

FREE Midweek Brief

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Student Memorial Tree Planting Ceremony on April 24

By University Communications
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MACOMB/MOLINE, IL – The Western Illinois University Inter-Hall Council (IHC) will host the annual Student Memorial Tree Planting Ceremony at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 24, in the tree grove on the west side of Sherman Hall. The ceremony will be followed by a brief reception in the Corbin/Olson E-Classroom.

A tree is planted and dedicated in honor of the students who have been lost. In addition to the students' families, IHC is extending an invitation to students, faculty and staff to honor their loved ones.

This year, the ceremony will honor Steven Wright, who passed away April 20, and Nicolas "Nico" Lamb, who passed away Feb. 17.

For more information, email Jessica Butcher at jj-butcher@wiu.edu.

Pride Fest 2025 Celebration Set for April 26

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MACOMB, IL -- The Western Illinois University LGBT*QA Resource Center is excited to announce the 2nd Annual Pride Fest from noon-4 p.m., Saturday April 26, at the Multicultural Center Lawn. The theme for 2025, "Color Our World With Pride," highlights the importance of inclusivity and fostering a sense of belonging for all members of the WIU community.

Pride Fest is open to all WIU students, faculty, staff and community members, regardless of race, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, disability or age. This event aims to create a space where everyone can celebrate pride and unity.

Pride Fest promises to be an unforgettable event packed with entertainment, creativity and community. There will be an electrifying drag show featuring the Sharon Sharealike performers and attendees can take home a custom screen-printed tote bag as a unique keepsake. The event will feature inflatables, a personalized caricature drawing station and Sandra's Authentic Mexican Food. Also, come explore a showcase of small businesses and artisan crafts where students and community members share their talents. Don't miss out on this exciting celebration!

This event is free for all attendees and student participants. Students and community members interested in showcasing their crafts or small businesses can register here.

For more information, please contact the LGBT*QA Resource Center at lgbtqa@wiu.edu.

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John Charles Springer, 53, Bushnell, was charged with DUI/drugs, drivers license revoked or suspended, possession of Methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia

Rodney Dawayne Simpson, 35, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Robbie Allen Perry, 47, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant
Eric Jordan Rivera Morales, 19, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Trenice Glade Gibson, 26, Bushnell, was charged with theft

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Angela Fay Taylor, 48, Bardolph, was charged with DUI/alcohol

Anthony James Blome, 28, Macomb, was charged with driving on a suspended or revoked drivers license

Kaleb Armand Havens, 26, Bushnell, was charged with DUI

Pamela Bracey, 62, Bushnell, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

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Rodly Pierre, 34, Beardstown, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Sarah Jean Barcroft, 39, Bushnell, was charged with driving with license suspended

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Kenneth L, Wakeland, 57, Avon, was arrested on a foreign warrant

Michael Richard Madison, 51, Rushville, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Clarence Kirk Bradley, 28, Macomb, was charged with aggravated domestic battery, interference with reporting domestic violence, unlawful restraint

Miguel Angel Gonzalez, 25, Macomb, was charged with battery

MACOMB CITY POLICE

4/6

Joshua M. Kaltenbach, 20, West Point, was charged with careless driving (cell phone)

Sophia I. Sanchez, 19, Chicago, was charged with careless driving

Isaiah J. Johnson, 19, South Holland, was charged with disregarding a stop sign

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Lila M. Sensor, 17, Macomb, was charged with illegal passing of school bus

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

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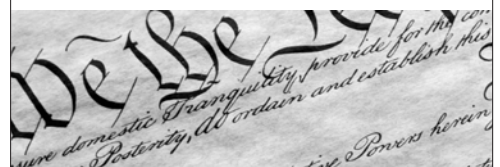
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TODAY'S JOKES

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Q: How do bees brush their hair?
A: With honeycombs!

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Death Notices

William Eugene Morrow

68, of Macomb

William Eugene Morrow, 68, of Macomb passed away at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at his daughter's home in Springfield.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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.

Constance Teslicka Hoke

92, of Macomb

Constance Teslicka Hoke, 92, of Macomb passed away at 10:14 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at Bickford Cottage in Macomb.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A private family grave side burial of ashes will be held at the Elmwood Cemetery in River Grove at a later date.

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.

Timothy Mark Taylor

65, of Roseville

Timothy Mark Taylor, 65, of Roseville, Illinois, passed away at 11:48 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at Seminary Manor of Galesburg.

