

# FREE Midweek Brief

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## Have a Safe & Happy Halloween WIU Women's Center Raises Funds for WIRC

By: University Communications

MACOMB, IL - - The Western Illinois University Women's Center donated \$1,086 to the Western Illinois Regional Council (WIRC) Victim Services through the Take Back the Night March held in late September.

The march was held to increase awareness of and seek an end to sexual assault, dating, domestic violence, stalking and other forms of sexual and power-based interpersonal violence and to remember and honor victims and survivors. Erbenita Zejnul and Patience Thomas, graduate assistants from the WIU Women's Center, said the event was a success.

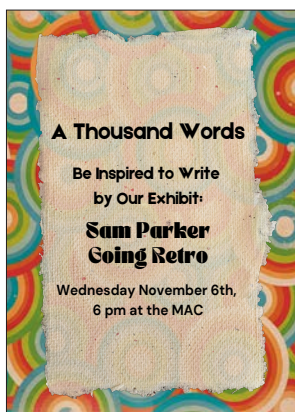


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## Writing Event for the MAC

By: Breahna Lesemann

Join us November 6th at 6pm for a writing experience at the MAC that joins visual art and the written word. All levels of writing are welcome. This event is geared towards generating new writing and connecting with local writers. We will look at the current exhibit and take time to write about a piece or two. You will have the option to share your writing if you would like.



## Trick-Or-Treat Hours 2024

Local Trick-or-Treating hours are below. Remember to leave your porch light on if you wish to participate and hand out candy!

**Bushnell:** Trick-or-Treat will be 6-8pm on Oct. 30th & Oct. 31st

**Macomb:** Trick or Treating will be held on Oct. 30th and Oct. 31st from 6-8 pm.

**Village of Industry:** Trick or Treating will be held Wednesday, Oct. 30 and Thursday, Oct. 31st from 6-8pm.

**Ipava:** Trick-or-Treat will be Thursday, Oct. 31st from 6-8pm. Merchant March at Ipava Fire Dept. at 5pm

**Table Grove:** Trick-or-Treat will be Thursday, Oct. 31st from 5:30-7:30pm.

**Vermont:** Trick-or-Treat will be Thursday, Oct. 31st from 5-8pm

Find more Halloween events on page 5



## POLICE REPORTS

### WIU Office of Public Safety

10/24

At 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 24, Zionna McMullen, 19, of Lincoln Hall 502, and Ashley Williams, 19, of Washington Hall 1306, and nonstudent Brianna Smith, 18, of Rockford, were issued notices to appear for fighting, with an optional court date of 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 26.

10/24

At 10:10 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 24, OPS and the Macomb Fire Department responded to a fire alarm on the 18th floor of Tanner Hall. No smoke or fire was detected and the alarm was triggered from work done in the building.

### McDonough County Sheriff

10/18

Ike Leonard Engle, 56, Macomb was charged with aggravated domestic battery, interfering with a report of domestic violence, domestic battery

10/19

Elven Walker, 30, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Charles Robert Lewis Wright, 22, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Brian Michael McCann, 44, Prairie City, was charged with domestic battery

Caleb Katez Lane, 36, Sikeston, MO, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Vatrell Lavell Knox, 24, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

10/20

Jason Eric Hicks, 49, Macomb, was charged with burglary, possession of burglary tools, possession of Methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia

Jason Dale Housenga, 24, Bushnell, was charged with domestic battery

Montana Verne Strader, 34, Macomb, was arrested on a foreign warrant

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

## TODAY'S JOKES

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Q: What did the witch do when her broom broke?

A: She witch-hiked!

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## WIRC

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"It was such an incredible experience to help organize Take Back the Night," Zejmul said. "We're deeply grateful to everyone who supported us behind the scenes and to all those who attended to stand with survivors."

Seeing everyone in attendance made for a memorable event.

"Your presence and solidarity made this event truly unforgettable," Thomas said.

WIRC Victim Services' Program Director Collins said abuse could happen to individuals of all ages, religions, ethnic backgrounds, income levels, educational backgrounds, genders and sexual orientations. As part of their mission, they are dedicated to providing free and confidential services in a safe and welcoming environment.

"All of the donations raised during the Take Back the Night event will go directly toward assisting survivors on their healing journey," Collins said. "These funds will support essential services such as emergency gas cards, shelter, and food assistance, all provided through our case management program."

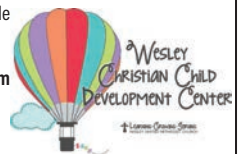
If you or someone you know is in crisis please call the 24/7 hotline provided by WIRC at 309-837-5555.

