

# FREE Midweek Brief

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## Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapon and Aggravated Assault

MACOMB, IL – On February 1, 2025, Officers responded to a large fight in progress with about 30 people involved around Pierce and McArthur Street. As information came forward about the fight, officers were able to investigate further into the incident. Officers learned during the fight Robert H. Murdock pulled a gun, from his fanny pack, and pointed at subjects involved in the fight. Murdock was later located at his residence and taken into custody. A Glock 19 9mm with ammo and magazines were recovered at his residence. Murdock was transported to the McDonough County Jail and was processed, cited, and released per the Illinois SAFE-T Act. Murdock was charged with Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapon and Aggravated Assault.

All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

## LEJA Holding Event at Spoon River College

By: University Communications  
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MACOMB, IL - - The Western Illinois University Law Enforcement and Justice Administration Department (LEJA) will visit the Spoon River College - Macomb campus from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at Spoon River College Room M107.

This event is open to any Spoon River College student interested in transferring to WIU and majoring in LEJA, Emergency Management or Fire Protection Services. **See LEJA on page 2**



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## IDOA LAUNCHES 'ILLINOIS GROWN' TO BOOST STATEWIDE AGRICULTURE PRODUCERS



Springfield, IL – Illinois Grown, a new program from the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA), will make it easier to support local farmers and businesses. The Illinois Grown logo will soon appear on products across the state, signaling that items are either grown in

Illinois or contain at least one ingredient sourced from the state.

The program is designed to connect consumers with products grown or produced in Illinois. The Illinois Grown logo helps consumers identify local products, supporting the state's agricultural industry and economy.

"The Illinois Grown initiative is not just about food – it's about supporting local communities," said IDOA Director Jerry Costello II. "Consumers who

buy Illinois Grown products can feel good knowing their money is going directly to Illinois farmers and producers."

The program also encourages consumers to pledge to spend \$10 of their weekly grocery budget on Illinois Grown items, reinvesting millions into the local economy.

For Illinois farmers, food companies, and other agricultural businesses, the Illinois Grown logo provides a new opportunity to highlight their

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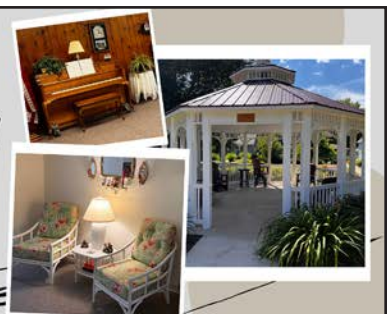
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## POLICE REPORTS

### MCDONOUGH COUNTY SHERIFF

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Kimberly Jo Watson, 62, Macomb, was charged with failure to give information after striking an unattended vehicle

Keith William Heinrich, 72, Macomb, was charged with failure to provide information

Sierra Dawn Curths, 28, Alton, was arrested on a foreign warrant

Shawn Eugene Easley, 49, Macomb, was arrested on a foreign warrant, McDonough County warrant, violation of sex offender registration act

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Walker Kaine Madison, 30, Bardolph, was arrested on a foreign warrant

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Tytianna Alicea Davis, 28, Macomb, was charged with mob action, aggravated battery, disorderly conduct, armed violence

Jania Cassandra Holden, 19, Chicago, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Tyreanna Anisha Davis, 27, Macomb, was charged with mob action, disorderly conduct, aggravated battery-weapon, armed violence, aggravated battery/public place

Tavaris Latwon Nichols, 24, Bushnell, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Olivia Camay Smith, 38, Macomb, was charged with mob action

Todd Nicholas Johnson, 34, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Jeffrey Aaron Agans, 34, Colchester, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

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

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Q: What did the man say to his banker on February 14?  
A: You've caught my interest!

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5-8PM

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## LEJA

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LEJA acting director Jamie Johnson will be on hand to discuss what these programs offer, including the hands-on experience and connections students can make at WIU.

Participants will visit with an on-site admissions team and receive an admissions decision at the event. Students interested in on-site admissions are required to provide an unofficial transcript from any college they have attended. WIU welcome packets will be provided to attendees.

Spoon River College continues to partner with WIU in many ways and looks forward to helping our students with all the transfer options.

"We are excited to provide this opportunity for students to meet with the head of these highly ranked programs and learn about the outstanding career options available," said Doug Freed, director of undergraduate admissions and enrollment services at WIU.

