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Annual Out of the Darkness Walk Set for Sept. 28



Out of the Darkness Macomb & McDonough County Awareness Walk

Saturday, September 28, 2024

10:00AM

Macomb City Hall, 232 E Jackson Street
Macomb, IL

To Register or Donate:

afsp.org/MacombIL



By Darcie Shinberger

MACOMB, IL -- To raise awareness, help people talk openly about suicide and provide resources and assistance to those in need, the ninth annual Out of the Darkness (OOTD) Walk, which is held each year during or near Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, will be held Saturday, Sept. 28, beginning on the front lawn of Macomb's City Hall.

Susan Vick Denecke of Macomb is the coordinator of the Macomb event, working with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention,

to shed light on suicide. Denecke's son, Adam, died by suicide at the age of 27 on Feb. 2, 2016. Denecke formed the first Macomb Out of the Darkness Walk in Fall 2016 to honor Adam's memory and help others. Each year, Adam's friends and family gather together along with many others who have been impacted by suicide to remember their friends and loved ones and to share messages of hope. The Litchfield family, who lost their husband and father, Randy, to suicide in February 2016, lead the walk.

See OOTD on page 2

Expression of Color Exhibit and Reception at the Macomb Arts Center

MAC Board

Dear Members and Friends,

We invite you to join us Friday September 27th from 5 to 7 pm for the opening reception of 'Expressions of Color,' an exhibit of art from the Illinois Prairie Pastel Society.

The exhibit will be on display from September 24th to October 26th.

We will be hosting a writing workshop based on this exhibit October 9th. Further information to come. Questions? Contact macombartscenter@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!



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OOTD

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To register prior to Sept. 28, visit afsp.org/MacombIL. On-site registration will begin at 9 a.m. Sept. 30, followed by a brief program and walk around the square at 10 a.m. Resource tables will also be set up to provide additional information. There is no cost to participate.

"Please join us Sept. 30 and help save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide," Denecke said. "The Macomb/McDonough County Out of the Darkness Walk is a journey of remembrance, hope and support. This event is about uniting our communities and providing an opportunity to acknowledge the ways in which suicide and mental health conditions have affected our lives and the lives of those we love and care about."

Ellen (Ellie) Moon will be the keynote speaker at this year's event. A Macomb resident, Moon will share her experiences surrounding mental illness, addiction and loss, and the impact on her loved ones and herself.

In addition to the speakers, like Moon, and the walk itself, numerous resource tables will be set up at the event. Proceeds from the donations raised for the Macomb walk go to the Illinois chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and the national organization.

Denecke, who is a licensed professional counselor for Eagle View Community Health System, can direct individuals to suicide awareness presentations/speakers available for schools, community groups and other organizations around the region. To get more information, email susandeneck12@gmail.com. In addition, Kate Mallory of Regional Office of Education 26, who is a certified Mental Health First Aid Trainer and AFSP volunteer trainer, can provide educational programming within ROE26 districts. Mallory can be reached at kmallory@roe26.net.

"Suicide is everyone's issue," Denecke added.

For more information on the Macomb Out of the Darkness Walk, visit afsp.org/MacombIL.

TODAY'S JOKES

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A: You catch them off-gourd!

Q: What did the acorn say to the nosy squirrel?

A: There's nuttin' to see here!

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Death Notices

Mary Jean Lotz

90, of Vermont

Mary Jean Lotz, 90, of Vermont, passed away at 5:55 AM Thursday Sept. 19, 2024 at The Arc at Normal.

Memorial Service will be Saturday Oct 5, 2024 at 2pm at Industry Assembly of God Church, where visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Pastor Jon Keck will officiate. Cremation has been accorded. Private burial of ashes will be in Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to Industry Assembly of God. Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign guestbook or leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com

Pastor Donald Ray Riley

89, of Colchester

Pastor Donald Ray Riley, 89, of Colchester passed away at 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at Macomb Post Acute Care in Macomb.

Cremation rites will be accorded. A Memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, October 11, 2024 at Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb. Visitation will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. Friday, October 11, 2024 at the funeral home. Private burial of cremains will be in Oakland Cemetery in Meredosia at a later date.

