

FREE Midweek Brief

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WIU Outreach 2025 Summer Camps

By University Communications

MACOMB, IL -- The Western Illinois University Office of Study Abroad and Outreach is proud to present the WIU Outreach 2025 Summer Camps. Tailored for students in grades 4 through 12, these camps provide an opportunity to explore a variety of interests, gain hands-on experience in different fields and stay academically engaged throughout the summer.

The programs are designed for youth to learn from WIU faculty and regional experts, make new friends and have the opportunity to experience and be a part of WIU by calling it home for a week.

This year's programming includes the following:

- Art: Colorful Minds & Creative Hands (Grades 4-8) - June 9-13

See Summer Camps on page 2

Spoon River College 64th Commencement May 8 at Canton Campus

Spoon River College will hold their 64th Commencement on Thursday, May 8, at 6 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Building on the Canton Campus, located at 23235 N County 22.

Check-in time for graduates is 5:15 p.m. Sha Lyn Photography will be available from 4-5:15 to take individual graduation photos, and students will be provided with the proper order form for that service.

Cap and gown pickup began the week of April 28, and rehearsal for students participating in the ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 7, at 2 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Building on the Canton Campus.

The cost to purchase a gown is \$45, and no orders will be placed after May 5. The commencement is free and open to the public.

See more graduation info on page 5



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Planting in tight spaces: trees for confined landscapes

By Emily Swihart

Horticulture Educator, University of Illinois Extension

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Small spaces look different throughout the community. They include residential lots with limited yard space, but also include boulevard spaces where pavement and utilities restrict



planting space, empty lots in downtowns where adjacent buildings interfere with growth potential, park spaces that need to accommodate other uses from time to time (occasional parking, festivals, spectators, etc.). Although these spaces seem like they would not be conducive for tree planting, with thoughtful planning and species selection, many small landscape spaces can be home to trees.

See Good Growing on page 8



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Jennifer A. Derry, 54, Colchester, was charged with careless driving (cell phone)
Eva M. Brown, 42, Colchester, was charged with careless driving
4/26
Stephen J. Pfeifer, 55, Macomb, was charged with disorderly conduct
4/28
Paige M. Johnson, 30, Macomb, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia

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

TODAY'S JOKES

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A: Stable!

Q: What goes up and down but doesn't move?
A: Stairs!

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WEDNESDAYS
5-8PM

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Summer Camps *continued from page 1*

- Girls Plus Math (Grades 6-8) - June 15-20
- CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (Grades 9-12) - June 15-18
- Art: Colorful Minds & Creative Hands (Grades 9-12) - June 22-27
- Western Writers (Grades 9-12) - June 22-26
- STEM Camp (Grades 9-12) - July 6-11

All programs are open to a limited number of students admitted on a first-come, first-served basis. The Office of Study Abroad and Outreach has scholarships available that can be applied for online at this link.

For the complete lineup and program details, visit wiu.edu/summeryouth.

For questions about the programs, contact Sally Adams at sa-adams2@wiu.edu or Scheduling and Event Services at (309) 298-2421.

Western Illinois University 2025 Outreach Summer Camps

Stay in our residence halls. Learn from WIU faculty & regional experts. Make some new friends. See what it's like to be a part of WIU by calling it home for a week!

Scan for details, scholarships and registration!

Art: Colorful Minds & Creative Hands (Grades 4-8) June 9-13 Cost: Commuter \$250	Girls Plus Math (Grades 6-8) June 15-20 Cost: Commuter \$350 Residential \$500
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Death Notices

Dr. Pamela K. Terry

78, of Congerville, IL

Dr. Pamela K. Terry, 78, of Congerville, Illinois, passed away peacefully at 12:57 p.m. on Friday, May 2, 2025, at OSF St. Francis Hospital in Peoria.

