

FREE Midweek Brief

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WIMuseum welcomes reenactor Laura Keyes for a living history portrayal of Lucy Pettengill



The Western Illinois Museum is pleased to welcome reenactor Laura Keyes for her program, "Lucy Pettengill, Station Operator on the Underground Railroad".

On Sunday, March 23, at 1:30 PM, the Western Illinois Museum will present reenactor Laura Keyes in a living history portrayal of Lucy Pettengill, a station operator on the Underground Railroad. This engaging performance brings to life both the dangers and rewards that conductors and station operators faced while

helping freedom seekers. Through storytelling and immersive historical interpretation, the program offers a unique opportunity to connect with the past in a meaningful way. **See WIMuseum on page 6**

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New Illinois Law for Alcohol Infused Products

The alcohol marketplace has changed and so have the laws. Effective January 1, 2025 bill SB 2625 went into effect. Alcohol-infused products such as alcoholic ice cream, whipped cream, popsicles, and other similar products are now considered alcoholic beverages regulated by the Illinois Liquor Control Act and the

ILCC. This law requires product separation for retail displays of alcohol-infused products and co-branded alcoholic beverages. For small businesses that cannot meet product separation requirements, the ILCC will provide required signage clearly identifying alcohol-infused products.

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A layered landscape provides space for wildlife all year

Nicole Flowers Kimmerle
 U of I Extension Horticulture Educator

There are many ways to support pollinators and other wildlife in home landscapes, such as providing floral resources throughout the season, planting host plants, and planting native plants. In addition, consider creating a space for them to live out their life cycles by creating vertical layers in the landscape.

Natural Systems as Models

Take a look at natural systems such as forests and prairies, and layers of vegetation will be evident. Forests consist of grasses, flowers, shrubs, understory, and canopy layers. Prairies also have distinct layers throughout the season, from low-growing early-season plants to the tallest late-blooming flowering plants and native grasses.

By mimicking these natural layers, space is provided for pollinators to complete their entire life cycle from larvae to adults. Layers also offer sheltered spaces for other wildlife,



A layered landscape has canopy and understory trees, shrubs, flowering plants, and shrubs.

Photo by Nicole Flowers-Kimmerle

See Wildlife on page 11

Free Colorectal Cancer Test Kits

McDonough District Hospital is providing **FREE** Hemoccult-ICT test kits. These screening kits are the first step in detecting colorectal cancer.

Test kits are available at:

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Zoe Madison Waterman, 19, Lewistown, was arrested on a foreign warrant

Adam Alexander Smith, 34, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant, DUI/alcohol

Joseph Howell Davis, 45, Macomb, was arrested on a foreign warrant

Nicholas Sterling Howard, 46, Lewistown, was charged with resisting a peace officer, drivers license revoked

3/10

Ezekiel Muhammad Davis, 24, Macomb, was charged with domestic battery

Charles Eugene Wubben, 41, Bushnell, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant, foreign body attachment warrant

Melissa Helen Baird, 35, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

James Lee Yarbrough, 46, Tennessee, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Danquan Alvontae Thomas, 24, Macomb, was charged with possession of firearm without FOID, possession of ammo without FOID

Wesley Atkins Enmon, 20, Macomb, was charged with possession of firearm without FOID, possession of ammo without FOID

MACOMB CITY POLICE

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James E. Payton, 23, Macomb, was charged with trespassing, disorderly conduct

Ezekiel M. Davis, 24, Macomb, was charged with trespass

Jevon T. Williams, 23, Macomb, was charged with trespassing

Ezekiel M. Davis, 24, Macomb, was charged with fighting

Craig T. McDaniels, 48, Macomb, was charged with fighting

Jevon T. Williams, 23, Macomb, was charged with fighting

3/9

Daniel A. Moncelli, 40, Macomb, was charged with disorderly conduct, resisting/obstructing officer/official

