

FREE Midweek Brief

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King Neptune Performs Piedmont Blues at New Copperfield's Book Service

Macomb, IL - Piedmont Blues musician King Neptune performs at New Copperfield's Book Service, 120 North Side Square, Macomb on Saturday, April 26, at 1:00 P.M.

King Neptune studied music in the classical tradition, but when he heard the music from the early 20th Century, the Golden Age of Blues, "the music was so free compared to the rigidity of the classical repertoire that I had to learn it." Not finding sheet music for guitar, he used his Classical training to create his own.

"My whole life I've been playing music." It's a journey that has taken him from coast to coast across the United States as well as to Europe. But it was Piedmont Blues that kept calling him back. "That's the stuff I like. I mean, that's what does it for me."

The free performances at New Copperfield's Book Service give all area music lovers an opportunity to hear the finest local musicians in live performance in an intimate, family-friendly atmosphere on a Saturday afternoon. The event is free and everyone is invited.



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Springfield Clinic Expands Cardiology & Vascular Medicine Care in Macomb

By Justin Fowler

Visual Communications Specialist

April 2025 - Access to high-quality cardiac and vascular medicine care has improved in Macomb. Dr. Springfield Clinic has welcomed two cardiologists, Dr. Madhu Dukkipati and Dr. John Yang, and a vascular medicine physician, Dr. Aman Khurana, who have started seeing patients at the Springfield Clinic Macomb location. Springfield Clinic Macomb

is located at 505 E. Grant Street #110.

"Springfield Clinic is excited to further our commitment of serving all the communities we call home," says Cal Thomas, Chief Strategy Officer. "Our focus on keeping health care local remains a top priority, and we are thrilled to be expanding our cardiology and vascular medicine presence in Macomb."

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University of Illinois Springfield TFSE launches Artist in Residence program

LEWISTOWN, Ill. - The University of Illinois Springfield's Therkildsen Field Station at Emiquon (TFSE) is launching a new Artist in Residence (AIR) program this summer to connect the science of floodplain restoration with artistic expression.

The program invites artists to engage with the unique landscape and ecological work at the Emiquon Preserve—one of the Midwest's largest floodplain restoration projects and a designated Ramsar Wetland of International Importance. Selected artists will have access to the preserve, TFSE facilities and outdoor spaces to pursue a creative project inspired by the site.

The goal of the AIR program is to foster a community of artists while providing space to interpret and reflect on the Emiquon Preserve through diverse artistic genres. Artists will be required to learn about the history and science of the site, interact with

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David B. Smith, 61, Macomb, was charged with failure to stop at railroad crossing
Jaleeya K. Baggett, 19, Chicago, was charged with careless driving (seatbelt)
Triniti L. Bell, 19, Chicago, was charged with careless driving (seatbelt)
Tierra J. Henderson, 19, Markham, was charged with careless driving (seatbelt)
Paris M. Hood, 19, Chicago, was charged with careless driving (seatbelt)
Zakhari E. Hunt, 19, Chicago, was charged with careless driving (seatbelt)
Makya s. Stuckey, 20, Macomb, was charged with careless driving (seatbelt)

4/12
Erica J. Lacy, 27, Blandinsville, was charged with careless driving

4/13
Madison Moyers, 21, Macomb, was charged with careless driving
Cameron J. Woods, 25, Vermont, was charged with operating an uninsured motor vehicle, possession of drug paraphernalia, expired registration

4/14
Donna L. Mason, 64, Macomb, was charged with careless driving
Morgan E. Bearce, 24, Macomb, was charged with fighting
Jada N. Russell, 25, Macomb, was charged with fighting
Noah C. Passmore, 26, Macomb, was charged with disorderly conduct
Leslie T. Jefferson, 66, Macomb, was charged with careless driving
Dominique C. Hentz, 26, Chicago, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant, improper turn at intersection
Brian W. Stark, 59, was arrested on a foreign warrant

MCDONOUGH COUNTY SHERIFF

4/11
Brianna Danielle Bowles, 35, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant
Maya Theda Latham, 27, Bushnell, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

4/12
Charles Eugene Wubben, 42, Bushnell, was charged with retail theft
Brian Wayne Stark, 59, Macomb, was arrested on a foreign warrant, McDonough County body attachment warrant

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TODAY'S JOKES

Q: What is a chicken's favorite vegetable?
A: Eggplant!

Q: Why was the strawberry upset?
A: He was in a jam!

