

FREE Midweek Brief

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Arrest Made In 11/07/23 Shooting Incident

MACOMB, IL – On 11/07/2023 at about 7:09 AM, Macomb Police responded to a report of shots fired near N. Johnson St. and W. Pierce St. Officers were dispatched to the scene immediately. As officers drove to the scene, a victim with multiple gunshot wounds was located near the front lobby door of the Macomb Police Department. Officers rendered medical aid, gathered information, and called for rescue assistance. The victim was transported to McDonough District Hospital (MDH) for treatment for multiple gunshot wounds. As a precautionary measure, MDH went into lockdown and security was heightened. The victim has since been life flighted to a Trauma Center.

Officers arrived at Johnson St. and Pierce St. and began the investigation. A lone suspected shooter was on scene and has been speaking with Detectives. Officers are investigating the incident, questioning the victim, questioning the suspect, completing a neighborhood canvas, and are actively collecting evidence.

Due to the investigative activity at the Macomb Police Department, 120 S. McArthur St., and its proximity to St. Paul's School (one block away), police **See Shooting on page 2**

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Student Laureates honored November 4 by The Lincoln Academy of Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The top students representing Illinois' colleges and universities were honored during a special ceremony hosted by The Lincoln Academy of Illinois at 4 p.m. Saturday, November 4 at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel in downtown Springfield.

The 49th annual Lincoln Academy Student Laureate program recognizes excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities by seniors from each of the state's four-year, degree-granting colleges and universities, and one student from the community colleges in Illinois. Each fall, The Lincoln Academy presents an outstanding senior from each of these institutions with the Abraham Lincoln Civic Engagement Award.

The program included welcoming remarks by the Honorable Ron Spears, the Academy Chancellor. Each Student Laureate received the Abraham Lincoln Civic Engagement Award certificate signed by Spears and the President of The Lincoln Academy, Governor J.B. Pritzker; a Lincoln medallion; a challenge coin; and a \$1,000 check from The Lincoln Academy. Student Laureates are selected by their individual schools.



L-R: Lincoln Laureate Stephanie Pace Marshall, Western Illinois University Student Laureate Jordan Rouse from Macomb, and Lincoln Laureate Ed Curtis during Saturday's Student Laureate ceremony

Honored as Class of 2023 Student Laureates included: Western Illinois University, Jordan W. Rouse, Macomb, IL.

Proceeds from the spring Laureate Convocation are used to support the Student Laureate program each fall. For more information visit www.TheLincolnAcademyOfIllinois.org or The Lincoln Academy's social media sites.

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 administration contacted St. Paul's administration and alerted them to an ongoing investigation. St. Paul's leadership instituted a soft lockdown during morning class arrival time. This was precautionary and at no time was the St. Paul's campus in any danger. MPD commends the quick thinking on the part of St. Paul's leadership team.

Macomb Police Department has made an arrest in this incident. Herman L. Hill (black/male, age 38) was arrested on 11/7/23. Hill is charged with Aggravated Battery with a Firearm and is currently being held in McDonough County Jail. As the investigation unfolds, more charges could be filed.

As this is a current investigation, MPD will refrain from delving into the specifics of the investigation. MPD assures the public the only shooter in this case has been arrested and there is no known threat to the public.

MPD enjoys a level of cooperation among area agencies. Our law enforcement partners helped bring this case to a swift resolution. OPS, McDonough County Sheriff's Department, McDonough County States Attorney's Office, and ISP were critical in providing talented personnel and technological expertise to this case.

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

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Q: How does a scientist freshen her breath?
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Death Notices

James Daniel Killey

75, of Roseville

James Daniel Killey, 75, of Roseville, passed away Thursday, November 2, 2023 at the Mayo Clinic Methodist Hospital in Rochester, MN after a year-long battle with lymphoma.

Family will receive friends from 4-7 p.m. Friday, November 10, at the Moore Memorial Home, Roseville. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church (22801 E. 1800th St., Prairie City), immediately followed by a lunch at the Roseville Methodist Church fellowship hall. The family requests that memorials be made to "Walnut Grove United Methodist Church", "Center for Prevention of Abuse" or "Cancer Research at Mayo Clinic".

Sally Ann Rasmussen

79, of LaHarpe

Sally Ann Rasmussen, 79, of LaHarpe, passed away at 10:23 p.m. Thursday, November 2, 2023 at the St. Dominic Villa in Hazel Green, WI.