WIU will provide pizza and soda to all participants.

For more information on WIU's LEJA program, visit [wiu.edu/LEJA](http://wiu.edu/LEJA).

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## Death Notices

### Phillip R. Thompson

75, of Bushnell

Phillip R. Thompson, 75, of Bushnell passed away at 6:50pm at his home on Saturday, February 8, 2025.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Wednesday February 12, 2025 at the Bushnell Christian Church, where visitation will be held two hours prior from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Rev. Rex Featherlin will officiate. Cremation Rites will be accorded following services.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bushnell Christian Church or MDH Hospice. Martin-Hollis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at [www.martinhollisfh.com](http://www.martinhollisfh.com).

### Carol Ann Steward

76, of Macomb

Carol Ann Steward, 76, of Macomb passed away at 4:33 PM Tuesday February 4, 2025 at McDonough District Hospital.

Cremation Rites have been accorded. Memorial Services will be held at 11:00 AM Friday, February 14, 2025 at the Wesley United Methodist Church, where visitation will be held from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Pastor Don Long Jr. will officiate. Memorials may be made to McDonough District Hospital 525 E. Grant Street, Macomb, IL. 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).

### Shirley Irene Miller (Sipes)

88, of Adair

Shirley Irene Miller (Sipes), age 88, of Adair, passed away at 5:40 a.m. on Friday, February 7, 2025, at Wesley Village in Macomb.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 13, 2025 at Worthington Funeral Home with Mr. Mathew McAnally officiating. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until time of service.

Memorials may be given to McDonough District Hospice or Wesley Village. Family and friends are invited to a luncheon at the Schuyler Penney Event Center in Rushville after the ceremony. Shirley's children will be available until 6:00 to visit with family and friends.

### Beverly "Bev" J. Baker

67, of Carthage

Beverly "Bev" J. Baker, 67, of Carthage, passed away at 3:18 am Monday, January 27, 2025, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Bev's Life Celebration was held at O'Donnell-Cookson Life Celebration Home in Quincy, IL. A Funeral Mass was held Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at the St. Francis Solanus Catholic Church in Quincy. Fr. James Pallardy officiated.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests planting a tree. Memorial contributions may be made to Friend of Argyle Lake. Online condolences may be shared, and video tribute may be viewed at [www.ODonnellCookson.com](http://www.ODonnellCookson.com).

### William Otis Manley

59, of Macomb

William Otis Manley, 59, of Macomb passed away at 10:38 a.m. Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at his residence in Macomb.

Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be no 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](http://clugston-tibbitts.com).

### Delores A. "Shorty" Barnes

67, of Macomb

Delores A. "Shorty" Barnes, 67, of Macomb passed away at 5:38 a.m. Friday, January 31, 2025 at her residence.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Graveside services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday, March 21, 2025 at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Macomb and a Celebration of Life will follow from 12 to 4 p.m. at the Macomb VFW.

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](http://clugston-tibbitts.com).

### Carl R. Kimler

76, of Macomb

Carl R. Kimler, 76, of Macomb, passed away at 12:00 PM Sunday February 2, 2025 at his residence.

Private Graveside Services and a Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

Memorial Contributions can be made to MDH Hospice and the 40 et 8 Nurses Scholarships. Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign guestbook or leave condolences at [www.dodsworthfh.com](http://www.dodsworthfh.com).

### Donald "Don" E. Irwin Sr.

94, of Cuba, IL

Donald "Don" E. Irwin Sr., 94, of Cuba, IL passed away at 6:13 pm Saturday February 8, 2025 at Graham Hospital in Canton, IL.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at Martin-Hollis Funeral Home. There will be no visitation, but will be a gathering after the service at the VFW in Bushnell.

Memorials can be made to the Bushnell VFW Post 1422 and/or the Bushnell Historical Society. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at [www.martinhollisfh.com](http://www.martinhollisfh.com).

### Robert E. Smith

86, of Luray, MO

Robert E. Smith, 86, of Luray, MO., passed away on Sunday, February 9, 2025, at the Scotland County Hospital in Memphis, MO., with his family by his side.

Funeral services with full Military Rites will be accorded for Robert E. Smith will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at the Wilson & Triplett Funeral Home. Burial at the Combs Cemetery, Luray, MO. Pastor Mark Drummond will officiate. A visitation will be held Friday, February 14, 2025, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Wilson & Triplett Funeral Home.

