

FREE Midweek Brief

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MHS Bombers Volleyball wins tournament



MHS Volleyball are the 2024 Champions of the 16 team Macomb Classic tournament hosted last Saturday, August 31st, at Brophy Hall in Macomb. Congratulations, Bombers!

McDonough County Health Department Observes National Food Safety Education Month

MACOMB- September is National Food Safety Education Month and the McDonough County Health Department would like to remind residents to use these four simple steps to keep food safe: Clean, Separate, Cook, and Chill.



CLEAN: Wash hands for 20 seconds with soap and warm water before handling any food or eating. Wash all food preparation surfaces, utensils and dishes after each use. Rinse all fruits and vegetables with clean water before preparing or eating them.

SEPARATE: Use separate cutting boards, utensils and plates for produce, meat, poultry, seafood and eggs. Always wash surfaces thoroughly after they come into contact with raw meat. Keep raw meats separate in your grocery cart and bags, as well as in your refrigerator. Never consume raw batter with egg as an

ingredient when baking!

COOK: The only way to tell if the meat is "done" is to check it with a probe thermometer. Cook chicken and casseroles to 165°F, ground beef and pork to 155°F, eggs, fish,

lamb, and cuts of beef to 145°F, and plant foods to 135°F. Keep hot food at 135°F or above once cooked. Reheat all foods to 165°F to make sure any harmful bacteria introduced post-cooking are killed.

CHILL: Refrigerate perishable foods within 2 hours (1 hour in the heat of the summer). Don't overstuff your refrigerator- air circulation is important to cool foods quickly. Always thaw meat in the refrigerator, under cold, running water, or in the microwave immediately before cooking. Discard foods that aren't consumed within one week of preparation or opening (hot

See Food Safety on page 2

Obituaries Sponsored by **CT Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home and Monuments** Macomb | Blandinsville **ctfh@macomb.com 309-833-2188**

Death Notices

Dora Doreen (Taylor) Saunders

89, of Brownstown, WI

It is with great sadness that the family of Dora Doreen (Taylor) Saunders announces her passing on August 27, 2024 at the age of 89.

Doreen's visitation was held on Saturday, August 31, 2024 at Shriner-Hager-Gohlke Funeral Home. A Graveside Service followed at Calvary Cemetery with Rev. Christina Schoenwetter officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Family of Doreen Saunders or donations in her honor can be made to the McDonough District Hospital Hospice program in Macomb IL. <https://www.mdh.org/get-involved/make-a-gift/>.

Terry R. Rhoads

75, of Bushnell

Terry R. Rhoads, 75, of Bushnell, IL passed away on Friday August 23, 2024 at his residence.

Cremation Rites have been accorded. Graveside services were held Tuesday September 3, 2024 at the Bushnell Township Cemetery. Pastor Dave Scott officiated. Memorial contributions may be made to the McDonough County Humane Society or the Bushnell Rescue Squad. Please sign the guestbook at www.martinholllisfh.com.

Penny J. DeFord-Goff

58, of Bushnell

Penny J. DeFord-Goff, 58, of Bushnell, IL, previously of Metamora, IL, finally made it to the Spirit in the Sky on Friday August 23, 2024 at her residence.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, August 29, 2024, at Martin-Hollis Funeral Home. Father Eugene Radosevich officiated. At the conclusion of services, a Celebration of Life was held at the Christian Community Center in Bushnell. Following the service, cremation rites were observed.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the benefit of her grandchildren's education. Please sign the guestbook and leave your condolences at www.martinholllisfh.com.

Robert Lee (Rob) Brummett

65, of LaHarpe

Robert Lee (Rob) Brummett, passed away at 12:08 PM Sunday Aug. 25, 2024 at his mother's home surrounded by his loving family.

A Celebration of Life will be held Friday Oct. 11, 2024 from 2PM till Midnight at the Macomb VFW. Rob helped plan his celebration of life wanting it while he was still with us, but that didn't work out.

Memorial Contributions may be made to McDonough County Animal Shelter or the MDH Hospice Program.

We would like to thank the Hospice Team for all their help in making his last days comfortable. Special thanks to Kayla Parry and Josh Heaton for all their help caring for Rob.

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

Billy Owens

43, of Keokuk, IA

William (Billy) Kim Owens passed away peacefully surrounded by family and loved ones at Blessing Memorial Hospital in Quincy Illinois on Friday, August 30th, 2024. He was 43 years old.

Cremation rights have been accorded. The Triplett Funeral Home in Mendon has been entrusted to care for William and his family.