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Death Notices

Amanda Sue Schulz

44, of Macomb

Amanda Sue Schulz, 44, of Macomb, Illinois was welcomed into the warm embrace of our Lord on Thursday April 17, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 am on Wednesday April 23, 2025 at the Wesley United Methodist Church with Pastor Don Long Jr. officiating. Visitation was held Tuesday April 22, 2025 at the Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Oakwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to the Tyler and Avery Schulz Education Fund. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

Sandra K. Hoyle

75, of Macomb

Sandra K. Hoyle, 75 of Macomb, passed away at 1:00 AM Monday April 14, 2025 at the Elms Nursing Home in Macomb.

Funeral services will be held at 2 PM Tuesday April 29, 2025 at Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home, where visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Pastor Charles Walden will officiate.

Memorial contributions can be made to Loaves and Fishes and MDH Hospice. Please sign the guest book or leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

Lana Jo (Harper) Bryan

Lana Jo (Harper) Bryan passed away peacefully at her home on April 18, 2025, at 11:08 a.m., with her sons by her side, after a battle with cancer.

Per her wishes, no formal services will be held. Her family encourages you to honor Lana's memory in your own way—whether by helping someone in need, spending time with loved ones, or simply sitting by the water and listening to the waves.

Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

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Alice J. Plate

88, of Macomb (formerly of Adair)

Alice J. Plate, 88, of Macomb formerly of Adair passed away at 12:15 a.m. Monday, April 14, 2025 at the LaMoine Senior Living Center in Macomb.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb. A graveside service was held Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at Pennington Point Cemetery in New Salem Township west of Adair.

Memorials may be made to MDH Hospice. You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at clugston-tibbitts.com.

Patricia Young

74, of Good Hope

Patricia went home to be with the Lord on March 27, 2025.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 26, 2025 at the Macomb Assembly of God Church with Pastor Mike Williams officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services.

Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb is in charge of arrangements. You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at clugston-tibbitts.com.

Sheila K. McCord

73, of Hannibal, MO

Sheila K. McCord, 73, of Hannibal, Missouri, passed away at 12:10 p.m. Monday, April 14, 2025 at the Goldwater Care Center in Roseville, Illinois.

Cremation has been entrusted to Banks & Beals Funeral Homes. Burial will be held at a later date in the East Lawn Memorial Park, Mexico, Missouri.

To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Sheila's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

Death notices (name, death date and services) run free of charge. Families who wish to have a complete obituary published in the Tuesday or Friday Community News Brief newspaper (including picture, family, work history, hobbies and other information) should request the Community News Brief to the funeral home that is handling the services OR submit it directly to commuitybrief@gmail.com. Cost is \$45 and includes a laminated copy of the obituary.

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Darla Jean Whitford

77, of Plymouth

Darla Jean Whitford, 77, of Plymouth, IL passed away unexpectedly at 7:31 pm Tuesday April 15, 2025 at her home in Plymouth, IL.

Cremation has been accorded. Services will be held at a later date.

The Hamilton Funeral Home in Augusta, IL is handling arrangements.

Mary M. Worthington

96, of Monmouth (formerly of Roseville)

Mary M. Worthington, 96, of Monmouth, formerly Roseville, IL, passed away on Saturday, April 19, 2025 at the Richard Owens Hospice Home, Peoria, IL.

Funeral Services will be at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at McGuire & Davies Funeral Home and Crematory, Monmouth, IL. Interment will be in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Macomb, IL.

Memorials can be made to the Swan Creek United Methodist Church or a charity of the donor's choice. McGuire & Davies Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of the arrangements.

Carrie Lynn Wise

57, of Astoria

Carrie Lynn Wise, age 57 of Astoria, Illinois, passed away at 8:40 pm at The Elms in Macomb, Illinois.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Services will be announced at a later date. Memorials in Carrie's memory may be given to the Astoria Fire and Rescue Squad and sent to Shawgo Memorial Home, PO Box 525, Astoria, IL 61501.

David "Squeak" Truman Gale

of Ipava

David "Squeak" Truman Gale, aka "Big Fish", of Ipava, IL, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, April 20th, 2025.

A service will be held at 3 pm on Sunday, April 27, 2025 at Shawgo Memorial Home in Astoria, IL. Mike Ulmer will be officiating. A visitation will take place from 1 to 3 pm on Sunday, April 27 before the service. Cremation rites will be accorded after the service.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be made to the Fulton County Ambulance or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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Tami Kreps Benefit Fundraiser
SATURDAY, APRIL 26 • 4PM-8PM
 Macomb American Legion 221 E. Washington St.

Tami was diagnosed with Renal Kidney failure in Sept. 2024 and is on kidney dialysis. Proceeds will assist with Tami's medical and other expenses. Tami has assisted with multiple benefits for others in need. Help make her benefit a success.