Memorials contributions in memory of Robert Smith are suggested to the American Legion Post #192. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.wilsontriplett.com](http://www.wilsontriplett.com).

### Thomas H. Koopmans

93, of LaHarpe

Thomas H. Koopmans, 93, of LaHarpe, Illinois, passed away at 3:40 p.m. Friday, February 7, 2025 at the Macomb Post Acute Care Center, Macomb, Illinois.

A celebration of life service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 15, 2025 at the LaHarpe Union Church with Rev. Rick Goettsche officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the LaHarpe Union Church. To leave a condolence, please visit Tom's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).

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# 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 WEDNESDAY

#### Youth Program

Blandinsville First Christian Church Youth Program every Wed. for 5th-High School students from 4-5:30pm.

### 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.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 14

#### VFW Valentines Day Dinner

4:30-8pm at the Bushnell VFW. Reservations required by Feb. 7th, call 309-337-8768 or 309-371-7171.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 15

#### Sports Trivia

7pm at the Bushnell VFW. \$10/person, teams up to 8 people. Proceeds benefit B-PC Varsity Club.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

#### Beginner Crochet

The Bushnell Public Library will host Robyn Olson giving instructions and tips on how to crochet a scarf. Join in the fun every Wednesday at 12:45-1:45pm. What to bring: Size H crochet hook and a large skein of yarn. The Library is located at 455 N Dean St, Bushnell.

## Carthage

### SATURDAY, FEB. 15

#### Dave Danielson Benefit

at the Eagles Club in Carthage from 5-11pm. There will be a live auction, 50/50 drawing and DJ music by Peggy Day. Dinner will be served at \$10/plate. Dave is facing significant challenges after a recent diagnosis of diabetic retinopathy. For donations call or text Jennifer at 309-569-2440 or Lacey at 573-719-7377.

## 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.

## Industry

### SATURDAY, FEB. 15

#### Trinity Academy Chili Supper

Trinity Academy, 306 E. South Street, Industry, will hold a Chili Supper with live music, good food, children's carnival games, and a silent auction (tables close at 6, 7 & 7:30pm). Food will be served from 4:30-7:30 or until gone. For more information call 309-731-4016.

## Macomb

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12

#### Caring and Connections Brunch

The Lamoine will have a monthly brunch on the 2nd Wednesday of each month called Caring and Connections. This will be a monthly overview of a topic that affects the elderly. Our first brunch connection will be held Wednesday, December 11 at 10am. We will be reviewing the services of The Lamoine. Each month will cover a new topic with time for guests to socialize over a light breakfast.

#### The Page Turners Book Club

meets the second Wednesday of every month from 4:30-5:30pm in the Macomb Public Library Meeting room. The public is invited to attend.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 15

#### Girls Softball League Music Trivia Night

2nd Annual McDonough County Girls Softball League Music Trivia night will take place at Park Place in Macomb from 6:30-10pm. There will be raffles and 50/50 drawing.

### MONDAY, FEB. 17

#### County Genealogical Society's meeting

at the Western Illinois Museum at 6 p.m.. Julie Terstriep will be presenting about Camp Ellis, a U.S. Army Camp based in Fulton County, Illinois from 1942-1953. She will share unique stories of individuals who worked there, served there, and were affected by the 50,000 soldiers and 5,000 German POWs housed there. The public is invited to attend.

### TUESDAY, FEB. 18

#### Open Vendor Informational Meeting

Macomb Farmers Market is looking for vendors for the 50th Anniversary of the Farmers Market. Come one, come all to an Open Vendor Informational Meeting at 6pm at the Community Room at Macomb City Hall.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 1

#### Casino Night

The Humane Society of McDonough County CASINO NIGHT will be held at Macomb's Park Place, 127 E. Carroll St. on March 1, 2025 from 7-10pm. All funds raised go towards the construction of a new animal shelter for McDonough County. We're rolling out important details about this year's event on our Facebook page!

## Plymouth

### SATURDAY, MARCH 8

#### 90's Music Trivia

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## Table Grove

### SATURDAY, MARCH 15

#### All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast

from 6am-10am at the Table Grove Community Center serving Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Biscuits and Gravy.