Cremation rites have been accorded by Martin-Hollis Funeral Home. Graveside memorial service will be held at 10:00 am on Thursday May 15, 2025 in the Bushnell Township Cemetery with Pastor Randy Burwell officiating. Followed by a celebration of life service from 12:00 pm until 1:00 pm on May 15, 2025 at the Bushnell United Methodist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the McDonough County Humane Society in her honor. Please sign the guestbook and leave online condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

David E. "Dave" Peterson

67, of Colchester

David E. "Dave" Peterson age 67 of Colchester, passed away Thursday, May 1, 2025, at OSF in Peoria, Illinois.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A day of calling will be from 8:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Thursday, May 8, 2025, at the Jones Funeral Chapel in Colchester. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Macomb Elks Club at a later date.

Memorial is to the Colchester Summer Ball Program. Condolences and memories can be expressed to the family at jonesmortuaryfh.com.

Roger Alan Toland

85, of Industry

Roger Alan Toland, 85, of Industry passed away at 8:45 a.m. Sunday, May 4, 2025 at McDonough District Hospital in Macomb.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 10, 2025 at Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb with Pastor Dan Wise officiating. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 9, 2025 at the funeral home. Burial will be in Industry Cemetery in Industry where full military rites will be conducted by the Macomb American Legion and Macomb VFW.

Memorials may be made to the Bleeding and Clotting Disorder Institute in Peoria or the Charity of Donor's Choice. You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at clugston-tibbitts.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.

Kenneth E McNeely

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Kenneth Eugene McNeely, a beloved son, brother, father, grandfather, and friend, who left this world on April 25, 2025, at the age of 76.

A gathering of family and friends will be held from 4:00-7:00 p.m., Friday, May 16, 2025, at the funeral home. A celebration of Kenneth's life will be held from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 17th, 2025 at Park Place, 127 E. Carroll Street, Macomb, Illinois. A private family interment will take place in the Bushnell Cemetery at a later date.

In honoring Kenny's legacy, the family encourages donations to The Lamoine Assisted Living and Memory Care in Macomb, Illinois. Moore Memorial Home, Avon, is handling the arrangements.

For more information or to leave an online condolence, please visit our website at www.moorememorial.com.

Ada Clarene Boden Simpson

98, of Good Hope

Ada Clarene Boden Simpson, 98, of Good Hope, Illinois, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 2, 2025, at Wesley Village in Macomb, Illinois.

Martin-Hollis Funeral Home in Bushnell, Illinois is in charge of arrangements. A graveside memorial service will be held at a later date for friends and family at Good Hope Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Clarene's memory may be directed to the Good Hope-Sciota Fire Protection District.

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Liberta (Long) Taylor

95, of Roseville

Liberta (Long) Taylor, 95, of Roseville, passed away at 7:45 a.m., Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at Bickford Assisted Living of Macomb.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 10, 2025, at the Roseville Baptist Church. A time of visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. prior to the services. Interment will be in the Roseville Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Moore Memorial Home, Roseville, is handling the arrangements. For more information or to leave an online condolence, please visit our website at www.moorememorial.com.

Jimmy A. "Jap" Parry

69, of Ipava

Jimmy A. "Jap" Parry, 69, of Ipava, IL, passed away at 10:30 pm on Saturday, April 26, 2025 at Decatur Memorial Hospital in Decatur, IL.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of life was held from 1 to 4 pm on Sunday, May 4, 2025 at the Ipava American Legion.

Memorials in Jap's name may be made to the Fulton County Humane Society.

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Blandinsville

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EVERY THURSDAY

After-School Program

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

MAY 8 - MAY 10

Blandinsville Farmers Picnic

Boden Amusements carnival rides and treats. Meatloaf dinner May 8, Pork Chop supper May 9 and Firehouse dinner on May 10th. Bake off contest and auction, parade, kiddie tractor pull, fishing derby and more.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Fire Department Breakfast

at the Blandinsville-Hire Fire house from 6-9am. Serving pancakes, sausage, biscuits & gravy.

