

United Way serves up breakfast

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MT. VERNON — The United Way of South Central Illinois is hosting a pancake breakfast fundraiser at the airport on Saturday from 7 to 10 a.m.

"The event is free, but we're accepting donations at the door," said

Jen Miller, executive director of the United Way of South Central Illinois. "We will be serving pancakes, sausage and juice out at Wilkey's restaurant."

Miller mentioned there will be several celebrity flippers in attendance to help serve the pancakes. The local celebrities will be com-

peting for not only bragging rights, but the golden frying pan trophy.

"It's a fun competition; I think bragging rights are the most coveted here," Miller said. "They'll be doing sort of a pancake Olympics, if you will, where they will be judged

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on things like stacking, flipping and we'll even include the audience to see who was their favorite celebrity flipper. They'll be working for tips too, so I think will

help."

Miller said the list of celebrity flippers include Jefferson County Sheriff Travis Allen, Mt. Vernon Fire Department Fireman Lt. Doug Boczek, Adam Breeze, director of Byrd-Watson Drug, insurance agent Brett Hall, Jefferson County State's Attorney Doug Hoffman, Dr. Christopher Klein, Dr. Kent McMahon, Circuit Court Judge Jo Beth Weber and CASA Executive Director Becky Whisenant.

Miller said all pro-

ceeds of the event will go towards the 2015 United Way of South Central America campaign.

"We raise money through these events to raise money that we allocate to all the different agencies that help at-risk teens," Miller said. "But most important is awareness, and just letting people know that the United Way is here. All the money raised will go back into the community to help agencies that provide services for our community."

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