L. Hopkins a warranty deed for Lots 2 and 3 in Block 1 of Original Town, Mansfield.

Aaron E. Johnson and Nicole A. Johnson granted Heartland Bank and Trust Company a mortgage for a parcel in SE NE 6-18-6 and NE SE 6-18-6.

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Gary Alan McGrath, Gary A. McGrath, Cindy J. McGrath, and Cynthia Jayne McGrath granted Heartland Bank and Trust Company a mortgage for a parcel in 11-19-6 and 12-19-6.

Thomas T. Hollensbe and Rebecca A. Hollensbe granted Kenneth Chupp a warranty deed for a parcel in NW NE 23-16-6.

Kenneth Chupp granted Prairie State Bank and Trust a mortgage for a parcel in NW NE 23-16-6.

Pamela J. Young and Todd M. Young granted Ryan LaPlant and Brianna LaPlant a warranty deed for Lot 130 of Appletree Second Subdivision.

Ryan LaPlant, Ryan J. LaPlant, Brianna LaPlant, and Brianna L. LaPlant granted Heartland Bank and Trust Company a mortgage for Lot 130 of Appletree Second Subdivision.

Gregory E. Mathias granted Dan Cole and Betty C. Cole a quitclaim deed for a parcel in SW 35-16-4.

Martha L. Taylor granted Huntington National Bank a mortgage for Lots 9 and 10 in Block 9 of Wood, Original Town.

Mika K. Winterbottom granted State Bank of Bement a mortgage for Lots 2 and 3 in Block 13 of Keenan's Addition.

Terry M. Thomas and Susan C. Thomas granted First Mid Bank and Trust N.A. a mortgage for Lots 12 and 17 in Block 8 of Original Town, Mansfield.

Piatt County Sheriff; Tonya A. Stiverson Estate; Kirk Christman, father of custodian J.C.; and Tammy Somers, independent executor, granted Lakeview Loan Servicing LLC a sheriff's deed for Lots 11 and 12 of Original Town, Bement.

James A. Grabarczyk and Tara L. Grabarczyk granted State Bank of Bement a mortgage for Lot 114 of Crestview Addition 2, Subdivision of Lots 111, 112, and 113.

Kara E. Gray granted Delbert D. Gray a quitclaim deed for a parcel in NE NW 2-16-6.

Delbert D. Gray granted First State Bank a mortgage for a parcel in NE NW 2-16-6.

Zion News

Thought for the day: "God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, 'I love you.'" —Billy Graham

HAPPY EASTER this Sunday! What a special Sunday it is when the Christian exclaims, "He is risen. Amen."

Easter is the fourth largest gift-giving day after Christmas, Mother's Day, and Valentine's Day. It is estimated that 18 billion dollars will be spent this year for Easter with about 2 billion of that spent on 120 million pounds of candy alone. However, consumers spend even more on clothes, food, gifts, flowers, and decorations than just candy at Easter.

Approximately 16 billion jelly beans and 90 million chocolate bunnies are made for Easter each year to fill children's Easter baskets. But the best gift that can be given at Easter is taking some time to talk with young people about the true meaning of Easter. So, see you in church this Sunday!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Larry Schrock Family Benefit this past Saturday and to the area churches who hosted the event. It was a great success.

This Thursday, our church will have a Maundy Thursday communion service at 7:00 p.m. with guest pastor Rev. Kenneth Roeder. There will be a Good Friday service in Arthur at noon at the Vine Street Christian Church and an Easter Sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. at Arthur Southern Baptist Church.

Also, an Easter Sunrise service will be held at the United Church of Atwood on Sunday, April 21, at 6:30 a.m. This service is hosted by the Atwood-Hammond Association of Churches. They always serve a delicious breakfast following the service for those who attend.

On April 21, Zion's Easter service will be at 9:00 a.m. and Rev Roeder will be our guest pastor. On April 28, Pastor Dennis Hanner will be our guest pastor.

We remember Mary Kolb who passed away this past week. Mary and her husband August lived on the family farm for many years just about a quarter mile west of our church. The Kolb family's roots go all the way back to the founding of our church in 1871 when almost all the members of the congregation lived within a few miles of the church. August and Mary would attend church every Sunday and sometimes would walk to church on nice days.

Our prayer concerns include Lane Drake and family, Katherine Drake, B J and Jerry Hale, Della Mae Frahm, Craig Chapman, J B and Jean White, Mary Fern Carlyle and her family, Bobby and Reagan Miller, Jim and Jackie Tholen, Sharon Parsano, Donna Schultz, Ben Valerio, Elsie Winings, the Larry Schrock family, Bonnie Gerkin, and Jim Dycus.

Birthdays to remember: Apr 22-Alana Heit Chapman, April 22; Elise Hackett, April 29; Rob Drake, May 12; and Nathan Butterick, May 15.

Also, Nathan and Karen Butterick will celebrate their wedding anniversary on April 21, and B J and Jerry Hale will celebrate their anniversary on May 14. The church tries to send cards to these special people on their special day, but they would appreciate a card or note from you as well. Our newly revised church directory will provide you with a lot of contact information that is helpful when you need addresses for sending cards.

A final Easter thought: "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people, and hallelujah is our song" --Pope John Paul II

Zion's worship service starts at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday with Sunday School activities following at 10:30 a.m. Our church would welcome you as a visitor or someone seeking a church home.