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.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

80's Music Trivia at the Bushnell VFW

at 7pm to benefit the B-PC Baseball team. The cost is \$10/ person-teams of up to 10 people. There will be a raffle and auction. Food will be available, snacks are fine but please purchase drinks at the bar.

SATURDAY, MAY 14

Timberview Lakes Campground Car Show

If you have a cool or unique car, truck, or motorcycle, make sure to bring them out! Cars can start arriving between 9 and 10am and judging will be done at 3pm. We will have trophies and prizes!! Bring the family and go swimming or fishing!! We will have food trucks also! Make a reservation now for camping!! Call 309-772-3609.

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.

Macomb

FRIDAY, MAY 9TH

McDonough County Retired Teachers

All McDonough County retired educators and support staff

are invited to the next meeting. This is the last meeting of our 2024-25 year. Meetings held at 9 am at Trinity Lutheran Church, 123 S. Campbell St. We will be entertained by Sandra Mosley, "An American Songbook." Please join us for an enjoyable morning. Coffee & snacks available.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Macomb Farmers Market

from 8:00 a.m. to Noon in Chandler Park (Randolph & Carroll Street sides). You'll find locally grown produce, plants, & fresh flowers; local pasture-raised meat & eggs; ready-to-eat homemade baked goods, flavored popcorn, breakfast sandwiches, & more; personal care products & hand-crafted goods made by local artisans; on-site knife & blade sharpening; and more! Plus -- live music starting at 9:00 am by fiddler extraordinaire John Lane, and Mother's Day gift activities for children!

Spring Market on the Square

a unique shopping experience that will take place on the inside of the square in Downtown Macomb from 10am-3pm.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

Caring Connections

at The Lamoine Assisted Living & Memory Care, 203 N. Randolph, at 10am. There will be a presentation, light brunch (free of charge), and time to connect.

CMS Job Fair at the Spoon River Outreach

11am-2pm, WIU staff only from 11am-12pm and Community from 12-2pm. Onsite State Agency Recruiters will be available to answer questions about open state positions and provide assistance with applying for state jobs. For details on available positions go to: <https://illinois.jobs2web.com>.

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.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

Legion All You Can Eat Breakfast

Sons of the American Legion All You Can Eat Breakfast from 7-10:30am at the American Legion Post 6, 221 E. Washington St. Open to the public. \$8 per person, \$7 for Seniors 55 and up, children 6 and under are free.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

Antique & Collectibles Club

Meets at the Community Room in City Hall 7-9 pm.

SATURDAY, MAY 24

Destinations Pro Wrestling

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This event is open to everyone, so gather your friends and family for a wonderful time! Be sure to give us a call to reserve your spot! See you there!

Ball Fore

Treat your mom to a fun time at Ball Fore on Sunday, May 11 from 5-10pm and play a round of golf for \$1.

Hy-Vee

Treat Mom to the best breakfast in town for Mother's Day! Visit Hy-Vee on Sunday, May 11 from 8am-1pm for an all-you-care-to-eat Mother's Day brunch buffet. Adults \$24.99, Kids (6-12) \$7.99 and Kids (5 and under) free.

The Crafty Coop

Join us Sunday, May 11 from 12-5pm at The Crafty Coop for a memorable, creative experience with Mom for Mother's Day. Enjoy complimentary muffins, milk and juice with your visit. Mom's Studio Fee is on us for the day. Bring your own snacks and drinks with lids if you'd like! Hundreds of pottery options are available to choose from, over 50 paint color choices. Pottery ranges in price from \$2-\$40+, most in the \$10-\$20 range. Studio Fees are \$5 for children and students, \$8 for adults. Reservations are appreciated for this event so we can plan ahead for refreshments accordingly! *Handicap parking is available in the rear of Studio and a ramp for easy entry, if needed. Call 309-331-0965. or message the studio on Facebook with any questions!

Sullivan Taylor Coffee House

Join us at the Sullivan Taylor Coffee House on Sunday, May 11 at 2pm for a delightful Mommy & Me Tea Party! Bring your little one for a fun afternoon filled with tasty treats, tea, and quality time together.



