

# FREE Midweek Brief

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## Singer/Songwriter Dan Eilers Performs at New Copperfield's Book Service

Saturday, March 8 at 1:00pm



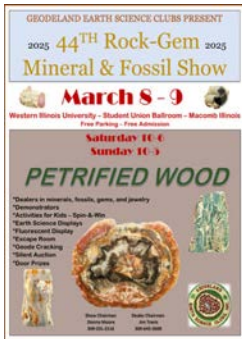
Macomb, IL. - Macomb area singer/songwriter Dan Eilers will perform at New Copperfield's Book Service, 120 North Side Square, Macomb, Saturday, March 8, at 1:00 P.M.

Well known as a "folksy, funny and innovative" performer throughout the region and beyond, Dan Eilers sings and finger picks many genres of music including folk, Americana, country and blues. He is known for his humor and laid-back performing style. The event is free. Everyone is invited.

New Copperfield's Book Service is an independent, general interest bookstore on the north side of Macomb's historic downtown square, with books available in stock and by special order. Performances at New Copperfield's give all area music lovers an opportunity to see the finest local musicians in live performance in an intimate, family-friendly atmosphere on a Saturday afternoon. The event is free. Bring the family!

## 44th Geodeland Rock and Mineral Show Held at WIU

By University Communications



MACOMB, IL - -

The Geodeland Earth Science Clubs, Inc. (GESCI) will hold its Annual Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 8, and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, Mar. 9 at the Western Illinois University Union Ballroom.

The theme of this year's 44th annual Geodeland Show is "Petrified Wood." A featured display in the center of the room exhibits specimens of petrified wood. There will also be a featured display of mineral specimens from the Linwood Mine near Buffalo, IA.

The GESCI Show will feature eleven mineral, fossil and jewelry See GESCI on page 2

## Did You Know? Seven Hills Craft N' Creations Retail Shop Has Opened In Bushnell

Tera and John Shriver, owners, are proud to announce the opening of their retail store located at 495 Water St., in Bushnell.

Regular Hours have recently been announced for the store that carries custom designed and handmade signs, t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, cups, tumblers, plus candles, melts and much more!

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### MCDONOUGH COUNTY SHERIFF

2/23

Tina Vernell Lantzlafary, 68, Bushnell, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Nyoka Denise Clark, 21, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant, McDonough County body attachment warrant

Charles Donald Burks, 56, Keokuk, IA, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

### MACOMB CITY POLICE

2/23

Adam T. Bensman, 22, Macomb, was charged with disorderly conduct

Cheveyo J. Thomas, 20, Galesburg, was charged with careless driving

Rosalie B. Sikes, 62, Macomb, was charged with careless driving

2/24

Diane M. Berry, 35, Macomb, was charged with resisting/obstructing officer/official

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

## TODAY'S JOKES

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A: It over-swept!

Q: Why do umbrellas make good friends?  
A: They've always got you covered!

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## Thank You

For Bobby R. Rhoades Sr. -

We believe Father God sends people to help us in our time of need - Angels on Earth. Brittney Taylor and Cindy Rhoades helped Bob in Rushville, then continued in Macomb. Thank you.

The MDH Hospice crew of helpers came to the house three times a week for several months, checking his vitals and assuring us we were doing a good job caring for him. Thank you so much. You put our minds at ease.

My daughter, Christy Herndon, was here every day helping. She ran errands and did so many more things we didn't know if she'd be able to do, but love finds a way. Thank you, Christy.

I wasn't familiar with the funeral home in Beardstown (Airsman-Hires) but I think they and Jonah did an excellent job of honoring Bob. Every detail was perfect. Our pastor, Jason Triplett from Rushville Church of Christ did an awesome job.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1239 had a very nice ceremony at the cemetery in Beardstown. Thank you for flowers, cards, food and calls.

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Anyone wishing to save any of these items should be sure to pick them up prior to March 17, 2025. Anyone with questions should contact the Oakwood Cemetery office at 833-5100 between the hours of 7:00A.M. and 3:30P.M., Monday- Friday.

## GESCI

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dealers. Exhibits will include items found in Western Illinois and other parts of the state and other items from around the world.

The show is set to offer family fun and entertainment, with plenty of activities for kids, an escape room, a fluorescent display, a silent auction, geode cracking and lapidary skills demonstrations. There will also be a door grand prize and hourly door prizes.