To learn more about the WIU Women's Center, visit [wiu.edu/wc](http://wiu.edu/wc).

### Are you looking for After School care for your children?

We have the program for you! Our Afterschool Program is located in Wesley Christian Child Development Center the lower level of Macomb Wesley United Methodist Church. This program is for children between the ages of 5-12 in grades K-5. We offer that your child can be dropped off by the public school bus around 3:10pm. We are open until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. During that time we offer an afternoon snack, crafts, games, free play, and outdoor play weather permitting. The weekly fee is \$65. We also provide care on most days that the public school is closed for an additional \$25 per day. We accept Child Care Assistance Program payments if you qualify. We are closed for most major holidays and Christmas break. We have limited spots so please be sure to schedule a tour with your child soon!

Please contact Marci Weiss at [wccdc@macombwesleyumc.com](mailto:wccdc@macombwesleyumc.com) or call the center between 9 am - 4 pm Monday through Friday at 309-836-9356



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## Death Notices

### Marla J. Parker

69, of Colchester

Marla J. Parker age 69 of Colchester, passed away Saturday, October 26, 2024, at her home with her family at her side.

Funeral services will be 11:00 A.M. Thursday, October 31, 2024, at the Jones Funeral Chapel in Colchester with Pastor Ted Shirley. Burial will follow the services at Irwin Cemetery, Plymouth, Illinois. Visitation with the family will be from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Thursday before the services at the funeral home. Friends may view and sign the register book at the funeral home from 8:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Wednesday, October 30, 2024. Memorial is to McDonough District Hospital Hospice. Condolences and memories can be expressed to the family at [jonesmortuaryfh.com](http://jonesmortuaryfh.com).

### Jason C. McKee

55, of Mesa, AZ, formerly of Macomb

Jason C. McKee, 55 of Mesa, AZ, passed away at 6:20 AM Sunday, October 27, 2024 in Macomb.

Cremation has been accorded. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday November 2, 2024 at Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home, where visitation will be held one hour prior. Pastor Jim Eddy will officiate. Burial of ashes will be held at a later date in Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to MDH Hospice in Memory of Jason. 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).

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 [communitybrief@gmail.com](mailto:communitybrief@gmail.com). Cost is \$45 and includes a laminated copy of the obituary.

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### Gaylord O. Ackerson

85, of Avon

Gaylord O. Ackerson, 85, of Avon, passed away at 8:55 p.m. on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at Sunset Rehab and Health Care in Canton.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at the Martin-Hollis Funeral Home with Pastor Dave Eden officiating. Visitation will be Friday, November 1, 2024, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Martin-Hollis Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Bushnell Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the First Baptist Church of Bushnell or the Smithfield Sportsman's Club.

Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at [www.martinhollisfh.com](http://www.martinhollisfh.com)

### Dr. Charles (Chuck) Edward Lotz

78, of Macomb

Dr. Charles (Chuck) Edward Lotz, a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and dedicated veterinarian, passed away peacefully at his home on October 26th, surrounded by the love of his family after fighting a hard, private 10-year battle.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, October 31, 2024 at the Wesley United Methodist Church in Macomb with Pastor Kelly Ingersoll officiating. Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, October 30, 29, 2024 at Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb. Cremation rites will be accorded following the services. Private burial of cremains will take place at a later date.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Alpha Gamma Rho - Alpha Tau Chapter or Merge at Illinois State University Wesley Foundation.

You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at [clugston-tibbitts.com](http://clugston-tibbitts.com).

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### Heather Marie McMeekan

56, of Peoria Heights, formerly of Macomb

Well-known activist Heather Marie McMeekan, 56, of Peoria Heights, formerly of Macomb, passed away October 6, 2024, at Carle Methodist Hospital in Peoria, Illinois, surrounded by family and friends after a brief illness and complications from surgery.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Peoria at 3000 W. Richwoods Blvd, Peoria IL 61604 on Saturday, November 16, 2024 at 1:00pm, (309) 688 5608.

Words of comfort can be shared with the McMeekan family at [www.SchmidtHaller.com](http://www.SchmidtHaller.com) ; cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorial donations may be made to the family's GoFundMe page. <https://gofund.me/0d3ccd55>

### Ronda Kay Berlett

65, of LaHarpe

Ronda Kay Berlett, 65, of LaHarpe, passed away Monday, October 21, 2024 at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Cremation has been entrusted to Banks & Beals Funeral Home. No service is planned.

A memorial fund has been established for the LaHarpe Christian Church. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Ronda's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).

### Dwayne L. "Fibber" Magee

66, of Raritan

Dwayne L. "Fibber" Magee, age 66, of Raritan, passed away at 11:57 p.m. Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at OSF Holy Family Medical Center in Monmouth.

