

April 22, 2026

“Kiwaniis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time.”

Today’s Program



Ainsley Chandler

Student participant at the State 4-H Conference

Last Week:

FROM THEATER TO PERFORMING ARTS CENTER— Mary Nita Bondurant, project assistant and fundraising specialist for the Capitol Theatre restoration and expansion project in downtown Union City, gave a presentation for Kiwanis last week. She described the excitement that the revitalization of downtown Union City is bringing to the area as she gave a history of the Capitol Theatre and the involvement of David Ring, project leader and investor in not only the Capitol Theatre project but in other initiatives as well. She noted that Ring's grandmother left a downtown building to Ring and 15 other relatives. Eventually, Ring, a successful businessman now living in Boston, bought out the others and began the restoration of that building. This involvement led to his interest in purchasing other buildings and investing in the redevelopment of the area, including the Capitol Theatre project. Bondurant said that the Capitol Theatre will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2027 and will become a fully functioning performing arts center with 265 new seats, an expanded lobby, two large rehearsal spaces with mirrors, a costume room, a board room, and a stage area that will accommodate a variety of performances and shows. She explained that the focus of the project has been both on historical preservation and modern functionality. Because of Discovery

Martin Kiwanis Calendar

May 7 Board Meeting, MPL, 12 noon

Apr. 29 — **Social meeting** at **Bricks and Brews**, Union City, B&B is an inviting, casual restaurant in the heart of downtown Union City specializing in handmade brick oven pizza, toasted subs, wraps, sliders and wings

June 6 — Fishing Derby, Martin Recreation Complex

Park and Reelfoot Lake, she said, this area has become a tourist destination and now with the Capitol Theatre restoration, people will have a place to gather in the evenings. She also noted that commemorative stadium style seats are still for sale at <https://www.ucmasqueradetheatre.com/> as well as other ways to support the project.



Logo for birthday celebration April 18, 2018. Look for celebratory cake at the social gathering April 29.

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