Food service will be offered in the lower level of the Student Union, on both days from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Registration tables will have printed programs and sign-ups for the prizes. Kids will receive two tickets at the registration table for different activities.

Admission to the show and parking are free. Donations for next year's show are accepted.

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## Death Notices

### Randall Lynn Pittman

78, of Colchester

Randall Lynn Pittman, age 78, of Colchester, passed away at 9:40 a.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at his home.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 3, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb with Pastor Dave Scott officiating. Burial at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Macomb with full military rites conducted by the Macomb American Legion and the Macomb VFW.

Memorials may be made to the Colchester Fire and Rescue Squad. You may sign the guestbook and leave online condolences at clugston-tibbitts.com.

### Ronny Jo Kipling

86, of Marietta

Ronny Jo Kipling, 86, of Marietta, Illinois passed away at his residence on Thursday, February 27, 2025.

Graveside services will be held at 11:30am on Thursday March 6, 2025 at the Forest Lawn Memory Gardens Cemetery in Macomb with Pastor Jim Eddy officiating. Visitation will be held from 9:00 am until 11:00 am on Thursday March 6, 2025 at the Martin-Hollis Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Bushnell Fire and Rescue. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

### Harriet Jane (Meyer) Baldwin

89, of Smithfield

Harriet Jane (Meyer) Baldwin, 89, born October 17, 1935. Daughter of John and Geneda (Welker) Meyer, asked to go home to Jesus and did on February 28, 2025 at 7:15 AM at Clayberg Nursing Center.

Graveside service will be held at 11 AM on Friday, March 14, 2025 at Baughman Cemetery in Smithfield. Pastor Dean Potts will officiate. Cremation rites will be accorded through Sedgwick Funeral Homes & Crematory in Canton.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Nazarene Church in Smithfield or Clayberg Activity Fund. To leave an online condolence you may go to www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com.

### Stacey G. James

55, of Chatham and formerly of Rushville

Stacey G. James, 55, of Chatham and formerly of Rushville, passed away at 1:38pm on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at his residence in Chatham.

Memorial services honoring Stacey's life will be conducted at 1:00 pm on Saturday, March 8, 2025, at the Triplett & Wood Funeral Home of Rushville. Pastor Rob Kirkham will preside. Visitation will be held from 11:00 am until the time of services on Saturday.

Memorial contributions in Stacey's memory are suggested to Breakthrough T1D, a Type 1 Diabetes research organization. You are invited to share your memories of Stacey and leave a condolence at www.triplettwood.com.

### Harold "Jake" White

61, of Macomb

During the early evening hours on Sunday, March 2, beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, uncle, and friend, Harold "Jake" White, 61, of Macomb, decided it was time to hit the fairways of the great beyond to work on his short-game so he can someday beat his golf nemesis.

In short, Jake White was a truly good man who will be missed by so many who knew and loved him. Please raise a glass (and maybe have a shot of Fireball) in his honor.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Dodsworth Piper Wallen is handling arrangements. A celebration of life will be held at Gold Hills Golf Club at a later date.

Death notices (name, death date and services) run free of charge. Families who wish to have a complete obituary published in the Tuesday or Friday Community News Brief newspaper (including picture, family, work history, hobbies and other information) should request the Community News Brief to the funeral home that is handling the services OR submit it directly to commuitybrief@gmail.com. Cost is \$45 and includes a laminated copy of the obituary.

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## Seven Hills

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Monday 10-5, Tuesday 10-4, Wednesday thru Friday 10-5, Saturday 10-4 and Sunday 10-3. (Note: this Friday, March 7th the store will close at noon).

The Shrivvers have been in business for over 8 years, working out of their home outside of Bushnell and setting up at vendor shows. The retail shop offers storage and a place for customers to shop daily and year round. Eventually the couple plans to offer a few food options and a flea market in the lot next to the shop. Keep up to date with what's new and other announcements by checking out Seven Hills Craft n' Creations Facebook page.

Find local real estate transactions, obituaries, police news and more in Friday's Weekly Edition Community News Brief

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Education of School District No. 185 in the County of McDonough, State of Illinois, of a public hearing to receive comment on the District's intent to use "E-Learning Days" in lieu of emergency days for school years 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028.

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that said hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 17th day of March 2025, in the C.T. Vivian Library at Macomb High School, 1525 South Johnson Street, Macomb, IL in the School District No. 185.

Dated this 4th day of March 2025.