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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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Community Calendar

Blandinsville

SATURDAYS

Story Hour and 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!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

1st Annual Brendon & Sawyer Memorial Golf Outing

Twin Oaks Golf Club in Blandinsville. Golfers check-in at 8am, tee off at 9am. Deck seating, lunch for \$5, raffles and silent auction plus live music from 4-8pm. Donate to American Foundation for Suicide Prevention or the McDonough County Humane Society in their names.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

Bags for Boobs Cornhole Tournament

at Slup's Bar. Registration at 12:30, play begins at 2 and \$20 per team. There will be drink specials, t-shirts, 50/50 drawing, silent auction and hot dogs, sides and dessert (free will donation). Bucket Fish will be playing from 3-7pm.

Bushnell

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

VFW Breakfast

the VFW in Bushnell will be serving breakfast from 7:00 to 10:am at the Post 1422 Hall located at 181 E. Hail in Bushnell. We provide on-site, takeout, and curb service. For takeout and curb service please call 3093339919. We will be serving biscuits and gravy, sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes and French Toast. Welcome the end of Summer and join us for the best breakfast in town.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 10

Community Safety Night

Held at the Bushnell-Prairie City High School featuring keynote at 5pm from Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force from the office of the Attorney General. Free hot dogs & chips & open house follows. Child & Teen Internet Safety, Substance Abuse Awareness, First Responders & Red Cross, Fraud Prevention & Awareness, Victim Services and Rural roadway, ag, bicycle, ATV safety.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

Grills Gone Wild

at 12pm at the Bushnell VFW. This fundraising event is to support the Bushnell Community Swimming Pool. Come for a day full of activities including the major event- GRILL COMPETITION including a free lunch with entry and "People's Choice" voting. This event also includes: Music by Samuel Brooks, Children's Face Painting, Bags, Full bar, silent auction, large live auction, and more.

Industry

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14

Landon Cromer Ride & Cruise for a Cause

If you can ride it or drive it, we have a route for you! Registration from 10am-12noon at Netty Parker's Windmill Pub in Industry. Ride starts at 12pm and will end at Netty Parker's with an auction and entertainment to follow. We kindly ask that all participants wear blue or Macomb Bomber shirts to remember Landon. Cost is \$25 per vehicle.

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 6

Sons of the American Legion Fish Fry

@ Ipava American Legion at 4:30pm Serving whole catfish, baked beans and fried potatoes for \$12.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Camp Ellis Days

Parade at 10am, Live entertainment all day.

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.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Weekly Bible School

Held every Wednesday from 7-8pm at Victory Baptist of Macomb. This is for ages 4 through adult. REFLECT youth group meets each Wednesday from 6-8. Location: 10460 N.1200th Road in Macomb.

THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS

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.

AUGUST 27 - SEPTEMBER 19

A Matter of Balance Program

At the YMCA Senior Center, 400 E. Calhoun St. from 9-11am is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. Pre-registration is required. To register for more information call the YMCA Senior Center 309-837-5733.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 5

Environmentally Concerned

Citizens Meet

Everyone invited to meet at 7 pm in Macomb City Hall Community Room.

SEPTEMBER 6 & 7

Macomb Balloon Rally

Balloon Rally - Vince Grady Field Friday, 6pm, Saturday Flights 6:45 am and 6pm

Balloon Glow - Vince Grady Field, Saturday, 7:30 pm - Live Music, Food Trucks and more!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Friends of the Library Book Sale

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Chandler Park in conjunction with the Gazebo Art Festival. This sale will feature a large selection of children, youth and adult books arranged in subject areas along with a wide assortment of CDs, DVDs, and audio books. This is a fair weather sale only and will be cancelled in the event of rain.

Gazebo Art Festival

In Chandler Park from 9AM to 4PM. features 25 artists representing stained glass, mosaics, kiln-fired glass, ceramics, woodworking, metal sculptures, painting, needle felting, photography, fractal art, Zen gardens, woven and hand-dyed textiles, metal jewelry, and more!

YFC Disc Golf Tournament

Registration at 8am and tee off at 9am in Everly & Glenwood parks.

Play if Forward Benefiting HSMC

The Wine Sellers will be hosting the Annual benefit event for the Humane Society of McDonough County starting at noon - A new local musician will take the stage at the stop of each hour throughout the event. Feeding Forgottonia will be on site providing food options.