#### The Café

Looking for a great night of music? Stop in on Wednesday, February 12, we have John Heasley playing for us from 5:30-7:30pm and Open Mic night on Thursday, February 13 from 8-12pm. Hope to see you there!

#### The Wine Sellers

It's the perfect week to listen to some music with the one you love! Thursday Jazz is back! We have the WIU Jazz Combo on Thursday, February 13. Dick Marcott and the House Cats will be playing for us on Friday, February 14 and King Neptune will be here Saturday, February 15! Music plays from 5:30-7:30 all nights!

#### The Forum

No Love Here! Come and celebrate Anti-Valentine's Day with us on Saturday, February 15.

#### Let the Sparks Fly Fundraiser

Live music by Captain Quirk at 7pm on Saturday, Feb. 15 at the Bushnell Recreation Center, doors open at 5. Dinner by Rolling Smoke.Cover: \$15 single, \$25 couple. Meal ticket \$10ea. Proceeds help fund City of Bushnell's 4th of July fireworks display.

#### J&B's Windmill Pub

Late Start's debut at J&B's Windmill pub in Industry Saturday, Feb. 15 at 7pm. Come out and bring your sweetheart. Celebrate Valentine's Day with some 90's-2000's rock, grunge and alternative music. See you there!

#### The Legacy Theater-Carthage

As the daughter of Country Music Royalty, Pam Tillis was determined from a young age to find her own way in music as a singer/songwriter. Don't miss Pam with her trio for one night only on Friday, Feb. 28 from 7-10pm.

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<p><b>FROM THE GRILL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 oz Hand-cut Ribeye</li> <li>8oz Filet</li> <li>Mahogany Pork Chops</li> <li>Chicken Cordon Bleu</li> <li>Baked Salmon</li> <li>Filet Tips with Burgundy Mushrooms</li> <li>1/2 lb or 1 lb</li> </ul>	<p><b>APPETIZERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mini Spring Rolls</li> <li>Calamari</li> <li>Bacon Duck Wontons</li> <li>Shrimp Cocktail</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Vegetables</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Broccolini</li> <li>Green Bean Almondine</li> <li>Glazed Carrots</li> </ul>	

\*Entrees come with a side, a vegetable, and red peppers smoked Gouda Soup or Carden/Caesar Salad with Breadsticks

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**QUALIFICATIONS:**

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- Registration in McDonough County #26

**SALARY:** Range of \$41,406.76 to \$79,056.48 with TRS based on education and years of service as per the 2025-2026 MEA salary schedule.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Open Until Filled; Position Begins in August 2025. Screening to begin immediately

Send letter of interest, District application, transcript, credentials, and resume (optional) to:  
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Attn: Velvet Taflinger, Human Resources  
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(309) 833-4163

Instructional Staff Employment Application Form can be downloaded through [www.macomb185.org](http://www.macomb185.org)

- Co-curricular duties/coaching responsibilities available

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Consumers can show their support by taking the Illinois Grown pledge, committing to spend at least \$10 a week on locally produced items. As a thank you, those who take the pledge will receive a free reusable bag or sticker. The pledge can be completed online at <https://agr.illinois.gov/assistance/logoprograms/pledge.html>.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Illinois State Board of Education Paraprofessional License
- Registration in McDonough County Region #26
- Training or previous experience working with children preferred

**SALARY:** Beginning Wage: \$16.00 per hour

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The CDL Bus Operator is responsible for providing public transportation to the general public and disabled individuals certified under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) utilizing fixed routes within the City of Macomb. Evening and weekend availability needed.

The salary range for the CDL Bus Operator position is \$18.08/hr. to \$24.10/hr. For individuals that do not have a CDL at the time of hire, the non-CDL pay rate would apply until the CDL license is obtained. A DOT pre-employment physical, drug screen and background investigation will be required prior to employment. McDonough County residency required.

City of Macomb permanent part-time benefits include prorated vacation/personal/holiday pay and IMRF retirement benefits.

General employment applications are available at the Mayor's Office in Macomb City Hall; 232 E. Jackson Street, Macomb, IL or on-line at: <https://cityofmacomb.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/APPLICATION-FOR-EMPLOYMENT-.pdf>

Completed applications for this position must be returned to the Mayor's Office in City Hall no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 21, 2025.**

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**CITY OF MACOMB**

**WASTEWATER MAINTENANCE/**

**OPERATOR I**

Full-Time Location: Macomb, IL Pay range: \$35,501.27-50,119.45

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A Class B CDL license is required within 180 days of employment. Residency within McDonough County will be required along with a pre-employment physical, drug screen and background investigation. High school diploma or GED required. An Operator I position requires appropriate licensing.