Cremation rites have been accorded with a graveside service to be held Saturday, April 19th, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in the Roseville Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the family to assist with final expenses. Moore Memorial Home, Roseville, will be handling the arrangements.

Bernard M. "Bernie" McCance

81, of Blandinsville

Bernard M. "Bernie" McCance, 82, of Coal Valley, IL, died Thursday, April 10, 2025, at UnityPoint Health - Trinity Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois.

The family invites friends to share stories and condolences at TrimbleFuneralHomes.com.

Dr. James H (Jim) Jacobsen

Dr. James H (Jim) Jacobsen was born on May 6, 1931 in Chicago where he grew up.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A small family service is planned. In lieu of sending flowers, please consider a donation to Lutheran Hillside Village Foundation at 6901 N Galena Rd, Peoria, IL 61614 or your preferred charity.

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

Carl R. Kimler

76, of Macomb

Carl R. Kimler, 76, of Macomb, passed away at 12:00 PM Sunday February 2, 2025 at his residence.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Private Graveside Services will be held Saturday April 19, 2025 at Oakwood Cemetery with Military rites. Rev. A Lee Unger will officiate. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday April 19, 2025 from 4-8 PM at the Macomb VFW.

Memorial Contributions can be made to MDH Hospice and the 40 et 8 Nurses Scholarships. Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign guestbook or leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

Virginia Mae DeMoss

81, of Blandinsville

Virginia Mae DeMoss, 81, of Blandinsville passed away at 11:47 a.m. Sunday, February 16, 2025 at the Ellms Nursing Home in Macomb.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Grave side services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 17, 2025 at the Old South Cemetery in Blandinsville.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers that memorials be made to the HSMC New Animal Shelter. Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Blandinsville is in charge of arrangements. You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at clugston-tibbitts.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.

Dave Runkle

77, of Rushville

Dave Allen Runkle, 77, of Rushville, passed away at 2:30 pm on Monday, April 7, 2025, at his home.

Funeral services honoring Dave's life were conducted on Monday, April 14, 2025, at Saint John's Lutheran Church of Beardstown. Rev. Keith Kettner presided. Interment followed at Saint John's Lutheran Cemetery in Beardstown.

Memorial contributions in memory of Dave are suggested to Saint John's Lutheran Church of Beardstown.

The Triplett & Wood Funeral Home of Rushville has been entrusted with the care and arrangements. You are invited to share your memories of Dave and leave a condolence at www.triplettwood.com

Patricia "Pat" Ann Kitch

76, of Avon

Patricia "Pat" Ann Kitch, 76, of Avon, IL passed away peacefully at 9:37 pm Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at home, surrounded by her loving family.

Visitation was held Tuesday April 15, 2025 at the Martin-Hollis Funeral Home in Bushnell, IL. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 am Wednesday April 16, 2025 at the Prairie City Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Glioblastoma Foundation. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you honor her memory by doing something kind for someone else—or by spoiling your loved ones, just as she always did. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

Sarah Ann Bigsby

49, of Bushnell

Sarah Ann Bigsby, 49, of Bushnell, IL passed away at 12:13 pm Sunday April 6, 2025 at her residence.

Cremation Rites have been accorded. There will be no services. Martin-Hollis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.



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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 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.

MONDAY, APRIL 21

B-PC Baseball Jackson St. Pub Fundraiser

support B-PC Baseball at the Jackson Street Pub in Macomb. 20% of all sales will go to the Spartans Baseball Team from 11am-close.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

Friends Feeding Friends Meal

at the Bushnell Community Christian Center from 4:30-6:30PM. A share of the free-will offering will be shared with the Help and Hope Food Pantry in Bushnell.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

High School Academic Awards

6:30-7:30pm in the High School Auditorium. If you are planning to present an award to a high school student, please contact Shanti Willey at the High School Office at 309-772-2113 by Monday, April 21.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

B-PC Promenade

in the High School Gym. Prom follows at WIU Union Grand Ballroom.

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.

MONDAY, APRIL 21

Colchester Area Historical Society

meets at Colchester City Hall Community Room, 500 E Roberts St. at 6:30pm. Program: "Camp Ellis" presented by Julie Terstiep. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Submit your calendar item to
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Industry

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Drive thru Fish Fry

Join us for a drive through Fish Fry to support Industry Pinhook Days from 5-7pm at the Industry Fire Department, 104 S. Sullivan.