Graduation TIME



2025 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

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SATURDAY, MAY 10 AT 9AM & 1PM AT WESTERN HALL

SPOON RIVER COLLEGE
THURSDAY, MAY 8 AT 6PM IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM ON THE CANTON CAMPUS

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SATURDAY, MAY 17 AT 7:30PM AT WESTERN HALL

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Good Growing

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Challenges of trees in small landscapes

When landscaping any site, it is important to identify the limitations of the site so decisions can be made taking the limits into consideration. Additionally, large trees in small space can negatively impact the use and enjoyment of the site.

- Above-ground space is easy to observe and assess, but below-ground space for plant growth, the area that will accommodate root growth, should not be overlooked. Plant health and longevity can be negatively impacted if the root zone is inadequate.

- A large tree in a small space can dominate a space and outcompete other plants for water, nutrients, and light.

- Large trees in a small space can overwhelm the senses and create an atmosphere that feels claustrophobic.

- With time, the growth of roots or branches can encroach on built infrastructure and cause damage.

Benefits of trees in small landscapes

- Although special considerations are required when choosing to incorporate a tree into a small site, the benefits may far outweigh the limitations.

- Trees add structure and height to a land-

scape, creating visual appeal and interest.

- Trees improve air quality, provide habitat for wildlife, absorb stormwater, and cast shade that helps cool our landscape.

- Many small to medium-sized trees offer multi-season appeal, producing abundant blooms in the spring, colorful fall foliage, and ornamental fruit.

- In some landscapes, smaller trees can create a sense of enclosure and privacy.

Planting considerations

To maximize the potential of trees in compact landscapes, consider the following recommendations.

- Choose species with sizes and growth habits that align with site conditions. Look to varieties that offer more variety than straight species. Look for species that are dwarf or have a columnar growth habit, these traits help accommodate tight landscape spaces.

- Locate trees away from structures, utilities, and other plants that may result in interference as the trees grow. Although the species or variety being planted is smaller in size, trees will still grow. The overall mature size of the tree needs to be accommodated.

- Ensure the site soil can support healthy root development. Take measures to remedy compaction and poor composition prior to planting.

- Plan for maintenance during and after

establishment. Plan for regular pruning, watering, and protection as necessary to ensure healthy growth.

Species to consider

Although small sites are limiting, numerous tree species are available for consideration in Illinois. The following list is a starting point. For more information or recommendations, contact your local Illinois Extension office to talk to someone.

- Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)
- Serviceberry (*Amelanchier* spp.)
- Pagoda Dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*)
- Japanese Tree Lilac (*Syringa reticulata*)
- Red Buckeye (*Aesculus pavia*)

Hawthorn (*Crataegus* spp.)

Incorporating trees in the landscape possesses the potential to return a myriad of benefits to the landowner and the community. Regardless of the size of the site, benefits can be optimized through careful species selection and long-term care. No matter the size of the site, consider incorporating trees into the landscape and take advantage of the visual appeal, environmental benefits, and seasonal beauty they provide.

Good Growing Fact of the Week: If you have a tree in your landscape that needs the care of a professional arborist, search for one in your area by visiting www.TreesAreGood.org, hosted by the International Society of Arboriculture.

National Nurses Week May 6-12

We appreciate you!