Visitation was held Monday, October 28, 2024, followed by a funeral service at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Stronghurst, with Rev. Josh Yeakey officiating. Burial followed in the Raritan Cemetery.

Memorials have been established for the Raritan Volunteer Fire Department and the Stronghurst-Raritan Ambulance Service. Please visit Dwayne's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com) to leave a condolence.

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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 Wednesday for 5th through High School students from 4:00 pm until 5:30 pm.

### **EVERY THURSDAY**

#### **After-School Program**

Blandinsville First Christian Church After-School Program every Thursday for Kindergarten through High School students from 4:00 pm until 5:00 pm.

## *Bushnell*

### **SATURDAY, NOV 2**

#### **VFW Breakfast**

The VFW will be serving biscuits and gravy, sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes and French Toast from 7:00 to 10:am at the Post 1422 Hall, 181 E. Hail. Providing on-site, takeout, and curb service - for takeout & curb service call 309-333-9919.

#### **70's Music Trivia**

7pm at the VFW, 181 E. Hail. Teams up to 10. \$10/ person. B-PC Jr. High Baseball fundraiser.

### **SATURDAY, NOV. 16**

#### **Bushnell Police Benefit Music Trivia**

held at the Bushnell VFW, sign in at 6pm and music starts at 7pm. Silent auction, 50/50 raffle (must be present to win), food available from 5-7pm including steamburgers or brat, cole slaw, baked beans & chips \$10. Cost is \$20/person, 8 per team. Proceeds go to the Bushnell Police Department.

## *Colchester*

### **EVERY MONDAY**

#### **Move & Groove and Story Hour**

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

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

#### **Spreadz Charcuterie Class**

at Colchester City Hall from 6-7pm. Join us for an amazing experience as you create your own charcuterie masterpiece! This time we're embracing a delightful fall food theme. Register and prepay at the library or online @spreadz by October 31, cost is \$20.

## *Macomb*

### **THURSDAY & SATURDAY**

#### **Macomb Farmers Market**

You can find your Macomb Farmers Market every Thursday & Saturday morning, from 8 a.m. to Noon, in Chandler Park. Pick up ready-to-eat breakfast, lunch,

& snack foods; locally grown produce; locally raised beef, pork, lamb, & chicken; homemade baked goods of all sorts; locally produced honey, jam, & syrup; locally made personal care products; locally grown live plants & fresh flowers; & many different kinds of locally produced hand-crafted goods.

### **NOW THRU NOV. 7**

#### **Food and Toys for Christmas**

The Salvation Army will once again be providing Toys and Christmas Food Boxes - sign up Oct. 7-Nov. 7 at 505 N Randolph St. Those interested in participating should call us at (309) 837-4824 for an appointment.

### **FRIDAY, NOV. 1**

#### **"Killinois" Screening at Park Place**

Macomb based dark comedy horror movie "Killinois" Screening & Costume Contest (must be 18+ to enter) will be on screen at Park Place in Macomb on Friday, Nov. 1 from 7-9pm. Cube of Justice L.L.C.'s horror movie extravaganza! Free entry (first come first served). A brief questionnaire will be requested after the film. Your feedback is welcome! Help us shape the future of this film. The bar will be open on the main floor for liquid courage.

### **SATURDAY, NOV. 2**

#### **Fallen Soldiers 5K Run/Walk**

to raise money for the WIU Fallen Soldiers Scholarship Fund, which supports veterans and service members currently enrolled at Western. More information at [www.wiu.edu/fallensoldiers/](http://www.wiu.edu/fallensoldiers/).

#### **Macomb Library Knitting Club**

Meets on the first Saturday of the month at 10:30am. Share your love of knitting or crocheting with both experienced and beginner crafters. Meet fellow knitters, brush up on skills and learn new techniques. Materials will be provided but feel free to bring your own projects. All levels of experience are welcome.

#### **Holiday Pie and Cake Auction**

Heritage Days 2025 Holiday Pie and Cake Auction Fundraiser at the American Legion in Macomb at 2pm. We need your homemade pie and cake donations, please call 309-833-1315. All proceeds benefit Heritage Days 2025.

### **SUNDAY, NOV. 3**

#### **Surviving the Holidays-GriefShare**

Finding comfort during the Holidays at The Crossing of Macomb at 2pm.

### **TUESDAY, NOV. 5**

#### **Loaves & Fishes Reopening**

Any McDonough County residents needing food assistance may visit once per month on Tuesdays, 10am-12pm or 2-4pm. Loaves & Fishes is located in the Prairieview Community Center, 425 N. Prairie Ave. in Macomb.