Toby A. Jones, 23, Granite City, was charged with careless driving

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JUNIOR THRASHER
is celebrating his 100th Birthday on March 23
 He will spend the day with family reminiscing on days gone by.
 If you would like to send a card to help Junior celebrate, please send to:
Junior Thrasher
319 N. White St.
Macomb, IL 61455



Gospel is Golden Ministry Presents



Jeff & Sheri Easter in Concert
 Saturday March 22nd at 6:00PM
 at the Historic Golden Windmill, Golden, IL
 Sandwiches and Concessions available at 4:30pm
A free will love offering will be collected
 Contact Info: Mike Martin 217-593-7455
 cfriend@adams.net or www.faithandgraceparish.org/concerts

9 Dove Awards!

TODAY'S JOKES

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 A: Moo England!

Q: Where did the orca go for summer vacation?
 A: Wales!

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Death Notices

Ruanne L. Sikes

85, of rural Macomb

Ruanne L. Sikes, 85, of rural Macomb passed away at 11:38 a.m. Friday, March 14, 2025 at her residence.

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

Memorials may be made to the HSMC New Anima Shelter Project.

Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb is in charge of arrangements. You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at clugston-tibbitts.com.

Harold L. Yeakey

96, of Roseville

Harold L. Yeakey, 96, of Roseville, Illinois, passed away at 1:20 p.m., Monday, March 10, 2025, at his home.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A graveside service will be held at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, March 22, 2025, at the Roseville Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Roseville United Methodist Church and left in the care of the funeral home. Moore Memorial Home, Roseville, is handling the arrangements.

Marianne Rhoades Pittman

94, of Dublin, Ohio

Marianne Rhoades Pittman, age 94 of Dublin, Ohio, passed away on March 15, 2025, in her home.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 21, at Shawgo Memorial Home in Astoria, Illinois. Reverends Tim Harvey and Carol Elmoro will officiate. Visitation will take place from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, and beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Woodland Cemetery, Astoria, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the Brethren Disaster Ministries, 601 N. Main, P.O. Box 188, New Windsor, MD 21776-0188 or Camp Emmanuel, 14999 Reservoir Road, Browning, IL 62624.

Lloyd Allen Stambaugh

72, of St. Augustine

Lloyd Allen Stambaugh, 72, of St. Augustine, Illinois passed away at 8:40 p.m. Thursday, March 13, 2025 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A visitation was held Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb.

Memorials may be made to the Heart and Lung Association. You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at clugston-tibbitts.com.

Elaine Churchill

82, of Roseville

Elaine Churchill, 82, of Roseville, Illinois, passed away at 1:51 a.m. Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at Goldwater Care of Roseville, surrounded by her family.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 15, 2025. Cremation rites accorded.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Roseville Ambulance Service or Compassus (Hospice) of Galesburg and left in the care of the funeral home. Moore Memorial Home, Roseville, is handling the arrangements.

R. Duane "Cap" Spangler

89, of Bushnell

R. Duane "Cap" Spangler of Bushnell, passed away at 2 PM Tuesday March 11, 2025. He was born on July 19, 1935 in Scottsburg, IL to Simon Cleveland and Lillian (Battin) Spangler.

Graveside services were held Saturday, March 15, 2025 at Bushnell Township Cemetery with Peggy Roberts officiating.

In lieu of flowers consider a contribution to the T J Pickett Masonic Lodge or the American Red Cross. Please sign guestbook or leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

Ernest Wells "Chap" Chapin

92, of LaHarpe

Ernest Wells "Chap" Chapin, 92, of LaHarpe, passed away Saturday, March 8, 2025 at 7:20 p.m. at the Elms in Macomb.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 14, 2025 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe with Pastor A. Lee Unger officiating. Burial with Military Rites followed in the LaHarpe Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established for the LaHarpe Fire Department or the LaHarpe American Legion. To leave a condolence, please visit Chap's obituary at banksandbeals.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. Cost is \$45 and includes a laminated copy of the obituary.

Robert Wayne Worman

84, of Evansville, IN

Robert Wayne Worman was born October 26, 1940 to CJ Worman and Delilah Rhoades Worman, in Evansville, IN.

Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be no services. Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb is in charge of arrangements. You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at clugston-tibbitts.com.

Larry Lee Walters

82, of Bushnell

Larry Lee Walters, 82, of Bushnell, passed away at 5:24 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, 2025 in his home.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 17, 2025 at the Bushnell First Baptist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family and left in the care of the funeral home. Moore Memorial Home, Avon, is handling the arrangements. For more information or to leave an online condolence, please visit our website at www.moorememorial.com.

Raymond Carlton "Rusty" Ross

63, of Macomb

Raymond Carlton "Rusty" Ross, 63, of Macomb passed away peacefully at 4:45 a.m. Friday, March 14, 2025 at Macomb Post Acute Care.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at the Macomb YMCA.

Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb is in charge of arrangements. You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at clugston-tibbitts.com.

Byron "Jerry" Winters

76, of Colchester

Byron "Jerry" Winters, 76, of Colchester, IL passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family on Sunday, March 16, 2025 at 8:45pm.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00am Friday, March 21, 2025 at Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Colchester, IL with Pastor Ben Ellefritz officiating. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00pm on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at the Macomb Municipal Airport with Masonic Rites at 7pm.

Memorial contributions may be made to MDH Home Health, MDH Hospice or the Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

The Hamilton Funeral Home in Augusta, IL is handling the arrangements. Online condolences can be left at www.hamiltonfuneralhomes.net.

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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 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.

Beginner Crochet Class

The Bushnell Public Library, 455 N Dean St., is hosting a Crochet class each Wednesday 12:45-1:45. Robyn Olson will be teaching the class. What to bring: Size H crochet hook and a large skein of yarn.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

Checkrow Church Trivia Bowl

Checkrow Community Church will host from 5:30-9pm with all proceeds going to Youth For Christ. Cost is \$10/ person, teams of 8. Donation pasta bar at 5:30, trivia starts at 6:30pm and dessert auction at 7:30pm. Childcare will be provided, to sign up text 309-333-8597.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

Friends Feeding Friends Dinner

Join in a "Late For St. Patty's Supper" at the Community Christian Center from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. Serving Corned Beef and Cabbage and all the fixin's, and apple desserts to finish. As always, the meal is free, though donations will be accepted, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Bushnell Swimming Pool. Come and join in the food and fellowship!

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

YFC Souper Dooper Soup Supper

Event rescheduled from earlier date

Held in Bushnell at the Community Christian Center, 355 W Main St, with doors opening at 5:30, meal and program at 6pm. The event raises funds for the YFC Bushnell Activity Fund.

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.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Kids Painting at the Library

School's out early on March 21st, and we've got the perfect way for your little ones to spend their afternoon! Join us at 1pm for a Kids Painting Session at the library! All materials will be provided - just bring your creativity! This is a wonderful opportunity to get kids engaged in art while enjoying some library fun.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY MARCH 21 & 22

Fundraiser Quilt Block Painting

March 21 from 1-9pm and Saturday, March 22 from 9am-1pm. The quilt painting project takes approximately 3 hrs. Come and Go whenever it fits your schedule. The cost, which covers all materials and supplies, is \$25. Please reserve your spot by signing up and paying the fee in advance. Let us know which number you'd like to paint 309-776-4861.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

Last BINGO of the Season

Join us at the Colchester Fire Protection District for one last BINGO of the season on March 22nd @ 6pm. Doors open at 5:30pm.

Macomb

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

Eat Wings Raise Funds

Fundraiser for the Macomb Police Explorers at Buffalo Wild Wings from 5-9pm. Up to 25% of proceeds go to the organization.

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

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. All proceeds support Macomb Little League.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

Dump Trump Rally

10:30 a.m.-noon, Chandler Park

Battle of the Brushes

Every year, artists gather at Macomb Arts Center to compete and create paintings in 30 minutes. Please contact the Macomb Arts Center through their website if you are interested!