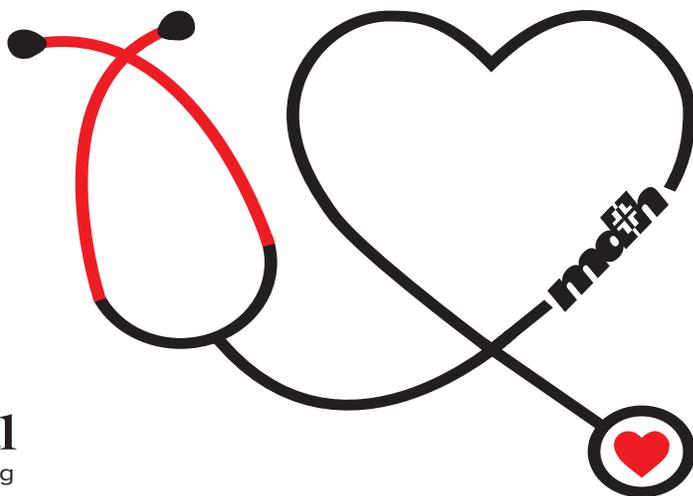
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SATURDAY - MAY 10TH
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Come One! Come All!
The time is now to focus on UNITY in our COMMUNITY!
Let us come together and celebrate the goodness of the Lord!

Date: May 17, 2025
Time: 12 Noon - 2 P. M. - Doors open at 11:45 A. M.
Location: Prairieview Community Center
425 N. Prairie Ave, Macomb, IL 61455
Cost: \$35 Adults \$20 for High School and Under
Menu: Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Rolls, Dessert Buffet, and Beverages
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POSITION AVAILABLE

McDonough County Clerk & Recorder
is seeking a

FULL-TIME DEPUTY CLERK

Applicant must possess good public relations skills, organizational abilities, be able to multi-task, and have basic computer knowledge.
Salary starts at \$35,000
Full Time Benefits Include:
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Work Hours: Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Some evening hours are required each month while attending County Board and Committee meetings.

**Submit Resumes to the County Clerk,
1 Courthouse Square, Macomb, IL 61455 or email to
jbenson@mcdonoughcountyclerk.org by May 15, 2025**

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CITY OF MACOMB CLERK OFFICE

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 Deputy Clerk
to join our Clerk's Office team.**

Key Responsibilities:

- Greet and direct customers.
- Handle incoming telephone calls.
- Attend and take minutes at the Committee of the Whole meetings.
- Transcribe minutes from the City Council, Committee of the Whole, and Sub-committee meetings.
- Prepare and post agendas for City Council, Committee of the Whole, and Sub-committee meetings.
- Receive and process special event requests.
- Residency in McDonough County required
- Must pass pre-employment physical, drug screen, and background check

Requirements:

- A minimum of two years of experience in general office, secretarial, or accounting.
- Proficient knowledge of basic computer programs used in the City Clerk's Office.
- Able to maintain favorable public relations with city staff, customers, and elected officials.
- Possess good organizational skills and memory for details.

Compensation & Benefits: Salary: \$40,868.22-\$54,490.96

How to Apply:
Complete the application and submit it to the Mayor's Office at City Hall by **5:00 p.m. on May 13, 2025.**
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Send letter of interest, District application, transcript, credentials, and resume to:
Macomb C.U. School District 185

Attn: Velvet Taffinger, Human Resources
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CITY OF MACOMB
WASTEWATER MAINTENANCE/OPERATOR I

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 Wastewater Maintenance/Operator I (in training) to join our Wastewater Division.

Key Responsibilities:

- Maintain and repair wastewater treatment plant and collection system infrastructure.
- Perform manual labor to support assigned tasks.
- Operate small equipment and hand tools.
- Follow all safety procedures and use safe work practices.
- Set up barricades and railings to secure work zones.
- Respond to emergencies as part of Public Works protocols.
- Assist with plant operations or J.U.L.I.E. locates if qualified; may work independently.

Requirements:

- Ability to lift 50 lbs. and perform physically demanding tasks such as bending, climbing, and crawling.
- Comfortable working outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Basic knowledge of tools, equipment, and methods used in public works tasks.
- Ability to understand and follow written and verbal instructions.
- Strong teamwork and communication skills to work effectively with others and the public
- Valid Illinois driver's license and willingness to attend training and earn certifications.
- Residency in McDonough County required
- Must pass pre-employment physical, drug screen, and background check

Compensation & Benefits: Salary: \$35,501.27-\$47,335.02

How to Apply: Complete the application and submit it to the Mayor's Office at City Hall by 5:00 p.m. on May 16, 2025.