MHS March-A-Thon Performance

Those living in the Rolling Meadows subdivision will enjoy a special parade performance in their neighborhood from the full Marching Bomber Band at 3:30pm. Following the parade, the band will present a free concert on the McDonough County Courthouse lawn at 4:45pm, as a thank you to the entire community for their continued support.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 8

Fundraiser featuring Susana Mendoza

McDonough County Democratic Central Committee invites you to hear Illinois State Comptroller Susana Mendoza at a campaign fundraiser dinner from 4:30-7pm at the Spoon River Outreach Center 2500 E. Jackson St. Tickets for the dinner are \$35.00. Catered by HyVee. Cash Bar. RSVP to Lee Trotter 309 371 9295 or leetrotter@mtcnow.net

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

Retired Teachers (Educators) Meeting

McDonough County Retired Teachers (Educators) Association will have their first meeting of the '24-'25 year September 13th, 2024 at the Trinity Lutheran Church located at 123 South Campbell Street, Macomb, IL. The program will be presented by Dr. Barry Witten, Eagle Scout and Troop Volunteer. He will discuss "All About Scouting in Macomb". If this is your FIRST year as a retired educator, congratulations on your retirement. We hope to see all newly retired and all not so newly retired September 13, 2024. Please join us at 9am.

Submit your calendar item or photo to
communitybrief@gmail.com

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14
Sports Cards & Collectibles Show

9am-3pm at Macomb VFW Post 1921, 1200 E. Jefferson St. Sports cards, pokemon, magic and other TCG, Star Wars, Garbage Pail kids, toys, collectibles & more! For dealer/table info contact Mark 333-9646 or Donnie 329-2465. Free admission.

Walk to End Alzheimer's
 in Chandler Park starting at 8am.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 20
Extending the Prairie Table Dinner

Prairie Land Conservancy 8th Annual Extending the Prairie Table Fundraising Dinner at the Macomb Field House from 4-8pm and includes a 3 course meal, music by Dick and Joe Marcott and silent auction. Cost is \$75 online or at the Prairie Land Conservancy office, 321 N. University Dr, Macomb.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21
Flea By Night

Save the date for our annual Flea By Night market with food trucks, live music and vendors from 6-9pm hosted by Bold Brew House.

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Brendon & Sawyer
MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

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REGISTERED GOLFERS:

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Come out to reminisce memories and celebrate the lives of Brendon and Sawyer with cold drinks and live music!

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The Cafe

Wednesday, Sept. 4 Dick Marcott & Co 5:30-7:30pm ; Thursday, Sept. 5, 8pm-12am Open Mic

Downtown Macomb Park N Cruise

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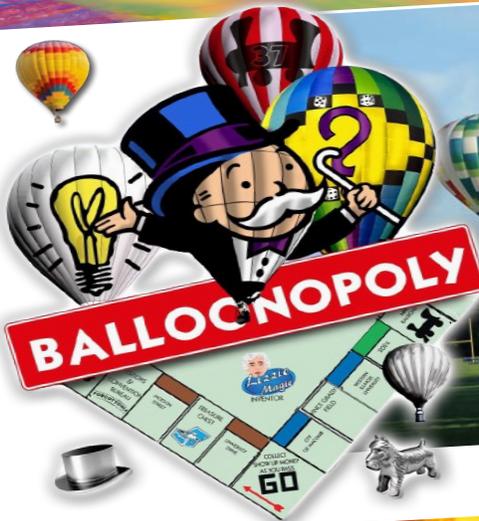


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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* When he's not busy predicting the weather at Gobbler's Knob, PA, America's most famous groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, lives in the town Library with his wife, Phyllis.

* LEGO has an underground vault with every set ever made.

* Though he's today regarded as one of history's greatest orators, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. received a "C" in public speaking while a student at Crozer Theological Seminary.

* Prior to the invention of the internet, Nintendo employed game counselors whom players could ring for advice and assistance with navigating a game.

* Through the years, folks have come up with euphemisms for pooping, but surely Icelanders rank among the top contenders with "ad tefla vid pafann," roughly translatable as "playing chess with the pope."

* Kea parrots spread warbles when they're in a good mood, making them the first known non-mammal species to communicate with infectious laughter.

* Theodore Roosevelt's daughter Alice, who was generally known for being a bit of a handful, had a pet snake named Emily Spinach that she enjoyed toting about the White House in her purse and taking out at unexpected moments.

* Actor Bela Lugosi was buried in full Dracula costume.

* The White House Press Briefing Room was built over what used to be an indoor swimming pool, installed for Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933.

* Female cicadas have been known to confuse the roar of power tools for mating calls, sometimes swarming people using lawn mowers.

* In 2016, a church in Colombo, Sri Lanka, accidentally printed the lyrics to Tupac Shakur's rap hit "Hail Mary" instead of the Catholic prayer of the same name, in the booklet for a Christmas carol service.

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