

# FREE Midweek Brief

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## Wild Columbine Brings Music of the 17th, 18th and 19th Century to New Copperfield's Book Service



Macomb, IL. - The Springfield-area based music group Wild Columbine will perform at New Copperfield's Book Service, 120 North Side Square, Macomb, Saturday, April 5 at 1:00 P.M.

Wild Columbine, Emily Wheeler; Sally McDaniel Smith; Megan Thornberry and William Furry plays traditional music of the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th centuries on flute, whistles, violin, guitars, harmonium, concertina, and bodhran.

As well as playing the music, the band explains a little of the history around the music. The event is free and family friendly. Everyone is invited.

## West Prairie Student Spotlight:

WP Students Build Chicken Houses



Students in Mr. DeCounter's Ag Mechanics I class are getting real-life experience with construction framing by building chicken houses for community members. The lumber comes from Benson's Sawmill, a business in our local community.

WP Students Receive a Special Visitor



Last week, Gibson and Rhoda came with their handlers to offer some therapy dog time. There's something about a good dog that just makes kids calm and happy.

## Berry Succession: Creating a Continuous Food Source for Birds

Chris Enroth University of Illinois Extension

Macomb, IL - Perhaps one of the most favored hobbies of gardeners, wildlife lovers, and outdoor enthusiasts is to feed the birds. Setting out a bird feeder with seed or suet cakes is a popular way many people use to feed the birds, but there are other methods we can employ. You can grow plants that produce seeds for birds to scavenge. Additionally, birds will acquire their protein by eating insects. Some birds like the blue jay will eat acorns from oaks. And there are birds, classified as frugivores, that will pluck berries growing on trees and shrubs for a meal.



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**MCDONOUGH COUNTY SHERIFF**

3/21

Destiny Dawn Weber, 30, Bushnell, was charged with DUI/alcohol

Jynessa Nichole Chavez, 23, Macomb, was charged with disorderly conduct, criminal trespass to residence

Scott Eric Patterson, 48, Hanna City, was arrested on a foreign body attachment warrant

3/22

Marshaun Verdell Calhoun, 245, Kankakee, was charged with DUI/drugs

Levi Alexander Grace, 19, Macomb, was charged with battery

Natashia Jeanne Shaw, 45, Table Grove, was arrested on a foreign warrant, foreign body attachment warrant

Kady Gene Cox, 26, Macomb, was charged with retail theft

Tony Lee Starr, 63, Maocmb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Mujeeb Olawale Ayoola, 21, Chicago, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

**MACOMB CITY POLICE**

3/22

Carl A. Ford, Jr., 29, Macomb, was charged with urinating/defecating in public, disorderly conduct

Akil O. Coleman, 25, Chicago, was charged with illegal possession/transportation of liquor

Erik Tate Jr., 24, Kankakee, was charged with illegal possession/transportation of liquor

Steven M. Tate, 21, Kankakee, was charged with illegal possession/transportation of liquor

*All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

**TODAY'S JOKES**

Q: What do you call a bunny that has a ton of money?

A: A million-hare!

Q: What kind of beans did the Easter Bunny put in his soup?

A: Jelly Beans!

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**Death Notices**

**Jeffrey C. Hoover**

54, of Springfield

Jeffrey C. Hoover, 74, of Springfield, IL passed away at 3:53 pm, Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at his home.

The family will host a Celebration of Life from 2:30 – 4:30 pm, Friday, April 4, 2025, at The Alano Hall, 561 Bryn Mawr Blvd, Springfield, IL 62703.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Alano Hall, 561 Bryn Mawr Blvd., Springfield, IL 62703. Share stories & photos at [StaabObituary.com](http://StaabObituary.com).

**Dr. Donnie Lee Crawford, PhD**

94, of Macomb

Dr. Donnie Lee Crawford, PhD, 94, of Macomb, passed away at 7:30 AM Friday March 28, 2025 at his residence.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at the Bushnell Township Cemetery with Rev. Kelly Ingersol officiating. A Celebration of Donnie's life is being planned for a later date.

Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Jude's, McDonough County Historical Society or to the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at [www.dodsworthfh.com](http://www.dodsworthfh.com).

**Ronald Charles Bricker**

83, of Macomb

Ronald Charles Bricker, 83, of Macomb, passed away on March 26, 2025, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, IL.

A celebration of life will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at The Fieldhouse in Macomb, 254 South Collins Ave (next to Pepsi).

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Faith Fellowship Church in Tennessee, IL.

**Robert "Bob" Douglas**

81, of Bushnell

Robert "Bob" Douglas, age 81, of Bushnell, passed away Saturday, March 29, 2025, in Macomb, IL.

Graveside memorial services will be conducted Friday, April 4, 2025, at 10:00 am at the Bushnell Township Cemetery with Pastor Jim Eddy officiating.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Bushnell Rescue Squad or Shaw Creek Golf Course. Martin-Hollis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at [www.martinhollisfh.com](http://www.martinhollisfh.com).

**Donald Gene Allison**

77, of Macomb

Donald Gene Allison, 77, of Macomb, passed away peacefully on March 28, 2025 at 1:46 p.m. surrounded by his loving family.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb with Pastor Jon Keck officiating. Visitation will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Macomb Bomber Booster Club or MDH Hospice. You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at [clugston-tibbitts.com](http://clugston-tibbitts.com).

**Lissa Shafer**

55, of Bushnell

Lissa Shafer, 55, of Bushnell, passed away peacefully at home on March 27, 2025 surrounded by her loving family.

Memorial service will be held at 10:30 AM on Saturday, April 12, 2025 at the Bushnell Prairie-City High School auditorium. Pastor Terry Broady and Rex Featherlin will officiate.

Memorial contributions can be made to Bushnell Prairie City Special Education Department or to Team Gleason Foundation. Martin-Hollis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at [www.martinhollisfh.com](http://www.martinhollisfh.com). The full obituary will be published in the April 8th issue of the Community News Brief.

**Richard E. Childs**

67, of Prairie City

Richard E. Childs, 67, of Prairie City, passed away at 4:31 PM on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at Allure of Lake Story in Galesburg.

Cremation Rites have been accorded. Private burial of ashes will be held in Bushnell Township Cemetery. Martin-Hollis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook at [www.martinhollisfh.com](http://www.martinhollisfh.com).

**Mildred Ann "Millie" Hunt**

89, of Blandinsville

Mildred Ann "Millie" Hunt, 89, of Blandinsville, Illinois passed away peacefully in her home at 2:30 p.m. February 12, 2025 surrounded by her family.

Services to Celebrate her Life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 5, 2025 at the Blandinsville Christian Church. Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church. Private family burial of cremains will take place at Glade City Cemetery in Blandinsville at a later time.

Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to: MDH Hospice Program, Blandinsville Christian Church and the Blandinsville Fire Department.

Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Blandinsville is in charge of arrangements. You may sign the guest book and leave online condolences at [clugston-tibbitts.com](http://clugston-tibbitts.com).

**Arthur D. "Art" Derry**

80, of Augusta

Arthur D. "Art" Derry, 80, of Augusta, IL passed away unexpectedly at 10:01 pm.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at the Brooklyn cemetery in Brooklyn, IL with Rev. Vicki Hull officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Brooklyn cemetery. The Hamilton Funeral Home in Augusta, IL is handling arrangements.

**Penny Jo. Kreps**

61, of Macomb

Penny Jo. Kreps, 61, of Macomb, passed away peacefully at the Macomb Post Acute Center at 10:05 pm on Wednesday March 26, 2025.

Cremation rights have been accorded by Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home. There will be no services. Please sign the guestbook or leave condolences at [www.dodsworthfh.com](http://www.dodsworthfh.com).

**Donna Carol Simmons**

87, of Bowen

Donna Carol Simmons, 87, of Bowen, IL passed away at 4:48 pm Saturday March 29, 2025 at Carthage Memorial Hospital in Carthage, IL.

Cremation has been accorded. A private family gathering will be held at a later date.