• 4:00 pm Silent Auction Opens
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 • 6:00 pm Live Auction
 • 7:00 pm 50/50 Drawing

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 Organized by: Steven McDonald (309) 255-8647 Teresa-Rhea Holdefer (712) 480-0635

Community Calendar

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.

APRIL 21-24

B-PC High School Art Show

At the high school military hallway. ribbons will be placed on work after school on april 23rd.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

High School Academic Awards

6:30-7:30pm in the High School Auditorium. If you are planning to present an award to a high school student, please contact Shanti Willey at the High School Office at 309-772-2113 by Monday, April 21.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

B-PC Promenade

in High School Gym. Prom follows at WIU Union Grand Ballroom.

THURSDAY, MAY 1 - SATURDAY, MAY 3

May Play Days

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EVERY MONDAY

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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.

Macomb

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

Macomb Community Health Fair

at Macomb Hy-Vee from 10am-2pm. Free A1C screenings, retinal screenings, hearing screenings, blood pressure testing & vision screenings for children ages 1-7 will be available. Sponsors include the Hy-Vee, McDonough County Health Department, Macomb Lion's Club and Lions of Illinois Foundation.

One Book One Community Event

at The Wine Sellers, 5:30-7:30pm, Bill Maakestad Final Friday concert with Earth: Our Home as the theme.

One Book One Community Event

3:30-4:15pm, Noticing Nature: A Curious Guide for Sprouts with Natalie Shelly. Register at: http://macombparkdistrict.activityreg.com/clientpage_t2.wcs

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

St. Paul School presents Gala-Opoly

5pm-midnight. This will be an evening of giving, gathering and grace. Where every bid builds a Saint! To register visit the St. Paul Facebook page.

MHS Promenade

in the High School Auditorium

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

One Book One Community Event

Macomb Public Library, 5-6pm, The Serviceberry, a Conversation led by Kim Rice. Friends of the Library.

THURSDAY, MAY 1

Environmentally Concerned Citizens

meeting held in the Macomb City Hall Community Room at 7 pm. Everyone is invited to hear WIU Professor Dr. Jongnam Choi speak on the "Latest Science on Climate Change"

SATURDAY, MAY 3

Macomb Library Knitting Club

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Plymouth

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Spring Side by Side Ride

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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!

American Legion

The Post 6 Big Band led by John Cooper plays from 7-9pm on Wednesday, April 30 in the American Legion Post 6, 221 E. Washington St., Macomb. No admission but there is a free-will offering during the show.

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B-PC HIGH SCHOOL ART SHOW
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William T. "Billy" Clow

William T. "Billy" Clow was a vibrant force of life—his energy, spirit, and heart will forever remain with those who knew and loved him. He passed away on Thursday, April 17, 2025, surrounded by his cherished family at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

Cremation has been accorded. To honor his life, the family will host a "Big Billy Party" on Thursday, August 21, 2025, from 5:00 - 9:00pm at Park Place on the Square in Macomb, Illinois.

Memorial contributions in Billy's honor may be made to the Goldfarb Center for Performing Arts at Western Illinois University.

These contributions may be sent to WIU Foundation & Development, 303 Sherman Hall, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455 or visit our website: <http://wiu.edu/honorbilly/>

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Springfield Clinic

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Dr. Madhu Dukkipati, MD
Cardiologist



Dr. John Yang, MD
Cardiologist



Dr. Aman Khurana, MD
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About Springfield Clinic

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- Kathy Fischer, Macomb

Martha Slater, PTA and Dr. Danilo Kayanan Jr., Physical therapist pictured with Kathy Fischer.

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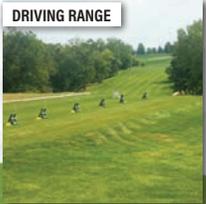
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the natural environment and produce original work inspired by their experience. Participants will also be asked to lead one informal public event, share a significant outcome from their residency and grant TFSE permission to use or display a piece of their work.

Residencies are available for up to four weeks and include a private room in dormitory-style housing on-site. Funding is available to offset housing, travel and material costs for projects completed by Aug. 30, 2025, with support from the Illinois Arts Council Agency and local funds from the Two Rivers Arts Council.

Artists working in any medium—including but not limited to painting, photography, sculpture, ceramics, music, dance, handcrafts and creative writing—are encouraged to apply. Applications are due by May 16, 2025, for projects beginning on or after June 2, 2025. For more information or to apply, visit uis.edu/emiquon/visit-emiquon/artist-residence.