You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at clugston-tibbitts.com.

Nancy Gale White

67, of Macomb

Nancy Gale White, 67, of Macomb passed away at 11 a.m. Thursday, September 19, 2024 at her residence.

Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be no services.

Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb is in charge of arrangements.

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Susan Marie Seifert

70, of Franklin, TN (formerly of Bushnell)

Susan Marie Seifert, 70, of Franklin, Tennessee, formerly of Santa Fe, New Mexico, passed away peacefully on August 29, 2024 surrounded by her loving family.

A memorial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude's Foundation.

Cheyenne A. Rutledge

30, of Astoria

Cheyenne A. Rutledge, age 30, passed away at 11:03 pm Sunday, Sept. 15th in Kansas City, MO.

Cheyenne's services were held on Saturday, Sept. 21st at 11:00 am at Shawgo Memorial Home in Astoria, IL. Pastor Matthew Thiner officiated. Visitation held one hour prior to the service. Interment beside her mother in the Ipava Cemetery.

Leave condolences or view full obituary online at www.shawgomemorialhome.com.

Robert Cain Emory

Robert Cain Emory was born the 5th of five children to Chester Ray Emory and Lucia Bernadine Cain on September 11, 1936. He passed from this Earth on September 13, 2024.

Graveside services with full Military Rites will be held on Saturday December 21, 2024 at 12:00 pm noon when his immediate family will gather at the Prairie City Cemetery. His extended family and friends are welcome to join. Pastor Brett Fisher will officiate. Memorial contributions are suggested to McDonough District Hospital Hospice Program or to the Checkrow Community Church. Martin-Hollis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guest-book and leave condolences at www.martin-hollisfh.com.

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Karma Anthony

77, of rural Marietta

Karma Anthony, 77, of rural Marietta, Illinois died on September 17, 2024.

There will be private graveside services at the Bushnell Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Bushnell Rescue Squad. Martin-Hollis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

Mary E. Slater

76, of Champaign

Mary E. Slater, 76, of Champaign, passed away at Amber Glen Alzheimer's Special Care Center in Urbana, IL on Sept. 14, 2024.

Services were held Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024, at Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home, 303 E. Washington St., Macomb with Pastor Jim Clayton officiating. Burial in Oakwood Cemetery, 1027 N. Randolph St., Macomb.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association through their website (alz.org) or by check at P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 2090-6011.

You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at clugston-tibbitts.com.

Vern Edward Alecock

93, of Oquawka, IL

Vern Edward Alecock, age 93, of Oquawka, Illinois, passed away Monday, September 23, 2024 at his home, surrounded by the most important people in his life; his family.

A graveside service with military honors will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, September 26, 2024 in Walnut Grove Cemetery, near Media, Illinois. A Celebration of Life will follow the service at the Tiny Acres Event Center, 2177 Township Road 2100E, Monmouth, Illinois, 61462. Banks & Beals Funeral Home of Stronghurst is assisting the family. A memorial fund has been established, and will be designated later. Please visit Vern's obituary at banksandbeals.com to leave a condolence.

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. Cost is \$45 and includes a laminated copy of the obituary.

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Bushnell

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27

B-PC Homecoming

Homecoming parade line up at 3pm, parade starts at 4pm. The Homecoming Football Game will be played on Friday, Sept. 27th at 7:00pm vs. Flanagan Cornell. Homecoming Dance Saturday from 7-10pm.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28

Bushnell Police Benefit

at the Bushnell VFW, Music Trivia sign in starts at 6pm, 50/50 Raffle drawing & Silent auction winners announced at 8pm. Food available from 5-7pm.

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.

Macomb

EVERY TUESDAY

Al-Anon meeting

AlAnon will meet at 3 pm on Tuesdays at the University Baptist Mission house 309 North Sherman. AlAnon is a 12 step meeting for family and friends of alcoholics and drug addiction.