The Hamilton Funeral Home in Augusta is handling arrangements.

See more Death Notices on page 5

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# Community Calendar

## Bernadotte

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5**

### Tomahawks Fun Run

Signs up will start at 11am. Enjoy the ride around Fulton County and then come back to the Bernadotte Cafe for a live auction starting at 6pm. There will also be a silent auction, 50/50 and a chance to get your tickets for our gun raffle. Drawing will be held at this event! Proceeds support 13U travel baseball team.

## Blandinsville

**SATURDAYS**

### Story Hour & Crafts

Saturdays at The Blandinsville-Hire Library at 10 AM. Snacks will be available. Check out the many new kids and young adult books. Spend some time at the library and take a book home to read!

**EVERY THURSDAY**

### After-School Program

Blandinsville First Christian Church After-School Program every Thurs. for K-High School students from 4-5pm.

## Bushnell

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

### Story Time for Young Learners

Every Wed. from 10:30-11:30 The Bushnell Public Library hosts Story time for young learners. We read, practice nursery rhymes/ finger plays, craft, have a snack and practice social skills.

### Beginner Crochet Class

The Bushnell Public Library, 455 N Dean St., is hosting a Crochet class each Wednesday 12:45-1:45. Robyn Olson will be teaching the class. What to bring: Size H crochet hook and a large skein of yarn.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 3**

### B-PC Baseball Fundraiser

at Sports Corner from 6-10pm. All players, parents and fans are welcome! A percentage of all sales from 6-10pm will go to the Baseball Team.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12**

### 1990's Music Trivia Fundraiser

at the Bushnell VFW at 7pm to benefit the B-PC Baseball team. It will be all 1990's music, Mulligans will be available. The cost is \$10/person-teams of up to 10 people. Food will be available, snacks are fine but please purchase drinks at the bar.

## Colchester

**EVERY MONDAY**

### Move & Groove and Story Hour

held from 9:45-10:45am. Music & physical literacy skills help prepare early learners. Story Hour held 10:45-11:45 with stories, songs, crafts & fingerplays.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 3**

### Charcuterie Class by Spreadz

at the Colchester Library from 6-7pm, the cost is \$30/ person. Learn how to create your own charcuterie board with expert tips and tricks. Limited spots available—sign up today and let's make April 3rd a deliciously unforgettable day! Register on Spreadz Facebook page or contact the Colchester Library.

## Macomb

**THURSDAY, APRIL 3**

### One Book One Community Event

at the Macomb Public Library, 10:30am, Messy Makers, Thank You, Earth Story Time with Tiffany Erickson.

### WIU Art & Design First Wednesday Event

from 7-9 p.m., in Garwood Hall and the Heating Plant Annex. This free, interactive event invites community members, students and faculty to participate in hands-on art activities. For more information, contact the WIU Department of Art & Design at (309) 298-1549.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5**

### Adult Easter Egg Hunt (21+)

Hosted by the Macomb Park District at Veterans Park from 6:30-9:30pm. There will be a cash bar, music, prizes and more! Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$30. Register at 309-833-4562, stop by the office, or visit [https://macomb-parkdistrict.activityreg.com/clientpage\\_t2.wcs](https://macomb-parkdistrict.activityreg.com/clientpage_t2.wcs).

### "Killinois" Public Screening

The locally-filmed (and award-winning) horror movie, "Killinois," created by transplanted Macomb resident, Kyle Remmenga, CEM ("Chief Executive Monster") of Cube of Justice Productions, will be shown at public screenings in Macomb at the City Hall Community Room. Screenings will be held at 7 p.m., April 5 and April 10, and are open to the public. While there is no charge to view the flick, donations will be accepted to go toward his latest future project, which will also be filmed locally, "Curebreed," Remmenga said. Note: "Killinois" is not rated, and viewer discretion is advised (this movie is not suitable for children).

**SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH**

### One Book One Community Event

at Western Illinois Museum, 1:30-3pm, Illinois Road Scholar, Amy McMorro Hunter on "Creating Our Future".