A private family graveside service with Pastor Nate McCarter officiating will be held in LaHarpe Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established for the LaHarpe Education Foundation to benefit the Lois Bradshaw Scholarship. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Sally's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

John Everett Theis

95, of Macomb

John Everett Theis, 95, of Macomb, Illinois passed away at 10:36 PM Tuesday Oct. 31, 2023 at the Lamoine Assisted Living in Macomb, IL.

Funeral Mass was held on Monday Nov. 6, 2023 at St. Paul's Church. Father Joseph Domfe officiated. Cremation was accorded. Burial of ashes will be at Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery in Waukon, IA; at a later date.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Loaves and Fishes of McDonough County. Please sign guestbook or leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

Thomas J. Pickering Jr.

78, of Avon

Thomas J. Pickering Jr., 78, of Avon, IL passed away Tuesday October 31, 2023 at his residence.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday November 10, 2023 at the Martin-Hollis Funeral Home with Diane Madej officiating, where visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Cremation Rites will be accorded following services. Memorial contributions can be made to the OSF St. Francis Hospice. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

Louise M. Thompson

89, of Adair

Louise M. Thompson, 89, of Adair, IL, passed away at 10:55 on November 4, 2023 at The Elms in Macomb, IL.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, November 10th, 2023 at the Summum Cemetery, Summum, Illinois. Pastor Matthew Thiner will officiate. Memorials in Louise's memory may be made to The Elms in Macomb. Shawgo Memorial Home in Astoria has been entrusted with arrangements.

Ramona C. Stracker

94, of Table Grove

Ramona C. Stracker, 94, of Table Grove, IL, passed away 12:07 am on Monday, November 6, 2023 at McDonough District Hospital in Macomb, IL.

Services will be held at 1 pm on Friday, November 10, 2023 at the Table Grove Community Church in Table Grove. Pastor Tim Lindsey will be officiating with Pastor Rick Weiss assisting in the service. A visitation will take place one hour before the service on Friday at the church. Interment will be in the Harris Cemetery in Table Grove. Memorials may be made to the Table Grove Community Church, MDH Hospice or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Death notices (name, death date and services) run free of charge. Families who wish to have a complete obit published in the Tuesday or Friday Community News Brief newspaper (including picture, family, work history and 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.



Bushnell

Friday, Nov. 10

Bushnell VFW will hold a Veterans Day Celebration Soup Supper on Friday, November 10 from 5:30-?. They will be serving Chili, Vegetable Soup, Potato Soup & Desserts. A free will donation will be accepted.

Macomb

Friday, Nov. 10

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Saturday, Nov. 11

American Legion Post #6 Veterans Day Dinner at the Macomb American Legion at 5:00pm. An award ceremony will follow for 50, 60 & 70 year old members.

Saturday, Nov. 11

The Macomb VFW will hold a Veterans Day Ceremony on Saturday, November 11 at 10:30am with lunch to follow. This event is open to the public and all are welcome.

Sunday, Nov. 12

The Macomb Elks Lodge will hold a Veterans Day Breakfast from 9am-noon. Veterans and children under 6 eat free, \$10 for non Veterans.

Industry

Saturday, Nov. 11

Industry Veterans Day Services will be held at Veterans Park in Industry on Saturday, November 11 at 12pm. Join the community in honoring the service of our military heroes. In case of inclement weather it will be held in the Kiwanis Building.

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THURSDAYS

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Blandinsville Christian Church After-School Program will be held every Thursday for Kindergarten through High School students from 4:00pm until 5:00pm throughout the school year.

Bushnell

EVERY MONDAY

Coffee Club

from 9-10am at Courtyard Estates of Bushnell. calling the Elementary office 309-772-9464.

SATURDAY, NOV. 18

Bushnell Rotary Christmas Trivia

hosted by Bushnell VFW Post #1422 at 181 E. Hail, Silent Auction starts at 6pm & trivia starts at 7pm. \$10/person, 10 ppl/team maximum. Christmas theme - wear your Christmas pajamas.

Colchester

EVERY MONDAY

Colchester Library Story Hour

from 10:45-11:45am. Books, crafts, songs and fun!