Macomb

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

Antique & Collectibles Club Meeting

at 7:00 pm Community Room - Macomb City Hall, 232 East Jackson St. Program: Camp Ellis: How Family Documents Tell One Farm Family's Story presented by Julie Chenoweth Terstiep.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Crafts, Crap & More!

(sponsored by the Lamoine Trails Saddle Club) at the McDonough County 4-H Center from 9am-3pm. Lunch will be served-sloppy joes, hot dogs, chips & drinks. There will be craft vendors, raffles, bake sale, garage sale & more! Come on out and spend the day!

One Book One Community Event

WIU COFAC Recital Hall, 1pm, WIU Community Music School April Concert, students ages 6-16 perform including two folk songs that reflect the OBOC theme, The Earth: Our Home.

Highway 136 Clean up

Come help Environmentally Concerned Citizens at 1pm pick up their segment of Highway 136 from East Jackson intersection at Walgreens, northwest to the Railroad Station, and then west to W. Jackson Street intersection to help Earth Day week. Please meet at the east edge of Chandler Park for bags, etc.

Music Trivia The Ritz

(Hosted by Kevin Dieppa) starts at 6pm, doors open at 5:30pm. Table/Teams of 6 are \$60! (\$10/ person). Bring your friends and some snacks. To register your team, please contact Donnie Moman at 309-255-2751 or ritzmacomb215@gmail.com. Chance to win awesome raffle prizes!!

MONDAY, APRIL 21

County Genealogical Society Meeting

The McDonough County Genealogical Society's meeting will be held on Monday, April 21st, at the Western Illinois Museum at 6 p.m.. Jeremy Benson, the McDonough County Clerk, will be presenting about how to find land records and other records that can help in genealogical research at the courthouse. Everyone is welcome to attend.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

Macomb Community Health Fair

at Macomb Hy-Vee from 10am-2pm. Free A1C screenings, retinal screenings, hearing screenings, blood pressure testing & vision screenings for children ages 1-7 will be available. Sponsors include the Hy-Vee, McDonough County Health Department, Macomb Lion's Club and Lions of Illinois Foundation.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

St. Paul School presents Gala-Opoly

5pm-midnight. This will be an evening of giving, gathering and grace. Where every bid builds a Saint! To register visit the St. Paul Facebook page.

Plymouth

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Spring Side by Side Ride

Mark your calendars for our spring side by side ride at 10am at Pop A Top Again! Sign in from 10-11am, leave at 11am. Proceeds go to Plymouth Old Settlers!



The Café

The week is halfway over, let's celebrate with some great music on Wednesday, April 16 we have Bob Logan playing from 5:30-7:30pm. Thursday, April 17 is Open Mic Night from 8-12pm and we end the weekend on Friday, April 18 with Lake Jam-Tom, Jeff & Steve from 7-9pm.

Ellisville Opera House

Chris Vallillo and Hickory Ridge Concerts welcomes SueFink/Songsisters, three singing, hilarious ladies to the Hickory Ridge Concerts Stage this Saturday, April 19th at 7:00 pm at the historic Ellisville Opera House in Ellisville.

The Forum

Looking for a fun way to spend your Friday night in Macomb?! Don't worry, we got you! On Friday, April 25th, the band, Late Start, will be performing at The Forum from 8-10:30pm followed by Lake of the Ozarks DJ, DJ Supe, from 11pm- 2am!! Cover will be \$5, with drink specials all night!

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Egg Hunts & Easter Events

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

Good Hope Easter Egg Hunt

An Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Good Hope United Methodist Church will be held Wednesday, April 16 at 5 PM. For ages 0 to 6th grade in Good Hope City Park.

Bushnell United Methodist Church

Children grades K - 5th grade are invited to participate in an event titled, It's not just about the bunny, It's all about the LAMB held at the Bushnell United Methodist Church, 390 North Crafford Street from 2:30-4:00 PM. Children will do crafts, watch a video and have a snack all designed to explain the Christian meaning of Easter. Christian women of Bushnell area churches conduct the event. There is no charge to attend. Register by calling the Methodist Church office and leaving a message - state a name and contact number. Registration is encouraged by April 14. Parents, grandparents and family members are invited to attend with their children.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Lamoine Easter Egg Hunt

Join the Lamoine Assisted Living & Memory Care for an Easter Egg hunt on April 18th from 9am-11am at The Lamoine Assisted Living & Memory Care. We'll have an activity station for kids to create something special and an egg hunt in our lobby for all ages and pictures with the Easter Bunny. Get ready for some Egg-citing fun!