**Benefits:**

The City of Macomb offers a comprehensive benefits package including vacation hours starting at 24 hours upon hire and increasing with tenure. Employees also receive 24 personal hours per year (pro-rated upon hire), 8 sick hours monthly, and 10 paid holidays annually (with 11 when Juneteenth falls on a weekday). Health insurance is provided with single coverage fully paid by the City, and family coverage is available. Vision and dental insurance are optional, and employees receive \$20,000 in life insurance coverage, with additional coverage available. Retirement benefits include participation in the I.M.R.F. The city matches employee contributions to a 457b retirement plan up to 1%. Additionally, tax-deferred day care and medical plans are available through flexible benefits.

Employment applications are available at the Mayor's Office in Macomb City Hall; 232 E. Jackson Street, Macomb, IL or on-line at: <https://cityofmacomb.com/employmentapplication/>

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Farm is located 2 miles SW of Adair, on the North side of County Rd 800N, between E1900th St. and E2000th St.

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**AUTOS FOR SALE**

**FOR SALE:** 2018 red Chrysler Pacifica, 115,000 miles, \$20,000 OBO. Call **309-221-2904**.

**FOR SALE:** 2009 F250, 4x4, short bed super crew, white. AT, diesel. Always shedded and well maintained. Best Offer. **309-833-5697**.

**FOR SALE:** 2005 Saturn, 4 door sedan, 4 cyl. automatic 157,000 mi. Very Good Condition. \$2900/we take trade-ins. A-1 Automotive, 1002 E Jackson St., Macomb, **309-833-2405**.

**FOR SALE:** 1992 Dodge Dakota Quad Cab V8 Auto 140,000 miles, \$15,000 OBO. Call **309-833-2405**.

Thank you  
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**AUTOS FOR SALE**

**FOR SALE:** 1997 GMC 3500 HD one ton dump truck. 113,405 miles, 454 automatic, wooden side boards with two wooden tail gates, also has a gravel tail gate. Needs a muffler, nice looking truck! \$6900 OBO. Call **309-333-9246**.

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**FOR SALE**

**FOR SALE:** One crypt in the Bushnell Mausoleum. \$550. Call **309-221-1959**.

**FOR SALE:** 7 1/2 foot Virginia Pine Christmas Tree. \$200 retail. Was put up once. Asking \$75. Email [jlhormacomb@aol.com](mailto:jlhormacomb@aol.com)

**FOR SALE:** Small dog house 32"x32", top lifts up for cleaning. Price \$100. Call **309-255-7423**.

**FOR SALE:** 1970's blue 4 piece Ludwig Black Badge drum set with high hat & 3 symbols, \$500; 4 piece Ludwig Accent drum set with 2 high hats & 3 symbols, \$500. Call **309-255-6076**.

**FOR SALE:** Sturdy folding table 30 in. by 6 ft. Like new. Light ivory color. \$99. Phone: **309-836-2066**.

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**FOR SALE**

**FOR SALE:** Triumphs for sale. 2015 Tiger Explorer w/15,000 miles. Loads of accessories, \$8500. 2008 Street Triple 675 w/19,500 miles, fun sport bike, \$3500. Call **309-752-3169**.

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**FOR SALE:** Dark blue fully electric reclining lift chair. Excellent condition. \$250 firm, paid \$500. Call **309-255-2244**.

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**FOR SALE:** Golf Clubs, bag, pull cart, balls, tees, etc, \$25. Clubs not matched set. Good for beginner or "duffer". For information and to see **text only 309-333-4448**, phone calls will not be answered.

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**FOR SALE**

**FOR SALE:** 120 Jigsaw puzzles, 1000 piece - \$3 each or \$360 for all. Cobble Hill, Ravensburger, SpringBok, White Mountain, Wysocki. Puzzle holder 26x35 wood with trays, like new, from Bits and Pieces \$25. 1908 Singer sewing machine with fiddle base, in case, no stand, sews great! \$50. Carport Frame 10x20, \$20. Shade Cloth 10x20, \$20. Cash only, pickup in Macomb. **309-252-8722**.