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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25

I'd Rather Be Reading Book Club

Come and join for coffee/tea and conversation and stay for the fun! All are welcome at the YMCA Senior Center at 9am.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 26

Annual Mary Olive Woods Lecture

will take place at the Sandburg Theater at 7pm. Dr. Valerie Copper, Duke Divinity School, will speak about her work on her next book, Segregated Sundays: How racially segregated worship feeds political divisions.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27

Unlock the Power of Your Phone

The Macomb YMCA Senior Center will hold a class Unlock the Power of Your Phone with Gizmo Guides! At 12:30pm at the YMCA Senior Center, the cost is free for 60+. This class will guide you through the basics—making calls, sending messages, and more—so you can use your phone with ease. Reminder: Charge your phone the night before class so it's ready to go!

MHS Homecoming

Parade Sept 27th, Football game at 7pm vs Breese Mater Dei. Homecoming dance Sept 28th from 7-10pm

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28

Out of the Darkness Walk

Check-in at 9am at City Hall, walk starts at 10am. Register or donate at afsp.org/MacombIL

SUNDAY, SEPT. 29

Family Fall Festival

Wesley United Methodist Church will hold a Family Fall Festival from 4-6pm. There will be live music, featuring the Wesley Praise Band, food and games. This event is free for the whole family and all ages are welcome—bring your lawn chairs!

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2

2024 Angel Dash Memorial Walk

for babies gone too soon in Chandler Park at 10am. We will have a memorial service and balloon release to honor those that wish to have their babies recognized. Right after the ceremony we will begin the walk.

SATURDAY, OCT. 5

Macomb Lions Club Candy Days

at the 9-mile (136/41) between 8am-2pm.

MONDAY, OCT. 7

Prairieland Chorus — Guest Night

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Table Grove

SATURDAY, OCT. 5

Benefit Fundraiser for White & Skien

Benefit Fundraiser for volunteer firemen, Mark White and Jeremy Skien. The benefit will be held at the Table Grove Community Center at 1pm. They have been diagnosed with some life altering health conditions and are unable to work. The money raised is for their medical bills and living expenses.

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The American Legion

The Post 6 Big Band led by John Cooper plays from 7-9pm on Wednesday, September 25 in the American Legion Post 6, 221 E. Washington St., Macomb. No admission, but there is a free-will offering during the show.

Forgottonia Brewing

Join Hannah Deneke for a solo set of original and traditional folk songs on Friday, September 27 from 5-6pm. Hannah normally appears at Forgottonia as part of The Deneckes, an indie folk duo she plays in with her husband, Eli. Hannah & Eli are MHS graduates and always love being back in Macomb to visit family and friends, and to share their music! Stop in for JT Doubet on Saturday, October 5 at 7pm. JT's greasy, groovy Delta & Bayou Blues sound will get everyone on the dance.

Western Illinois Museum

- Blind Swine Speakeasy

Guests are invited to raise a pint and enjoy an evening of music celebrating the rich cultural contributions of Irish immigrants. The Irish, Italians, and Bohunks: Immigration in the 1920s featuring music by the Irish band Turas on Friday, September 27 starting at 5:30. Patrons can enjoy a (now legal) drink at the bar while soaking in the atmosphere of a bygone era, with live music performances at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

- Al Sears Music Fest

The Western Illinois Museum, in partnership with the Western Illinois University (WIU) School of Music, is excited to welcome saxophonist Carlos Vega to perform with the HAT Trio on Friday, October 4th, as part of the Al Sears Music Fest. The event will be held at the Museum. Doors and the bar open at 4:30 p.m., with two sets of music scheduled for 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. To close out the evening, WIU students will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. A \$5 suggested donation will be collected at the door.