Macomb Public Library Egg Hunt

It's that time of year! The Egg Hunt is Friday, April 18 at 10am on the Library Annex Lawn. Be sure to be on time for your designated age group. These kids can pick up over 300 eggs in under two minutes!

Grand Prairie Easter Egg Race

Join Grand Prairie (1307 Meadowlark Lane, Macomb) for an Easter Egg Race open to the public Friday, April 18th at 1pm sharp. Age groups: 04, 5-8, 9-12.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Grace Baptist Easter Egg Hunt

Come join the Grace Baptist Church for our first Easter Egg Hunt on our new property located at 1315 Maple Ave in Macomb. This free event will include an exciting Easter story, egg hunt, photos with the Easter Bunny, and hotdogs! The egg hunt begins at 11am. Please pre-register using the link provided on our Facebook page @GraceBaptistChurchMacombIL.

The Crossing Easter Egg Hunt

The Crossing in Macomb will hold an Easter Egg Hunt at 10am at Hansen Field for ages 0-5 years old.

Blandinsville Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Blandinsville Easter Egg Hunt will take place in the Blandinsville-Hire Park on Saturday, April 19, 2025. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place at 12:00 Noon!

Following the egg hunt, activities will be offered until 2:00 pm. Activities will include a bouncy house for kids up to 4th grade and an obstacle course for kids in 5th grade and older. Other events include face painting by the West Prairie Art Club, small petting animals, a visit from the Easter bunny handing out treat bags, a spring backdrop for photo opportunities, a barrel train ride, and pinatas. There will be water and hot hogs served free to kids and adults in the firehouse, McDonough Telephone Cooperative will be serving free popcorn in the shelter house, and a coffee wagon will be on site with beverages and treats to purchase. This event is organized by the Blandinsville First Christian Church with help from community organizations, businesses, and individuals.

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Scott's Law

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impossible, drivers must slow down to a safe speed, proceed with caution, and be prepared to stop if necessary.

"We've all heard it, move over and slow down for emergency vehicles on the side of the road with their emergency lights activated," said ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. "Despite this, we continue to see to crashes, including deadly crashes, because someone refused to move over and slow down. To help end this reckless behavior, we want the public to know that if you fail to move over and slow down in Illinois, you will get a ticket. The days of receiving a warning are over. Move over or get pulled over."

The Move Over Law not only applies to law enforcement vehicles, but ambulances, fire vehicles, IDOT Emergency Traffic Patrol vehicles, tow trucks, and other authorized emergency vehicles as defined under the Illinois Vehicle Code. However, ISP and IDOT urge drivers to move over and slow down for any vehicle with flashing lights stopped on the side of the road.

"The main goal of the Move Over Law is

to eliminate preventable crashes, injuries and deaths," said Acting Illinois Transportation Secretary Gia Biagi. "But the easiest way is to please slow down and give plenty of extra distance to people and vehicles on the side of the road. With your help, we can make our highways and streets safer for everyone."

When seatbelt laws first took effect in the 1980s, adoption of this life saving practice was slow. To increase compliance with the law and reduce the number of unnecessary traffic deaths, law enforcement began issuing citations, not warnings, when there was sufficient evidence seatbelts were not being used. Today, seatbelt use is commonplace, in large part because of the strict enforcement of seatbelt laws, and many lives have been saved. ISP and IDOT are looking to make the automatic response to move over and slow down for an emergency vehicle as commonplace as wearing a seatbelt.

To provide advanced notice that a driver needs to move over and slow down because of an emergency vehicle stopped on the road ahead, ISP partnered with Google Public Sector and HAAS Alert to provide a warning to drivers through apps like Waze and Google

Maps, as well as through certain vehicle onboard infotainment systems, including Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Mercedes-Benz, RAM, and Volkswagen.

The fine for a Move Over Law violation is between \$250-\$10,000. If the violation results in the injury or death of another person, it's a felony and driving privileges could be suspended up to two years.

Already in 2025, ISP has suffered five move over crashes resulting in four troopers injured. Since the beginning of 2019, ISP has suffered 71 Move Over Law injury crashes, including three troopers killed. There were hundreds more Move Over Law crashes over those years involving fire and IDOT vehicles, ambulances, tow trucks, and others.