### **WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6**

#### **Writing Experience at the MAC**

at 6pm at the Macomb Arts Center that joins visual art and the written word. All levels of writing are welcome. This event is geared towards generating new writing and connecting with local writers. You will have the option to share your writing if you would like.

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### **SATURDAY, NOV. 9**

#### **Annual Altrusa Holiday Bazaar**

from 9am - 3pm at the Macomb High School, 1525 S Johnson St, Macomb, IL 61455. There will be lots of amazing crafts, one-of-a-kind gifts and a large variety of vendors! Free Admission, Raffle Baskets, 50/50 Raffle, and Food Trucks! For more info email [altrusa@macomb.com](mailto:altrusa@macomb.com), or on Facebook MacombAltrusa or <https://macombaltrusa.com>.

#### **Community Scavenger Hunt**

at the Macomb Wine Sellers from 11am-4m with registration starting at 10:30am. Cost is \$50 per team (cash or check) and 1 car per team. Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. Teams will compete to solve riddles which will guide them to find items or take them to business locations. Teams will also be tasked to find landmarks and take pictures to gain points. The three teams with the most points gained and at the quickest time will win. Proceeds go to the cat community project.

#### **Backin' The Blue & Gold Auction**

Scholarship & Benefit auction held at the Spoon River College Outreach Center. Dinner and silent auction from 5-6:30pm (free will donation accepted), live auction starts at 6:30pm.

### **TUESDAY, NOV. 12**

#### **First Baptist Church Blood Drive**

First Baptist Church of Macomb, 1515 S. Candy Lane, will be holding a blood drive on Tuesday, November 12, from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. To schedule, contact Pastor Jon Lobos at 309-833-2479 or [fbcfmacomb@gmail.com](mailto:fbcfmacomb@gmail.com).

### **SATURDAY, NOV. 16**

#### **After Prom Fundraiser Trivia Night**

Prom Through the Ages Trivia Night at 7pm (doors open at 6) at the Macomb VFW. Dress in your favorite prom era! There will be a silent dessert auction, 50/50 raffle and a large prize auction! The cost is \$20/person or \$150/table of 8. Register on Macomb After Prom Facebook page.

### **WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30-NOV. 13**

#### **Maple Ave. Church Thanksgiving Baskets**

Call 309-837-9318 to reserve your basket, no orders will be taken after Nov. 13. Basket includes: 1 frozen turkey, 2 cans corn, 2 cans green beans, 2 boxes stuffing mix, 1 box instant potatoes, and 2 boxes cornbread mix. Bags will be distributed Sunday, Nov. 24 and must be picked up in person at 1300 Maple Avenue from 1- 3:00 p.m. unless delivery is requested. Deliveries will only be made by request within Macomb city limits.

### **Walnut Grove United Methodist Church**

## **Pancake & Sausage Breakfast**



### **Saturday, November 2**

#### **Serving 6am-11am • Free Will Offering**

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### American Legion

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

### The Café

What a week we have starting on Wednesday, October 30 with Dennis Devouder playing from 5:30-7:30pm. On Thursday, October 31 we have a full night of fun! It's Halloween and we have Open Mic night from 7-11pm. Don't forget to come in costume, we have a costume contest at 11pm and then New House will be playing for us from 11:30-12:30. Wrap up the week on Friday, November 1 with the Bayou Prowlers from 8-11pm.

### COFAC Recital Hall

The fall concert of the WIU Steel Band will be held on Friday, November 1st at 7:30 pm in the COFAC Recital Hall on Western Illinois University's Macomb campus. Admission is free and open to the public. Parking is available on site and the Recital Hall is accessible from the Sherman Drive parking lot, as well as other Faculty/Staff parking lots.

### Forgottonia Brewing

Are you ready to Jazz up your Saturday night? The George Turner Trio will be performing some Jazz music in the beer garden on Saturday, November 2 from 7-9pm.

### Western Ramblers at the MAC

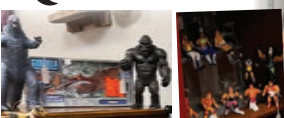
Please join us for an afternoon of live country music featuring the Western Ramblers! \$3 admission benefits the Macomb Arts Center. Additional donations accepted online or at the door.

### Ice House

We have Not Quite Brothers playing Friday, Nov. 8 from 7-10pm. Not Quite Brothers is an upbeat and energetic band looking to entertain and interact with the crowd! Be ready for an exciting night of live music and drinks with friends! Tickets are available through the link provided on their Facebook page for \$10 / General Admission and \$40 / VIP. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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# Halloween Fun

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

**Immanuel Lutheran Church Trunk or Treat:** Come out for a fun night of Trunk or Treating with treats, books and games at Immanuel Lutheran Church parking lot, 906 Grant St. on Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 6-7pm.