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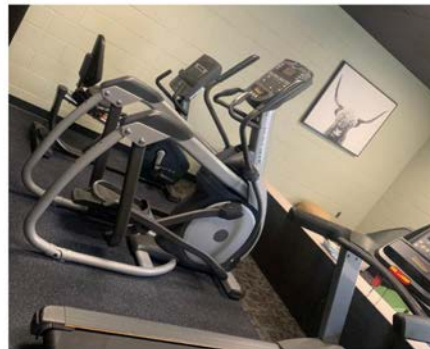
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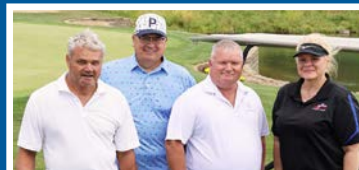
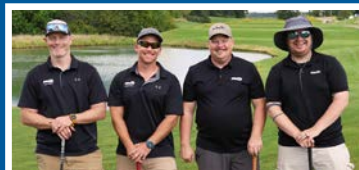
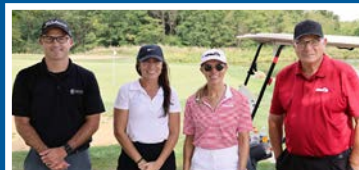
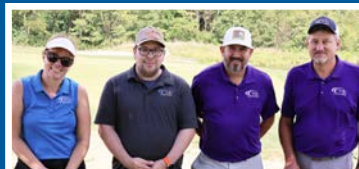
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1st Place: Edward Jones

(Tim Bainter, Mike Eckardt, Tim Elliott,
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2nd Place: Culbertson Memorial (Rich Eckert,
Jason Field, Gregg Snyder, Molly Sorrell)

3rd Place: Channel (Jansen Baker, Jon Forman,
Dustin Moore, Trent Patrick)

FIRST FLIGHT

1st Place: Lifeguard (Dave Burnham, Eric
McCleery, Steve Walters, Tammy Wiemelt)

2nd Place: Gamages (Harold Gamage, John
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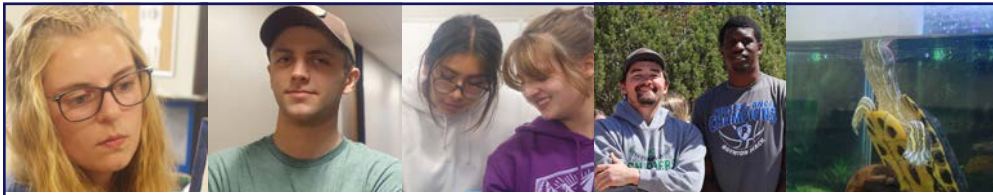
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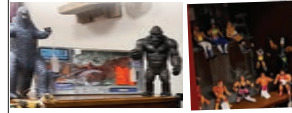
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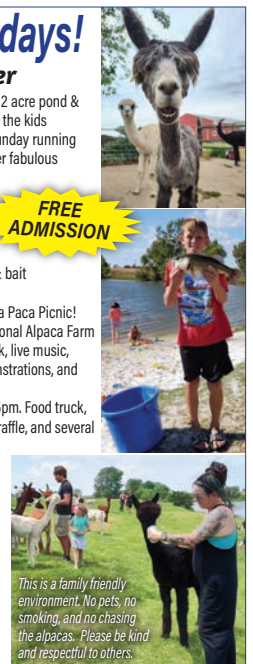
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* Octopus wrestling was a popular sport in the 1960s. A diver would fight an octopus in shallow water and drag it to the surface.

* After an online vote in 2011, Toyota announced that the official plural of Prius is Prii.

* Each spacecraft sent to Mars is scrubbed and inspected before dispatch as part of a strict planetary protection protocol meant to prevent contamination from Earth.

* Ophiocordyceps unilateralis, a parasitic fungus, effectively turns ants into zombies. The fungus compels the ant to bite onto the underside of a low-hanging leaf, where it dies, and the fungus then sends a fruiting body out through the ant's head to disseminate spores.

* Geckos can turn the stickiness of their feet on and off at will.

* And speaking of feet, during World War II, the United States began rationing shoes. Citizens were allowed three pairs.

* When Leonardo DiCaprio smashed his hand on the dinner table in "Django Unchained," he accidentally crushed a small stemmed glass with his palm and really began to bleed. He ignored it, stayed in character, and continued with the scene. Quentin Tarantino was so impressed that he used this take in the final print, and when he called cut, the room erupted in a standing ovation.

* Though they are often used as vegetables in cooking, eggplants are botanically classified as berries.

* Charles Richard Drew was a Black physician who developed blood banks for military personnel during World War II. He quit working for the Red Cross after he learned that the military separated blood donations by race.

* The Dr. Seuss classic children's tale "Green Eggs and Ham" was banned in China from 1965 to 1991 for its "portrayal of early Marxism."

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