Destination 6 Live Pro Wrestling

"Shifting Gears" on March 22. Tickets VIP \$30, front row \$25, general admission \$20, kids 6 & U \$10. Doors open at 5:15pm for VIP and 5:30pm for general admission, wrestling starts at 6pm.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

Whiskey School at The Wine Sellers

Sample whiskey with David from J. Henry & Sons. \$15 includes the course and samples. Maximum 20 participants.

Plymouth

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.



The Café

Ready for a great night of music? Stop by Wednesday, March 19 for Dan Eilers playing from 5:30-7:30.

Macomb Elks Lodge

We've got a great band Friday, March 21! The Beck Bros will be here playing from 7-10pm. The Bucher Boys BBQ will be serving some great food from 4-8pm. Mark your calendars!!! Spread the word!!! All are welcome!!! We hope to see you all there!!!

The Forum

Get ready for an unforgettable night as Rated Entertainment presents LUL JAJDA, CALBOY, TOUCHE, and PAID CRATE live at The Forum on Friday, March 21 from 10-12pm. On Saturday, March 22 we are celebrating St. Patrick's Day, this will be a party you don't want to miss!!

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Death Notices

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Helen P. Furgerson

97, of Camp Point, IL (formerly of Coatsburg, IL)

Helen P. Furgerson, 97, of Timberpoint Healthcare Center in Camp Point, IL, formerly of Coatsburg, IL, passed away at 8:48 p.m. Friday, March 14, 2025, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL.

Arrangements are pending at the Lummis Hamilton Funeral Home in Camp Point, IL.

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WIMuseum

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Doors will open at 1:00 PM, and there is a suggested \$5 donation at the door. Refreshments will be served.

Learn about the struggles Lucy Pettengill and her fellow abolitionists encountered in 1857 as they assisted freedom seekers passing through the Peoria, Illinois, area on their journey north. Mrs. Pettengill will also share details of abolitionist movements and actions in Western Illinois, explaining why her work was both secret and essential.

This program launches a new series designed to connect key moments in Black history. Upcoming programs in the Throughline in Black History series will feature films, food, and conversation. The public is invited to Sunday afternoon screenings at 2:30 PM of three films: *Origin* (2023) on April 13, *Two Trains Runnin'* (2016) on May 11, and *Freedom Riders* (2020) on July 20.

This program is funded in part by the Two Rivers Arts Council.

The Western Illinois Museum is a non-profit organization celebrating and nurturing the history, culture, and traditions of McDonough County. As a vibrant community hub, it features exhibits, an open collection area, lectures, music, and other programs in a historic building. The Museum is located at 201 S. Lafayette Street, one block south of Macomb's Courthouse Square.

For further information, call 309-837-2750, text 309-837-2613, or email info@wimuseum.org. A full schedule of events can be found at wimuseum.org or follow on social media @wimuseum.

About Laura Keyes

Laura Keyes graduated from UW-Madison with a Master's Degree in Library Studies. She is a lifetime member of the Association of Lincoln Presenters and received the Excellence in Performing Award from that Association. She has served on the Board of Directors for the Pec Playhouse Theatre, the Wheels O' Time Museum, the Laura Ingalls Wilder Legacy and Research Association, the Association of Lincoln Presenters, and Illinois Library Association. Visit Laura's website to learn more at www.LauraFKeyes.com.

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March 22, 2025
8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Spoon River College Outreach Center, Macomb, IL

Early-bird registration - \$40 - before March 8th
Registration after March 8th - \$50
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Alcohol