**Macomb High School:** Trick or Treat the haunted halls of Macomb High School on Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 5:30-7pm. Enter if you dare through the doors by the office entrance. There will also be a kid friendly haunted hall.

**Grand Prairie:** Come trick or treat with our residents on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 5pm! Enter through the south patio entrance and parade down the hall to show off your scariest costumes. Our residents enjoy seeing everyone all dressed up.

**Wesley Village:** Bring the kiddos out to Trick or Treat on Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 4:30-6:30pm it will be a Spooktacular time! We are also accepting candy donations if anyone would like to donate candy for our big trick or treat night!

**Bickford Cottage:** Join us for an "early-bird" Trick or Treat event before it gets dark! We will have a good crowd of trunks on Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 3pm to 6pm. Add some hot chocolate and many photo opportunities! This will be a great family event!

**The Small Townner Event Venue:** Pumpkin Carving Contest and Trick or Treat, Oct. 30 from 5-8pm! We're lighting up the square Halloween Eve with carved pumpkins inside the Small Townner. Interested in participating?! The Pumpkin Glow/Carving Contest will be taking submissions on October 29 from 4-6pm and October 30 from 4-5pm. You don't need to be an expert to show us what you got! Make a family fun night of it, and carve your pumpkins the weekend before! Drop off your already carved pumpkins, and we'll light them up and display them! Then stop by October 30 from 5-8 pm, trick or treat, walk through our indoor pumpkin glow, and vote for your favorite!

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

**Village of Table Grove:** Trick-or-Treat will be Oct. 31st from 5:30-7:30. We will have Trunk-or-Treat from 4:30-5:30 on the west side of the square. If you wish to participate please be set up by 4:15.

**The Elms:** The Elms would like to invite you to Trick or Treat with our residents on Thursday, Oct. 31 from 5:30-7pm. Come out and put a smile on our residents faces, residents will be handing out candy in a safe environment. For questions contact Jane Hasley, Elms Director of Activities at 309-421-3243.

**Maple Avenue Christian Church:** Kids be sure to bring an adult with you and head to Maple Avenue Christian Church on Thursday, Oct. 31, from 5 - 7 PM for GLOW! This community event will have FREE games, inflatables, and CANDY! We will also have FREE hot dogs, chips and bottled water! Don't forget to wear your costume! See you then!

**Nomad Tattoo:** Stop by Thursday, Oct. 31 from 5-9pm for free temporary tattoos, candy and more for trick-or-treaters! We have a \$200 tattoo giveaway for adults!

**The Colchester Methodist Church:** Is hosting a Trunk or Treat at 218 W McLean in Colchester on Thursday, Oct. 31 from 5:30-7:30 pm.

**Blandinsville Trunk or Treat:** The Blandinsville First Christian Church will be holding a Trunk or Treat on Oct. 31, 2024, from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm. Hot dogs, chips, hot chocolate, coffee, water, and treats will be available. There will be a fall photo backdrop for pictures. Anyone wishing to decorate a trunk and participate is welcome to set-up at 3:30 pm. Come for some good treats and great fun!

**Tri Sigma House-626 W. Murray St.:** Halloween Book Drive at the Tri Sigma House. Come and Trick or Treat from 5:30-7:30pm on Thursday, Oct. 31 and get books and candy!

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

**Park Place:** Macomb based dark comedy horror movie "Killinois" Screening & Costume Contest (must be 18+ to enter) will be on screen at Park Place in Macomb on Friday, Nov. 1 from 7-9pm. Cube of Justice L.L.C.'s horror movie extravaganza! Free entry (first come first served). A brief questionnaire will be requested after the film. Your feedback is welcome! Help us shape the future of this film. The bar will be open on the main floor for liquid courage.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

**McDonough County YMCA:** The YMCA will hold a Post Halloween Party on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 6-8pm, costume contest at 7:30pm. This event is free for members and the public! There will be a costume contest, games and more! Pizza will be provided, pre-packaged food/drink to share is encouraged. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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## Death Notices continued from page 3

### Jana Kay Finley

54, of LaHarpe

Jana Kay Finley, 54, of LaHarpe, Illinois, passed away at 7:00 a.m. Monday, October 28, 2024 at her home.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. Thursday, October 31, 2024 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe. A graveside service will follow at 12:00 noon at LaHarpe Cemetery with Rev. Bruce Goettsche officiating.

A memorial fund has been established for the American Cancer Society. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Jana's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).

### Anita J. Snyder

69, of Macomb

Anita J. Snyder, 69, of Macomb, Illinois, passed away at 2:15 PM Thursday Oct. 24, 2024 at the Elms Nursing Home in Macomb, IL.