Good Hope

THURSDAY, NOV. 23

12th Annual Turkey Trot

at the Good Hope Firehouse, 145 W. Main St - 8am Start. Visit our Facebook page at "Good Hope-Sciota Fire Protection district" for updates. Register by mail or online at <https://www.bikesignup.com/race/il/goodhope/goodhopeturkey-trothttps://goodhopeturkeytrot>

Macomb

THURSDAY, NOV. 9 - SUNDAY, NOV. 12

1968-A Devised Dance Experience

Thursday thru Saturday at 7:30pm & Sunday the 12th at 2:00pm, Hainline Theatre. Admission: Call 309.298.2900 or go to: <https://www.western-presents.com/> for tickets.

FRIDAY, NOV. 10

McDonough County Retired Teachers

Meeting will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 123 S. Campbell, at 9:00 am with Speaker Mary McMahon on the topic: National Park Service.

Backin' The Blue & Gold FFA benefit

dinner, scholarship & benefit auction from 5-6:30pm at the Lowderman Auction Center, 2.5 miles West of Macomb. A pork chop dinner will be served & a free will donation will be accepted.

SATURDAY, NOV. 11

Annual Altrusa Holiday Bazaar

9am - 3pm at the Macomb High School, 1525 S Johnson St. Lots of amazing crafts and one-of-a-kind gifts from a large variety of vendors. Free Admission. Raffle Baskets, 50/50 Raffle, and Food Trucks! For more info email altrusa@macomb.com; Facebook: www.facebook.com/MacombAltrusa; or Website: <https://macombaltrusa.com/>

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15

Antiques & Collectibles Club Meeting

Antiques & Collectibles Club of West Central Illinois meeting at 7p.m. in the Community Room at Macomb City Hall. Guest Speaker: Allen Nemece, Program: Vintage Tin Windup Toys. Open to the public.

FRIDAY, NOV 17 & SATURDAY, NOV. 18

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

The Macomb Community Theater presents "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" by Barbara Robinson on Nov. 17 at 7pm and Nov. 18 at 2pm at the McDonough County 4-H Center, 3022 W. Jackson. Kids 13 & U \$5 and all others \$10. Pay at the door, cash or check only. No reserved seating.

Plymouth

SATURDAY, NOV. 18

Holiday Bazaar

PCCC Bizarre on November 18 from 9am-6pm at the Plymouth Community Center, 102 S. Lexington, Plymouth. There will be over 225 Christmas Craft items, soup by quart (chili and broccoli & cheese), baked goods and candy.

Table Grove

SATURDAY, NOV. 18

Holiday Bazaar

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Macomb Elks Club

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Western Illinois Museum - Our Front Porch

Welcome musician Jon Irabagon who will perform with the HAT Trio on Friday, November 10 as part of the Jazz Series being offered at the Museum. Doors and bar open at 4:30pm with music at 5:30 & 6:30. WIU students will take the stage at 7:30pm. There is a \$5 suggested donation at the door.

The Forum

Don't want to miss the Illuminaughty Glow Party on Saturday, November 11. More information to come.

The Cafe

The Cafe will be rockin' this weekend! Thursday, November 9 is Open Mic night starting at 8pm. There will be some great local music! On Friday, November 10 at 9pm Hong Kong Sleepover will take the stage with special guest, Heavy Weight. You don't want to miss this! Rogers and Company will be here on Saturday, November 11 from 8-11pm.

Send Calendar events to communitybrief@gmail.com



Macomb American Legion Post #6
invites all current post members and their spouses to an

Appreciation Dinner
Saturday, Nov. 11th

Dinner will be served at 5:30p.m. Followed by an awards ceremony for 50, 60 & 70 year members.

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1968 - A Devised Dance Experience

By: Brie Coder



Photo Credit: WIU Department of Theatre and Dance

Every decade has that one year that offers high thrills and devastating despair. In the case of 1968, the year saw euphoria and euphemism that would forever change the American landscape.

This week, the Western Illinois Department of Theatre and Dance will revisit this remarkable year in the form of dance with "1968 - A Devised Dance Experience." The performances will be presented this Thursday through Sunday at the Hainline Theatre.

In lieu of directors, Donald Laney and Kristin Kavanagh, the Macomb community will receive a valuable history lesson of a year that brought us ingenuity, like Boeing introducing the first 747 Jumbo Jet, Apollo 8 and its astronauts, Jim Lovell, Bill Anders and Frank Borman, who circled the moon ten consecutive times, making it the first time a spaceflight carried humans beings safely and successfully.

And, of course, it's tragedies, including the back-to-back assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy.