The City of Macomb is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

POSITION AVAILABLE

McDonough County Circuit Clerk's Office is seeking a

Deputy Circuit Court Clerk

Qualified applicant must be a resident of McDonough County, possess an outgoing personality, excellent public relation skills, organizational skills, and computer experience. Accuracy is essential.

Responsibilities include data entry, filing documents, maintaining court cases, applying payments, comfortable with public speaking, scheduling, and clerking court.

Thirty-five-hour work week. Paid holidays and vacations, insurance, and retirement benefits.

Applications may be picked up at the McDonough County Circuit Clerk's Office, in the McDonough County Courthouse, Macomb IL. Deadline for return of applications is May 12.



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<p>ANTIQUES & MORE: Vintage Treasures & Toys. Located in Ipava on Route 136. Furniture, housewares, glassware, tools, pottery, toys & more. Hours: Wednesday - Saturday 11-5</p>	<p>FOR SALE: 2018 red Chrysler Pacifica, 115,000 miles. \$20,000 OBO. Call 309-221-2904.</p>	<p>FOR SALE: CASH ONLY Jigsaw puzzles, 1000 piece - \$3 each or 90/\$250 cash only. Cobble Hill, Ravensburger, SpringBok, White Mountain, Wysocki. Call 309-252-8722, pickup in Macomb.</p>	<p>FOR SALE: One crypt in the Bushnell Mausoleum. \$550. Call 309-221-1959.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>WANTED: I buy cars & pickups, 1974 or older for cash. 309-255-7858.</p>
<p>COMMUNITY NEWS & MARKET: 13 E. Side Square, Macomb. From primitives to mid-century modern, you can find rare and beautiful antique & vintage items including glassware, pottery, advertising, kitchenwares, unique decor and more! PLUS LOCAL ART!!! Open Mon-Fri 10-5, Tuesday closed from 12 noon-2pm, Sat 10-3.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>FOR SALE: Craftsman 24" snow blower, like new condition. \$400 OBO. Call 309-775-1041 & leave a msg.</p>	<p>FOR SALE: 7 1/2 foot Virginia Pine Christmas Tree. \$200 retail. Was put up once. Asking \$75. Email jlhrcmacomb@aol.com</p>	<p>FOUND: Silver initial bracelet outside of the Community News & Market at 13 E Side Square in Macomb. Call 309-421-0761 to describe.</p>	<p>WANTED: Cash paid for Vintage costume and estate jewelry, gold and silver coins. Call 309-335-6073.</p>
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<p>VINTAGE TREASURES & TOYS 2: 431 W. Main, Bushnell. Variety of Furniture, glassware, collectibles and toys. Hours: Wednesday - Saturday 11-5</p>	<p>FOR SALE: 1998 Chevrolet 1/2 ton pickup truck, 300 automatic 4 wheel drive, \$1800. A-1 Automotive, 1002 E. Jackson St., Macomb, 309-833-2405.</p>	<p>FOR SALE: Square bales of hay, no rain. \$6 Cash sales only, must be picked up. Call 309-337-2294 or 309-774-4235.</p>	<p>FOR SALE: 1972 Stereo Console, it works, call 309-337-9885.</p>	<p>FOUND: Prescription glasses (womens or childrens) on Grant Street near corner of Jamie Lane. Call 309-421-0761 to identify.</p>	<p>WANTED: Indian artifacts of all kinds. Free appraisal. Call or text 309-338-3281.</p>
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	<p>FOR SALE: New Razor Electric Scooters \$245, 1 used electric scooter \$125. A-1 Automotive 1002 E. Jackson St., Macomb. 309-833-2405.</p>	<p>FOR SALE: 7 Shank chisel plow, Glencoe Giant C, Cat: 2, call 309-337-1335, \$500.</p>	<p>FOR SALE: Big bales of grass hay. Call 309-458-6617.</p>	<p>SERVICES: Prescription glasses (womens or childrens) on Grant Street near corner of Jamie Lane. Call 309-421-0761 to identify.</p>	<p>WANTED: I sew up mini quilts for the Animal Shelter cats. Fabric, fleece, flannel, blankets, bed sheets, kitchen towels, scrub shirts, etc. 309-252-8722. I am at the Book Post on the South side of the Square by Chicks; Tuesday & Thursday 9-3 Macomb, IL. All help and donations are greatly appreciated!</p>
	<p>FOR RENT: 2-3 Bedroom trailers, \$300-400 a month, with deposit of equal or lesser value required. For questions call 309-837-3020.</p>	<p>FOR SALE: 2, call 309-337-1335, \$500.</p>	<p>FOR SALE: 8 foot, two person, inflatable dinghy, hard floor, Rated for 8 hp. Includes: oars, foot pump, carrying bag. Call 269-930-2574, leave message.</p>	<p>FREE: Prescription glasses (womens or childrens) on Grant Street near corner of Jamie Lane. Call 309-421-0761 to identify.</p>	
		<p>FOR SALE: Bike Rack. Bought in 2023 (paid \$898) Yakima 2 E-bike hitch rack with loading ramp. Holds up to 140 pounds and fits a 1 1/2 to 2" receiver. Rack weighs 42 pounds. Includes an anti-rattle locking hitch pin. Ramp will tilt to access back tailgate. Pick-up in Macomb and cash only. Works wonderfully with no lifting of bikes necessary to mount. Call or text: Kathy 779-348-9418.</p>	<p>FOR LEASE: COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR LEASE: 223 South Randolph Macomb 2,200 square feet. This updated high traffic building is currently an insurance office and is available for a new tenant May 2025. Call/Text Kenny at 309-255-0497.</p>	<p>FREE: Agri Fab Leaf Sweeper. Call 309-331-4060.</p>	
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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* Worldwide, blue is the most common favorite color.