Memorial Service will be held at 11 AM Thursday Nov. 7, 2024 at the Church of the Nazarene. Rev. Judy Davenport will officiate. Cremation has been accorded. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Anita Snyder Family. Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign guestbook or leave condolences at [www.dodsworthfh.com](http://www.dodsworthfh.com).



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We especially want to thank Roseville Rehabilitation and Healthcare, Royal Oaks Care Center, Martin-Hollis Funeral Home, the Bushnell VFW and Ladies Auxiliary, family members who served as pallbearers and all who have given to the memorial fund to the Bushnell Community Pool in Lori's honor.

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### Alert regarding questions on the 2024 Ballot!

Please be advised that the following questions will be on the Illinois ballots during this election. Please note the language and what is not stated in the question but is implied by the way it is stated. These questions are advisory, non-binding and we encourage voters to vote **NO** on each one.

The questions are as follows:

#### Illinois Assisted Reproductive Healthcare Advisory Question (2024)

Should all medically appropriate assisted reproductive treatments, including, but not limited to, in vitro fertilization, be covered by any health insurance plan in Illinois that provides coverage for pregnancy benefits, without limitation on the number of treatments?

*Comment: A yes vote on this could raise insurance prices, force insurances to pay for abortions and increase funding to support out of state abortions that are performed in Illinois.*

#### Illinois Income Tax Advisory Question (2024)

Should the Illinois Constitution be amended to create an additional 3% tax on income greater than \$1,000,000 for the purpose of dedicating funds raised to property tax relief?

*Comment: This tax would affect almost every farmer. Farmers already struggle with prices of fuel, equipment, grain, pesticides, taxes etc. We need our farmers. This may also affect small businesses who already struggle. Rather than increasing taxes, bringing spending under control would be effective.*

#### Illinois Penalties for Candidate Interference with Election Worker's Duties Advisory Question (2024)

Should any candidate appearing on the Illinois ballot for federal, State, or local office be subject to civil penalties if the candidate interferes or attempts to interfere with an election worker's official duties?

*Comment: This is vague. It seems that this question may relate to all of the issues that President Trump has had regarding the elections. It appears as though this is to ensure that no one can question/interfere when the outcome of the elections are questionable or if there are issues going on during the elections.*

Information provided by the Illinois Federation of Republican Women; ad paid for by McDonough County Republican Central Committee



# MEET THE 2024 DEMOCRATIC COUNTY BOARD CANDIDATES

## District 1

**David Bartlett** assists the Macomb School District with teacher evaluations. He also works as a consultant for the Regional Office of Education #26. He conducts audits for teacher professional development at area school districts. Bartlett said, "I am running for office for the first time. Now that I semi-retired, I have more time to serve."



### Ken Durkin

Ken Durkin was appointed to the McDonough County Board in 2020, to represent District 1. In November of 2020 and 2022, he was elected to represent District 1 for a two-year term. During his 4½ years on the Board, Ken has served on various committees.



### Mike Kirby

Mike Kirby said, "As an archaeologist and construction materials inspector I have frequently gotten my hands dirty. In a related yet different way I have gotten into the gritty day-to-day of public education as a substitute teacher, a job I have done successfully since 2013 for many different school districts in our region."



### Dana Roy Walker

Dana Walker said, "I am in my 2nd year of service on the McDonough County Board. I was appointed to the Buildings and Grounds/Elms and the Human Resources and Planning Committees. I take my part-time job for McDonough County very seriously. I haven't missed any meetings and I do my 'homework'. I always vote for what I think is best for the county."



## District 2

### Jenifer Bower

She is a Bushnell-Prairie City High School graduate. Jenifer said, "I absolutely love working as a paraprofessional at BPC Elementary. I am looking forward to serving my McDonough County Board."



**Dr. Kathy Olesen-Tracey** has been a resident of McDonough County for 30 years. She and her husband have raised two children in Bushnell, both who are graduates of Western Illinois University. Outside of her work as an educational leader in Illinois, she owns a small business in Macomb



### Rod McGrew

Ron McGrew said, "I am running to serve again on the County Board, from which I previously served for 20 years. I am now retired from McDonough FS and still farm the home place. My wife Marianne and I raised three boys and have really enjoyed our community and friends. I have a broad experience in local service, including terms on the Bushnell School Board, Park Board, and as city alderman."



## District 3

**Tiffany Ketchum** has been a resident of McDonough County for 15 years. She attended Spoon River College and WIU. She believes community colleges are pathways for success in this community and our local Spoon River College has amazing opportunities in nursing, to the trades, to CDL training and more. Tiffany graduated from WIU in 2016.