In the midst of it all, the British Invasion was still alive and well, with The Beatles capturing the number one song on the Billboard Hot 100 that year: "Hey Jude." The poster children of the 27 Club: Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin and Jim Morrison (of The Doors), all awoke the nation with their psychedelic hits of "Purple Haze," a rendition of Bob Dylan's "All Along the Watchtower," "Piece of My Heart," "Hello, I Love You," and "Love Street," respectively.

Simon & Garfunkel coined the term of what they called an older woman chasing younger guys, "Mrs. Robinson." Aretha Franklin made us all "Think," and Steppenwolf invited bikers nationwide to ride to the beat of their Harleys with "Born to Be Wild." Oh, and let's not forget, there was a "Jumpin' Jack Flash" hoppin' in the corner. All this and more is what's in store for the generations who lived it and those who read about it.

"1968 - A Devised Dance Experience" will premiere this Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$12 for senior/student and free to WIU students with ID. To learn more about this play and to purchase tickets, visit www.westernpresents.com, call 309-298-2900 or visit the WIU Box Office in the Hainline Lobby.

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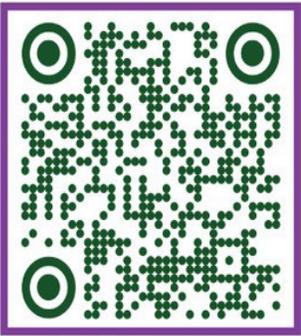
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Spoon River College Literacy Program and District Libraries Celebrating Family Reading Night November 16

The Spoon River College Literacy Program is pleased to announce that the 32nd Annual Family Reading Night will be celebrated on Thursday, November 16. Held in partnership with libraries and schools throughout the SRC district, the goal is to encourage families to take time to read together as a family. With help from a grant from Dollar General, Spoon River College will provide 25 free books to each library to hand out to attendees.

"Family reading promotes healthy brain development in children, and can improve their language and listening skills. It can also help create a strong parent-child bond and instill a lifelong love of reading," said Cyndi Johnston, adult education coordinator at Spoon River College.

"Our libraries do a wonderful job of finding fun and supportive ways to support Family

Reading Night, and we hope families will take advantage of these free events. Taking time to read together is a great habit to cultivate."

The activities, locations and times of each library's events are listed below.

Astoria Public Library will celebrate on Thursday, November 16, starting at 5:30 p.m. Families are invited to come in their pajamas to enjoy Storytime, a fun craft, and refreshments. Families will receive handouts, and children are invited to bring a stuffed animal to sleepover at the library with Foxy Loxy, the library's stuffed fox.

Canton Parlin-Ingersoll Library will host Family Reading Night Thursday, November 16, 6:00-7:30 p.m. There will be special guest speakers, a craft activity, and books to give away.

Cuba: The Spoon River Library did their program in October with the grade school.

Farmington Area Public Library is celebrating with a Dinovember theme as a family reading focused week November 13-18 with take-home packets that have dinosaur themed stories, poems, crafts and activities for families to do together. They are also teaming up with Farmington elementary school for a family

reading event at the school on the evening of Thursday, November 16 (time to be determined).

Havana Public Library District will celebrate November 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m., and are encouraging attendees to wear their favorite pajamas for a fun-filled night of guest readers, snacks, and magic with magician Rick Eugene. Snacks will be provided by Skye Mibbs, Snap-Ed Community Worker.

Lewistown Carnegie Public Library District will celebrate on Thursday, November 16 by handing out books, art kits, and treats.

Macomb Public Library will celebrate Family Reading Day on Thursday, November 16 with story time in the morning for daycares and in the afternoon for school agers. Book marks and cookies will be distributed.

Rushville Public Library will celebrate on Thursday, November 16, 4-7 p.m., with a craft and snacks, and all children will be able to pick out a free book.

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By Lucie Winborne

* Hummingbirds are the only birds that can fly backward. In fact, they're so impressive in the air that they've been referred to as the "flying ninja."

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* If you ever visit China, don't hug a tree! The act was forbidden after a mass tree hugging occurred outside of China's imperial garden and the Chinese government speculated that the huggers were part of a suspicious cult.

* Until it actually blows against something, wind makes no sound.

* Gold will never erode because it is chemically inert, meaning it doesn't react to oxygen in the atmosphere.

* Earlier this year, Taylor Swift's "Eras" tour performances registered as a 2.3 earthquake on seismometers in Seattle due to the collective dancing of her enthusiastic fans. The activity was compared to 2011's "Beast Quake," in which Seattle Seahawks fans shook the ground as they celebrated a touchdown, but Ms. Swift's lasted longer.

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