Patrick M. Twomey  
Superintendent

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## *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 Wed. for 5th-High School students from 4-5:30pm.

### **EVERY THURSDAY**

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

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

## *Bushnell*

### **EVERY WEDNESDAY**

#### **Story Time for Young Learners**

Every Wed. from 10:30-11:30 The Bushnell Public Library hosts Story time for young learners. We read, practice nursery rhymes/ finger plays, craft, have a snack and practice social skills.

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5**

#### **Beginner Crochet**

The Bushnell Public Library will host Robyn Olson giving instructions and tips on how to crochet a scarf. Join in the fun every Wednesday at 12:45-1:45pm. What to bring: Size H crochet hook and a large skein of yarn. The Library is located at 455 N Dean St, Bushnell.

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 8**

#### **All-You-Can-Eat Pancake & Sausage**

Bushnell Odd Fellows will be holding All you can eat Pancake & Sausage breakfast March 8th 6am-11 at 265 W Osborn St Bushnell Adults \$8 under 12 \$5.

#### **Music Trivia First Responders Fundraiser**

Come and support your local First Responders at the M.A.B.A.S. Division 55 Music Trivia Night at the Bushnell VFW from 6-9pm. There will be a 50/50 raffle, silent auction and a steam burger meal for a free will donation. Cost is \$20/person or \$150/ Table of 8. To register a team contact Mike Hobson, Bushnell Fire, 309-259-9132 or Adam Rhoades, Macomb Fire, 309-337-4658.

## *Colchester*

### **EVERY MONDAY**

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

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

## *Macomb*

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 6**

#### **The NEW Conversation Presentation**

from 6pm to 8pm at Spoon River College Community Outreach Center, 2500 E. Jackson St. International speaker/ trainer, best selling author, Dwayne Bryant's will foster police and community relations with an emphasis on leadership, dignity, and respect for each other.

#### **Environmentally Concerned Citizens Meet**

7:00 pm. Environmentally Concerned Citizens meeting in the Macomb City Hall Community Room. Everyone is invited to hear about the new ICOVER cover crop program. Dates to apply for the three year program are limited from March 3 - March 14 2025.

### **SATURDAY & SUNDAY MARCH 8 & 9**

#### **Geodeland Earth Science Clubs Show**

at WIU University Student Union Ballroom on Saturday, March 8 from 8am-4pm and Sunday, March 9 from 7am-3pm. A large kid's area, Silent Auction, Door Prizes, Geode Cracking Fluorescent Display, Earth Science Displays, Lapidary Demonstrations, Live & Recorded Programs. Free Parking.

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 8**

#### **Macomb Farmers Market Winter Market**

monthly indoor Winter Market inside Macomb's American Legion hall (on E. Washington at S. Campbell) from 8:30 to Noon. Locally grown seasonal produce; home-made baked goods; local pasture-raised meat; popcorn, honey, spices, coffee, & tea; personal care products made locally from goats' milk & from CBD/hemp; local hand-crafted products of many kinds — fiber, wood, ceramics, & more; on-site knife sharpening; and much more! Final Winter Market is on Sat, April 12; outdoor Farmers Markets begin on Saturday, May 3 in Chandler Park; additional vendors sought.

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 9**

#### **Legends & Lattes Book Club**

Monthly Book Club focused on Fantasy, Sci Fi, Dystopia and fun at Sullivan Taylor Coffee House from 2-3pm. You might have seen the 1993 hit blockbuster Jurassic Park but have you read the original book it's based off of? Join Legends & Lattes in our sci-fi pick for March in reading Michael Crichton's dinosaur thriller Jurassic Park! Learn how putting profit over ethics leads to a theme park over-run with killer dinos and the heroes who must struggle to survive them!

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 14TH**

#### **McDonough Co. Retired Teachers Meet**

All retired McDonough county educators are invited to meet at Trinity Lutheran Church, 123 S. Campbell at 9:00 am. Our speaker will be Jeff Vancil from Hart's Nursery - sharing best landscaping tips just in time for spring planning. Coffee and a snack will be available.