**Christian Lovell** is proud to run for McDonough County Board and will fight to keep the county a great place to live, work, and raise a family. Originally born in Quincy, IL, Christian worked nearly every summer of his childhood on his grandparents' farm in Colmar. As a kid, he was active in 4-H and FFA and participated on his high school's livestock judging team.



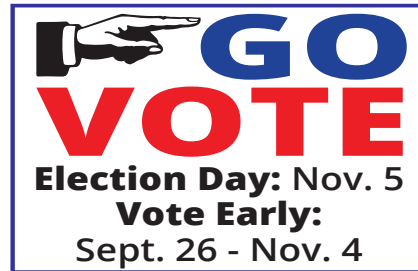
### Tim Roberts

Tim Roberts said, "I do not currently sit on the Board. In 2008, I took a job as an American history professor at WIU, where I work now." He has some diverse experience in community service, including leadership positions for the Macomb Soccer Club, the Western Illinois Museum, the McDonough County Historic Preservation Society.



### William Thompson

William Thompson said, "I am a retired professor and former union president who firmly believes in the possibility of positive change and in the necessity of guarding what is best about our county and community. We know the future will be full of challenges--they are already occurring--but also full of opportunities. Let's seize the opportunities to face the challenges."



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In Congress, Sorensen still values being a trusted neighbor to the residents of Illinois' 17th Congressional District. He is focused on lowering costs for working families, creating sustainable jobs in Central and Northwestern Illinois, and supporting the family farms and rural communities that keep our economy moving forward.

Sorensen proudly represents Illinois farmers on the House Agriculture Committee and uses his background in science to contribute to his role on the Science, Space, & Technology Committee. On the Science, Space and Technology Committee, Sorensen serves as Ranking Member on the Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee.

He currently resides in Moline with his partner Shawn and his dogs Petey and Oliver.

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**RYAN LITCHFIELD - DISTRICT 3**

Ryan is a Macomb area farmer, husband to Blaire, and father to Mason. He and his wife both went to school in Macomb. They got their first jobs here, and spent their pocket change at Ball Fore and the cinema. Ryan and Blaire left for a few years for new careers and to experience the world from a different perspective, but this area has always been home. In 2020 they moved back to McDonough County permanently.

*"By serving on our McDonough County Board, I hope to support our community so that the next generation may have the same positive experiences my wife and I have shared here. I truly appreciate your support now, just as many of you have supported me in the past."*

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**CLAYTON COOK - DISTRICT 2**

Clayton lives outside of Good Hope with his wife Sarah and son Oliver. He was raised in the Good Hope/Sciota area and returned to his family's corn and soybean farm after obtaining a degree in Agribusiness Economics from SIU-Carbondale. He also operates a generational seed dealership. Clayton likes to hunt, work on inventive projects, and also do some computer aided drafting.

*"I believe in focusing on connecting with our community and hearing opinions on the issues at hand. Our county board has been great about providing direction when needed and not micromanaging everything else. My values are fiscally and socially conservative, and I appreciate tradition and understanding our history to better guide our future."*

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BOARD CANDIDATE**  
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**CRAIG FOSTER - DISTRICT 2**

Craig lives in Bushnell with his wife Mary. They have 3 children. He is a lifelong resident of McDonough County, and retired from IDOT in 2017 after 31 years of service. He currently owns & operates Foster Construction with his brother Scott, working full-time as a carpenter.

Craig has served on the county board since 2020 and is currently Vice Chair of the Road & Bridge Committee and is a member of the ESDA/Claims committee. He is running for re-election because of his interest in the infrastructure of the roads and bridges throughout the county, and also the renovation work being performed to the courthouse.

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## MEET THIS COUNTY BOARD CANDIDATE

**Vote November 5th!**

### JOE ERLANDSON - DISTRICT 2

Joe lives northeast of Macomb with his wife Nancy, and has been a McDonough County resident for 40 years. He is a University of Illinois graduate, holding a Bachelors Degree in Agriculture Economics. Joe served as the County Executive Director for the USDA McDonough County Farm Service Agency for 33 years. He is a member and Treasurer of Trinity Lutheran Church and the McDonough County 708 Mental Health Board, and currently helps his brother Jerry in the spring/fall with his farming operation.

Joe has served on the county board for 6 years, and is currently Chairman of the Law & Legal Committee. He is also member of the Finance and ESDA/Claims committees. He is seeking reelection because he has an interest in the financial stability of the county.

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## MEET THIS COUNTY BOARD CANDIDATE

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### TERRA LITCHFIELD - DISTRICT 3

Terra was born and raised in McDonough County. She was married to Randy Litchfield (deceased), and has two children: Derek Litchfield and Kristen Terry. Both Derek & Kristen live and work in McDonough County.