### Legends & Lattes Book Club

Meets 2-3pm at Sullivan Taylor Coffeehouse-reading Hell Followed With Us by Andrew Joseph White.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 11**

### Retired Teachers Meeting

All retired educators and support staff are invited to the meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church, 123 S. Campbell, at 9:00 am. The speaker will be WIU professor Dr. James LaPrad. He will be sharing information on the teacher education program. Coffee and snack will be available.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH**

### One Book One Community Event

at Macomb Public Library, 10:30am, Thank You, Earth Story Time with Tiffany Erickson.

### Sports Card & Collectibles Show

at the Macomb 4-H Center from 9am-3pm. Sports Cards, Pokemon, Magic and other TCG, Star Wars, Garbage Pail Kids, Toys, Collectibles, Bargain boxes, singles, graded cards, sealed boxes/packs, supplies and more! Dynamic Grading Authority (DGA) Grading will be accepting on-site grading submissions and have special show pricing for grading submissions.

Submit your calendar item to [communitybrief@gmail.com](mailto:communitybrief@gmail.com)

## Plymouth

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26**

Spring Side by Side ride

Mark your calendars for our spring side by side ride at 10am at Pop A Top Again! Sign in from 10-11am, leave at 11am. Cost is \$10/person and all proceeds go to Plymouth Old Settlers!



### The Western Illinois Museum

In collaboration with the Western Illinois University (WIU) School of Music, Western Illinois Museum is thrilled to welcome world-class tenor saxophonist Rob Dixon to perform with the HAT Trio on Friday, April 4. Doors and the bar open at 4:30 pm, with two sets of music scheduled at 5:30 pm. and 6:30 pm. The evening will conclude with WIU students taking the stage at 7:30 p.m. There is a \$5 suggested donation at the door.

### Bushnell Recreation Center

Bushnell Fire & Rescue-Hydrants, Hoses & Headbangers spring concert featuring Decade of Decadence starting at 7pm on Saturday, April 5.

### Ellisville Opera House

Chris Vallillo and Hickory Ridge Concerts welcomes SueFink/Songsisters, three singing, hilarious ladies to the Hickory Ridge Concerts Stage this Saturday, April 19th at 7:00 pm at the historic Ellisville Opera House in Ellisville.

### The Forum

Looking for a fun way to spend your Friday night in Macomb?! Don't worry, we got you! On Friday, April 25th, the band, Late Start, will be performing at The Forum from 8-10:30pm followed by Lake of the Ozarks DJ, DJ Supe, from 11pm- 2am!! Cover will be \$5, with drink specials all night! Join us for this EPIC PARTY... you don't want to miss it!

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# Egg Hunts & Easter Events

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5**

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## Adult Easter Egg Hunt (21+)

Hosted by the Macomb Park District. Experience the joy of reliving your childhood Easter egg hunt memories with a twist designed JUST FOR ADULTS! Gather your friends and join us at Veterans Park Softball Diamonds from 6:30-9:30pm for an evening filled with laughter and live music. Cost is \$30. Register at 309-833-4562, stop by the office, or visit [https://macombparkdistrict.activityreg.com/client-page\\_t2wcs](https://macombparkdistrict.activityreg.com/client-page_t2wcs). Must be 21+ and pre-registration is required. There will be a cash bar, music, prizes and more!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12**

## Macomb Hy-Vee Easter Bunny Breakfast

Hop on over to Hy-Vee Saturday, April 12 from 8AM-10AM for our Easter Bunny breakfast Buffet, \$10 Adults & \$5 Kids (12 & U)! Then, stay for the Easter Egg Hunt at 10AM! There will be Coloring Pages, Easter Bunny visit and Easter Egg Hunt. See you there!

## Macomb VFW Easter Egg Hunt

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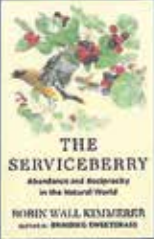


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## Birds

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To create an ecologically successful yard, it's essential to consider the needs of animals, including consistent food sources, shelter, water, and space. Bird diets vary by species and lifecycle stage, and as stated previ-



ously, there are numerous ways to feed them in your backyard. This article focuses on frugivorous birds, which eat berries.