**FOR SALE:** Craftsman 24" snow blower, like new condition. \$400 OBO. Call **309-775-1041** and leave a message.

**FOR SALE:** B&W Companion 5th wheel hitch for camper. \$900, call **309-255-1215**.

**LOST & FOUND**

**LOST:** Masonic Ring in Macomb. If found please call **309-997-0872**. Reward.

**FOUND:** Cell phone on corner of Lafayette and Piper on November 22. It is at the Macomb Police Station, **309-833-4505**. Call to describe and reclaim.

**FOUND:** Cell Phone found in the flower box at the Macomb Train Depot. It is an older style of phone. Please call **309-776-3087** to claim.

**FOUND:** Silver initial bracelet outside of the Community News & Market at 13 E. Side Square in Macomb. Call **309-421-0761** to describe.

**FOUND:** Precious ring found at Macomb Assembly of God Church. Call the office to describe your lost ring-if it fits the description, you can claim it. Office phone **309-575-4505**.

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**WANTED:** I buy cars & pickups, 1974 or older for cash. **309-255-7858**.

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# VALENTINE'S DAY WORD SEARCH

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E C O H U E G V F V B E V Y G P S H C H  
V L R K T E R O E I R L W C U H N D U K L A  
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B K V D E M G P L B B A I E H W O R F S  
S O L U U A F A C D O S R E R O P O C S I  
L I Y Y M M C R P W F Y N T N C L K I K  
I T H O R C K V H M L L F Y S D N B K K  
I L A L P K U R M U A M O R B Y H W F M T  
K N E H N O V S B P I B C W E L E A N C Y  
P L A S D I S E L H B W A L O R N L U V  
H D D G E O C S V N C U B P W P S D P Y  
G O S W E E T H E A R T R V I S V E I D  
P U A H A F F E C T I O N E N L D F D N  
W L N O E T A L O C O H C A H Y S Y C A  
G B S T F I G S A U P W V O D C K H W C

Find the following words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally and backwards.

ADORE  
AFFECTION  
BELOVED  
BOYFRIEND  
CANDY  
CHAMPAGNE

CHERUB  
CHOCOLATE  
CUPID  
DATE  
FLOWERS  
GIFTS

GIRLFRIEND  
HEARTS  
HUG  
KISS  
LOVE  
MOVIE

POEM  
RED  
ROMANCE  
ROSES  
SWEETHEART  
VALENTINE

\* Read a week's worth of The New York Times and you'll have absorbed more information than the average 17th-century citizen would have encountered in their lifetime.

\* A 1972 plane crash that claimed the lives of 101 people occurred because the crew was distracted by a burned-out landing gear indicator light and failed to notice that the autopilot had inadvertently been disconnected.

\* California was named for a fictional island in a 16th-century romance novel.

\* Researchers testing insect repellents used Victoria Secret's Bombshell perfume as a standard and accidentally discovered that it repels mosquitoes better than many repellents on the market.

\* In 19th-century Maryland, it was illegal to sell mineral water on a Sunday.

\* People's body temperature drops when they watch videos of other folks putting their hands into cold water.

\* Onychophagia is the technical term for biting your nails.

\* A man who tattooed the word "Netflix" on his body and then tweeted a picture of the ink to the company was rewarded with a year's worth of free service.

\* In Wisconsin, the most frequently googled "how to spell" word is Wisconsin.

\* When Prohibition started, alcohol could only be bought for medicinal and religious purposes, from a pharmacy or a doctor. "Medicinal whiskey" was prescribed for just about anything and used to treat conditions such as toothaches and the flu. With a prescription, a patient could legally purchase up to 1 pint of hard liquor every 10 days.

\* In medieval times, the word "abracadabra" was written out in the shape of a triangle and worn around the neck in an amulet to prevent deadly diseases.

\* It takes somewhere between 144 and 411 licks to reach the center of a Tootsie Pop.

Thought for the Day: "The purpose of life is a life of purpose." -- Robert Byrne

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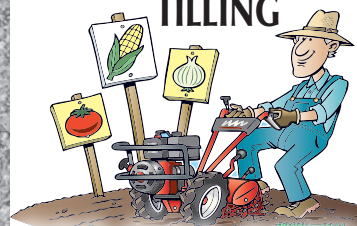
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