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 20**

#### **Macomb Area Chamber Awards**

Join the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce at Park Place from 5-7pm as we highlight the accomplishments of the business community in 2024 and present awards to the Business of the Year, Service Organization/Non-Profit of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and the Ambassador of the Year. Tickets are \$40/Macomb Area Chamber Members. \$45/Non-Members. Includes program, appetizers, and one drink ticket (beer, wine, non-alcoholic). Register at [bit.ly/2024AnnualAward](https://bit.ly/2024AnnualAward)

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 21**

#### **Little League Baseball Trivia Night**

at Park Place of Macomb. Doors open at 7pm, trivia starts at 7:30pm. Cost is \$160/table (max 8 person team). 50/50 raffle, cash bar and bring your own snacks! Register your team today at [macomblittleleague.com](https://macomblittleleague.com). All proceeds support Macomb Little League.

## *Plymouth*

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 8**

#### **90's Music Trivia**

at Pop A Top Again! We did the 80's now it's time for the 90's! Dress up your teams in your best 90's costumes for a chance to win cash! Teams of 8 \$100 (You can up to 2 additional players for \$15 each) Team of 9- \$115, Team of 10- \$130. No cell phones or smart watch's at the table. 100% payback.

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 22**

#### **Chicken and Noodle Dinner**

4:30-7 pm at Plymouth Circle Community Center, 102 S Lexington St, Plymouth. Dine in or carry out, Free Will Offering. Proceeds will be used to help finance new furnace for the community room.

## *Table Grove*

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 15**

#### **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast**

from 6am-10am at the Table Grove Community Center serving Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Biscuits and Gravy.

## *Walnut Grove*

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 15**

#### **Pancake & Sausage Breakfast**

Walnut Grove United Methodist Church from 6-11am. Serving pancakes, sausage, biscuits & gravy, assorted fruits, coffee, milk and juice. Free will offering.

### Walnut Grove United Methodist Church

## *Pancake & Sausage Breakfast*



### **Saturday, March 15, 2025**

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**Reminder to Spring Forward and change clocks on Sunday, March 9th**





### The Café

What a great week for music!! We have Brent Liddell on Wednesday, March 5 from 5:30-7:30, Dirty Jackson is here on Thursday, March 6 playing from 9-11pm and Austin Lang is wrapping up the week on Friday, March 7 from 8-10pm.

### Macomb Elks Lodge

Mark your calendars to come see Sista And The Mistrs LIVE on Friday, March 7th from 7:30-10:30pm. You don't want to miss this great show. We'll also have Sandra's Authentic Mexican serving from 4-8/9p. Spread the word. All are welcome!

### Stealin' Copper - Augusta

Stealin' Copper in Augusta will have a St. Patrick's Day Party on Saturday, March 15 from 8-12pm so get dressed up in your best St. Patty's Day outfit and come enjoy a fun filled night. Costume contest judging at 10:30pm. Cash prizes!

### American Legion

The Lamoine River Ramblers will perform Traditional New Orleans Jazz from the early part of the history of Jazz on Tuesday, March 18 from 7-9pm.

### The Forum

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HARVEST

HUSBANDRY  
IRRIGATION  
LIVESTOCK  
ROTATION  
SOIL  
TILLAGE

\* A Spanish civil servant went unnoticed for six years after he stopped showing up for work until someone tried to give him an award for his long service.

\* The Spangler Candy Company named their famous lollipops "Dum Dums" because it was a word that was easy for any kid to say.

\* In the 1960s, the Goodyear tire company tested the bright idea of lighted tires, to be available in a range of colors. They looked pretty cool in the dark, but their unfortunate tendency to melt under heavy braking and poor performance in wet conditions doomed the concept to the dustbin.

\* A 2016 study revealed that only 27% of the words spoken in the biggest movies were uttered by women.

\* National Donut Day originally started as a way to honor Salvation Army volunteers who served donuts to soldiers in World War I.

\* When a man allegedly found a dead mouse in his can of Mountain Dew, Pepsi had an expert claim in an affidavit that the drink was so acidic it would have dissolved the mouse after 30 days.

\* The Hubble Space Telescope is so powerful that it can spot the glow of a firefly from some 7,000 miles away.

\* Professional wrestler and mixed martial arts champion Ronda Rousey confessed on the "Jim Rome on Showtime" TV show that she tries to have as much sex as possible before a match because it boosts her testosterone levels.

\* During his inauguration, Teddy Roosevelt wore a ring that contained a lock of Abraham Lincoln's hair.

\* The mayor of Bogotá, Colombia, once hired 420 mimes to make fun of traffic violators, believing his fellow countrymen feared ridicule more than fines.

Thought for the Day: "My best friend is the one who brings out the best in me." -- Henry Ford

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