Most songbirds depend on insect protein as nestlings, but many adult birds forage on berries and seeds. Berries not only provide food for birds but also add ornamental value to landscapes. Incorporating berry-producing plants in your yard offers a dual benefit of aesthetics and bird food.

Birds consume berries year-round, but most shrubs and trees produce berries only once a year. To ensure a continuous supply of berries, plant a variety of berry-producing species. Here are some shrubs and trees that provide berries for birds and add color to your landscape throughout the year:

**Serviceberry (*Amelanchier* sp.):** This small to medium-sized tree starts spring with white flowers that give way to dark purple to red berries. Both birds and humans enjoy these berries. Various species and cultivars are available at garden centers.

**Highbush Blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*):** Birds are a primary pest of this crop, enjoying blueberries as much as humans do. Blueberries have lovely spring flowers, familiar fruit, and red fall foliage. However, they require specific acidic soil conditions, which may not suit every home.

**American Elderberry (*Sambucus nigra* subspecies *canadensis*):** This plant produces umbrella-like clusters of white flowers that turn into dark purple to nearly black fruit in summer. Birds quickly consume the fruit. Elderberries thrive in part to full sun and are known for their high antioxidant levels.

**White Fringetree (*Chionanthus virginicus*):** Known for its delicate clusters of fragrant white flowers in late spring, this tree produces dark blue to black berries in late summer. The berries are edible for birds but not humans. White fringetree is dioecious, with separate male and female plants. Planting both ensures a beautiful flower display and fruit set.

**Holly (*Ilex* spp.):** Various holly species provide bird-friendly fruits in fall and winter. Their tough, waxy fruits deter initial bird feeding, but many holly berries persist into winter, adding red pops to the landscape. Robins and cardinals often consume holly berries in mid-winter. Hollies are also dioecious.

It's important to note that plants use their energy-rich fruits to spread their progeny. Be mindful of the types of berries you provide, as some, like bush honeysuckle, can be invasive.

Incorporating berry-producing shrubs and trees in your yard adds beauty and supports the local ecosystem. It also offers a delightful way to observe and enjoy the diverse birds that visit your garden.

**Good Growing Tip of the Week:** Poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*) is another berry-producing plant enjoyed by birds. This is why poison ivy often sprouts in areas where birds perch and deposit the seeds.

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By Lucie Winborne

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- \* The shark on the "Jaws" poster and the T. rex on the "Jurassic Park" poster were both modeled after exhibits at the American Museum of Natural History.
- \* A single strand of spaghetti is called a "spaghetto."
- \* Beer cans in Japan have braille on them so blind people don't confuse alcoholic drinks with soft drinks.
- \* If you spent merely a day on each of the islands in the Philippines, it would take you nearly 21 years to visit all of them.
- \* Most Americans can buy an AR-15 rifle before they can legally buy a beer.
- \* A party boat carrying 60 men and women capsized in Texas in 2012 after all the passengers rushed to one side when the boat passed a nude beach.
- \* The world's first underwater mailbox was installed just off the shore of Susami, Japan.
- \* Henry Heimlich used the Heimlich maneuver for the first time at age 96.
- \* Vertebrates with larger brains and more neurons, such as humans and owls, tend to have longer yawns, which help cool the brain and support cognitive function.
- \* The term "scientist" didn't come into usage until 1834, when it was coined by University of Cambridge historian and philosopher of science William Whewell, who wanted to create a unifying noun for people engaged in various scientific fields.
- \* Citizens of the small town Kamikatsu in Japan's Tokushima prefecture are expected to separate their recycling into no fewer than 45 different categories.
- \* The Atlantic bluefin tuna can experience such high bursts of muscular activity while fighting a fisherman that it cooks its own flesh.
- \* Reese's Peanut Butter Cups were originally named "Penny Cups" after the amount they cost at the time.

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