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Key Points

- "Alcohol-infused products" means any frozen or unfrozen, solid, or semi-solid food in a form other than liquid, including, but not limited to, ice cream, ice pops, whipped cream, gelatin-based products, and other similar products, containing more than 0.5% alcohol by volume.
 - Retailers with sales floor space of 2,500 square feet or less and do not physically separate alcohol-infused products from other products that may appeal to children like soft drinks, fruit juices, bottled waters, candies, or snack foods portraying cartoons or youth-oriented images, are required to post signage clearly indicating the alcohol-infused products are alcoholic beverages and must be sold to persons over 21 years of age.
 - Retailers with sales floor space over 2,500 square feet are required to keep alcohol-infused products physically separated from other products that may appeal to children.
 - Unless alcohol-infused product displays have the required signage, alcohol infused products cannot be "immediately adjacent" to products that appeal to children. "Immediately adjacent" means directly touching or immediately bordering one another from above, below, or the side. "Immediately adjacent" does not include a separate aisle.
- "Mistaking alcoholic products for their non-alcoholic counterparts is especially dangerous for minors and individuals with alcohol use disorders," said Illinois Liquor Control Commission Executive Director Lisa Gardner. "This law aims to safeguard the Illinois public health by preventing product confusion while also prohibiting alcohol marketing that may appeal to children."

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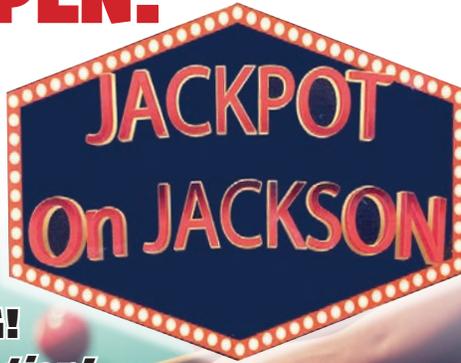


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Keystone Tree Species

One important thing to consider is adding keystone tree species to the layers. Keystone species are a relatively small number of plants that support many animal species. Oaks, willows, cherries, pines, and poplars support many moths, butterflies, and other beneficial insects.

Adding keystone trees is an essential first step to support wildlife, but creating layers of shrubs, flowers, and grasses underneath the trees is critical to support pollinator and beneficial insect populations at all stages of their life cycle.

Creating Space for Wildlife to Thrive

According to pollinator conservationist Heather Holm, "Soft Landings are diverse native plantings under keystone trees (or any other regionally appropriate native tree). These plantings provide critical shelter and habitat for one or more life cycle stages of moths, butterflies, and beneficial insects. In addition to plants, soft landings include leaf litter, duff, and plant debris."

Turf grass underneath trees can struggle to thrive in shaded areas and is limited in its ability to support diverse animal species. Adding plugs of various native plants underneath established trees is a way to create soft landings without damaging the tree roots.

Adding Native Plants

Native ferns, sedges, and flowering plants are good additions underneath a tree to create layers.

Ferns can provide shelter and a safe space for overwintering animals. Some native ferns that can be good additions are maidenhair fern (*Adiantum pedatum*), lady fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*), and Christmas fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*).

Sedges provide a grass-like texture to shaded areas. Some native sedges that provide soft landings are Pennsylvania sedge (*Carex pennsylvanica*) and rosy sedge (*Carex rosea*). Bottlebrush grass (*Elymus hystrix*) is another addition to a shaded area that provides structure.

A variety of flowering plants can be added to the shaded ground layer. Many flower in the spring before the tree canopy is filled with leaves, but others flower throughout the season. Consider adding some of these native flowers: wild columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*), wild geranium (*Geranium maculatum*), Virginia bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*), zigzag goldenrod (*Solidago flexicaulis*), and common blue violet (*Viola sororia*) to name a few.

Adding a variety of native plants under established trees allows pollinators, beneficial insects, and other wildlife space to thrive in a home landscape.

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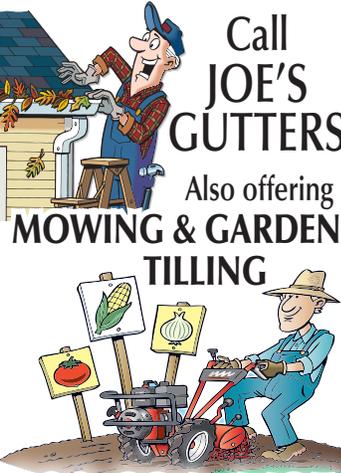
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