* Medieval knights were given letters of protection that essentially provided them with a license to kill, as they granted the possessor full immunity from legal proceedings resulting from battles or necessary fatalities.

* The "Mona Lisa" has her own mailbox in the Louvre for all the flowers, poems and love letters she receives.

* Deipnophobia is the fear of dining with other people

* People have used dishwashers to clean hats, toothbrushes, sneakers and more. There are even tutorials on how to cook certain foods with a dishwasher.

* New Order's classic song "Blue Monday" is the best-selling 12-inch single in history. Unfortunately, the band lost money on it since the cost of producing its unique cover was higher than its sale price.

* In 95% of cases, the first word someone writes with a new pen is their own name.

* Human fetuses have gills, fur and even a tail during development. The tail becomes the coccyx and the "gills," which are temporary slits in the neck, develop into jaw and ear bones, while the fur disappears before birth or within a few weeks afterward.

* Despite more than 150 years worth of study and experimentation, no one really knows why ice is slippery.

* Sixty-eight percent of American adults buy shoes with foot pain in mind.

* The oldest known toilet, in the ancient city of Knossos on the island of Crete, has remained functional for approximately 4,000 years since its construction and was built with a seat and sophisticated drainage system.

* Eyelashes are considered the thickest and toughest of all hairs on the human body, with a lifespan of about three months.

Thought for the Day: "Life consists not in holding good cards but in playing those you hold well."

-- Josh Billings

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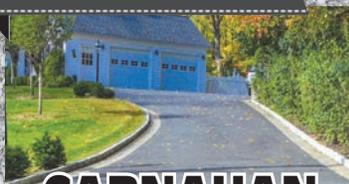
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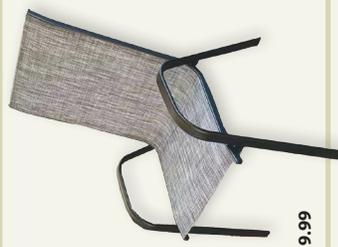


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