The Therkildsen Field Station at Emiquon, located within The Nature Conservancy's Emiquon Preserve, provides researchers and students of all ages with opportunities to explore, discover and learn from this vital restoration project. Learn more at uis.edu/emiquon or follow TFSE on Facebook at Therkildsen Field Station at Emiquon.

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Lots Three (3), Four (4) and Five (5) by Plat of Thirty-eight (38) acres off the East side of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section Thirty-one (31) in Township Five (5) North, Range Three (3) West of the Fourth Principal Meridian and Six and One-third (6 1/3) acres off of the West side of Thirty-eight (38) acres off the East side of the Northeast Quarter of Section Thirty-one (31), Township Five (5) North, Range Three (3) West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, containing 7.80 acres, more or less, all situated in the County of McDonough and the State of Illinois.

Property Identification Number (PIN): 05-000-206-10

The aforesaid land used to be used by the City for groundwater wells and now exists as vacant unimproved real estate.

The City Council of the City of Colchester shall open and consider bids made at their regular council meeting on Monday, May 5, 2025 at 6:00PM. If a bid is accepted, the bidder shall be required to enter into a contract for the purchase of the real estate with the City. Any questions regarding the real estate or sale may be directed to the City Clerk at 309-776-3005.



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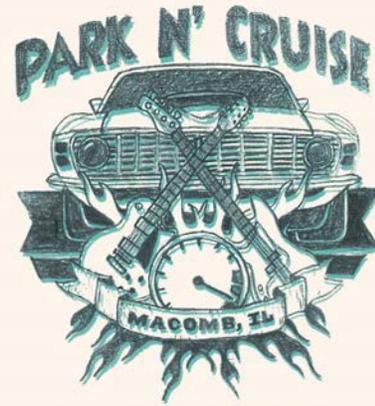
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Location: City Hall, 232 East Jackson Street, Macomb, IL 61455
The City of Macomb is a forward-focused community committed to safety, economic prosperity, and educational excellence. We offer a strong infrastructure that supports healthy retail and commercial growth for our culturally diverse population.

The City of Macomb is seeking a full-time Account Specialist to join our Finance and Human Resources team.

Key Responsibilities:

- Process and verify payments (drop box, mail, in person)
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- Residency in McDonough County required
- Must pass pre-employment physical, drug screen, and background check

Compensation & Benefits:

- Salary: \$40,868.22-\$54,490.96
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How to Apply:
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**CITY OF MACOMB
 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Location: City Hall, 232 East Jackson Street, Macomb, IL 61455
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The City of Macomb is seeking a Temporary Part-Time Code Enforcement Officer to join our Community Development team.

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- Maintain detailed records of inspections and violations.
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Requirements:

- High school diploma or GED required
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- Knowledge of local codes, ordinances, and community resources.
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- Must pass pre-employment physical, drug screen, and background check

Compensation & Benefits:
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By Lucie Winborne

* Over the course of her 63-year reign, Britain's Queen Victoria survived no fewer than eight assassination attempts.

* Like humans, male kangaroos flex their biceps to impress females.

* The word "sock" comes from the Latin word "soccus" -- a loose-fitting slipper worn by Roman comic actors.

* In Europe, nickel is banned in all alloys for widespread allergy reasons.

* Studies have suggested that gifted people often have bad handwriting because their brains work faster than their hands.

* The New York Times predicted that humans wouldn't be able to fly for at least a million years ... in 1903, the same year as the Wright brothers' first manned flight.

* Alexandre Dumas used a particular shade of blue paper on which to write his fiction. For poetry, he used yellow paper, and his articles were penned on pink paper. Once, he ran out of blue paper and had to use a cream-colored pad instead, which he believed had a negative impact on that work of fiction.

* The first American alarm clock was invented in Concord, New Hampshire, in 1787 by Levi Hutchins. It was never patented and rang only at one time, 4 a.m., to rouse him for work.

* Raspberries are a member of the rose family.

* Despite creating some of the most legendary guitars in the world, LEO Fender, the founder of Fender, Music Man and G&L Guitars, couldn't actually play the instrument.

* The pressure in a champagne bottle is three times higher than that of a car tire.

* When in danger, a hairy frog will break its own bones in order to create claws that it pushes through its skin to scratch a predator.

Thought for the Day: "The service you do for others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth." -- Muhammad Ali

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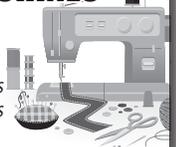
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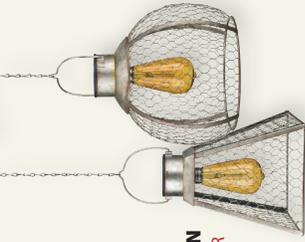
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