Terra has served on the county board for 6 years, and would like to continue serving to see through the courthouse renovations and improve efficiency for the county. "I believe most offices do a great job handling our taxpayer's money but know there can be some improvements. I am very blessed to call McDonough County my home and strive to do the best for our residents."

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### JERRY RABY - DISTRICT 1

Jerry was raised and attended school in Bushnell. He and his wife Shelley have lived in Macomb for 32 years, where they raised their family. He works in the MDH cardiopulmonary department, having been there for over 30 years.

"My reason for running for county board is to help improve our community for the present and future generations of McDonough County. I look forward to continue serving you on the County Board in District #1."

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### TERRY THOMPSON - DISTRICT 3

Terry and his wife Stacy live southwest of Macomb. and are the parents of 2 married sons and 4 grandchildren. He is a lifelong resident of McDonough County, apart from his service in a commercial refrigeration apprenticeship. Previously, he owned a plumbing, heating, and air conditioning business for 14 years in Macomb. Currently, Terry is a commercial refrigeration technician for the Hy-Vee Corporation.

Terry has served on the Chalmers Township Board of Trustees for the past 5 years. "My principles are being fiscally responsible and using common sense resulting in responsible solutions for our county while ensuring future growth and opportunities."

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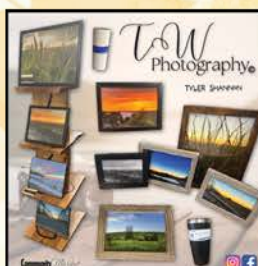
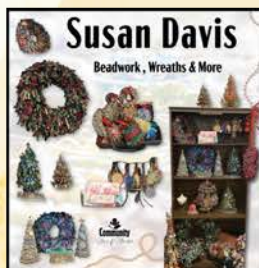
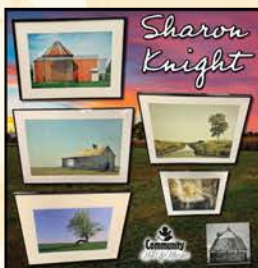
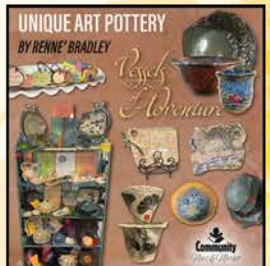
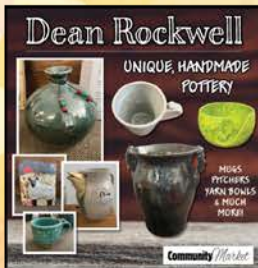
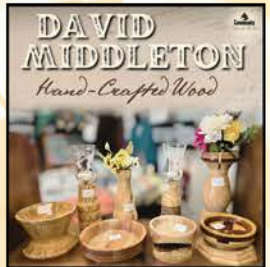
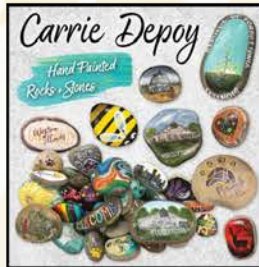
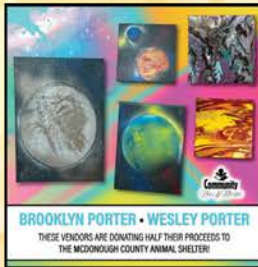




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By Lucie Winborne

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\* Scientists have found evidence of take-out restaurants in the remains of Pompeii.

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\* The first European who learned to smoke from the natives was arrested back home because people thought he was possessed by the devil.

\* Dolly Parton's parents paid the doctor who delivered her with a bag of cornmeal.

\* The most expensive domain name ever sold was Voice.com, which was acquired for \$30 million in 2019.

\* Caribbean sperm whales have their own accents.

\* After an 8.0 magnitude earthquake hit Mexico City in 1985, nearly all newborn babies survived a collapsed hospital for seven days without nourishment, water, warmth or human contact.

\* A flea can accelerate faster than a space shuttle.

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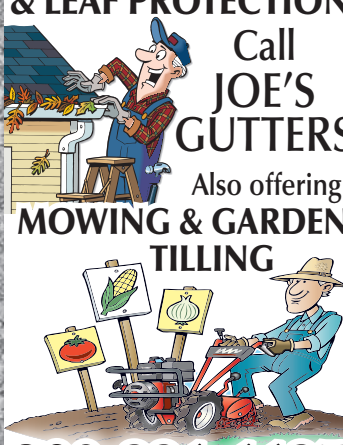
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