The Move Over Law is named Scott's Law in Illinois in remembrance of Lieutenant Scott Gillen of the Chicago Fire Department. Gillen was struck and killed by an intoxicated driver while assisting at a crash on the Dan Ryan Expressway.

More information about Illinois' Scott's Law can be found on the ISP website, as well as a Scott's Law dashboard that includes information and data about ISP crashes.



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Nine-time Grammy Winner Sheryl Crow Headlines Illinois State Fair Grandstand August 12

SPRINGFIELD, IL – Nine-time Grammy winner Sheryl Crow is coming to the Illinois State Fair Grandstand on Tuesday, August 12.

Crow's is a career beyond dreams, with songs that defined the third wave of feminism, sweeping the pop charts without losing any edge and enough wide-open Midwestern joy to captivate the world. Her first nine studio albums have sold 35 million copies worldwide; seven charted in the Top 10, and five were certified for Multi-Platinum sales.

"Since 1994, Sheryl Crow has been one of the most influential singer-songwriter-musicians in country-rock music," said Illinois Department of Agriculture Director Jerry Costello II. "Her music lifts people up, brings them together, and we can't wait for that to happen at the Illinois State Fair."

"We are thrilled to welcome Sheryl Crow back to the Grandstand stage after 29 years," said Illinois State Fair Manager Rebecca Clark. "Her extensive music catalog will have every generation singing along to her hits."

Tickets for Crow will go on sale Saturday, February 15 at 10 a.m. via Ticketmaster.

Tier 3 - \$40 / Tier 2 - \$45 / Tier 1 - \$50 / Track - \$55 / Blue Ribbon Zone - \$105

*A \$30 Pre-Show Party ticket is offered as an additional upgrade for all paid concerts.

Mark your calendars for the 2025 Illinois State Fair, August 7 through August 17 in Springfield.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: Open Until Filled;
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Send letter of interest, District application, transcript, credentials, and resume (optional) to:

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9 1/2 month position, 4 hours per day, 10 sick leave days, retirement through Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

QUALIFICATIONS: H.S. diploma or equivalent, knowledge and skills to perform responsibilities. Previous experience with children helpful
SALARY: Beginning hourly wage: \$16.00

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Transportation Department PART TIME SCHOOL BUS DRIVER

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9 1/2 month position, 4 hours per day, 10 sick leave days, retirement through Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

QUALIFICATIONS: H.S. diploma or equivalent, knowledge and skills to perform responsibilities. Valid IL Class B CDL license with passenger and school endorsements. Clear driving record.

SALARY: Beginning hourly wage: \$24.50

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Transportation Department FULL TIME TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR

The key responsibilities of this position are, but not limited to, planning, organizing, and optimizing bus routes and schedules to ensure timely and efficient student transportation. This individual will supervise and manage transportation staff, including drivers, dispatchers, monitors, clerical employees, and the mechanic, as well as develop and oversee all training aspects and ensuring compliance with all relevant regulations, policies, and procedures related to school bus transportation.

12 month position, 8 hours per day, 40 hours per week, paid holidays as per school calendar, 3 personal days, 13 sick leave days, vacation benefits, health insurance options, life insurance to the nearest \$1,000.00 of salary, retirement through Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

QUALIFICATIONS: H.S. diploma or equivalent, knowledge and skills to perform responsibilities. Minimum of 3-5 years experience with transportation service management desired. Must possess CDL class B or be willing to obtain upon employment

SALARY: Salary Range \$50,000 - \$70,000 annually based on experience and qualifications

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Transportation Department FULL TIME DISPATCH/CLERICAL SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL

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QUALIFICATIONS: H.S. diploma or equivalent, knowledge and skills to perform responsibilities. Minimum of 2-3 years clerical experience required. Effective communicator; orally and written. Computer proficient

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Transportation Department FULL TIME TRANSPORTATION MECHANIC

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By Lucie Winborne

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* In 2013, "Star Wars" was dubbed in Navajo, making it the first major motion picture to be dubbed in a Native American language.

* Your brain sees the world upside down. When the rods and cones of your retina send an image to the brain -- say, you're looking at a tree -- the image that gets transmitted to the brain is upside down. The brain automatically rotates the image in its visual cortex.

* Researchers at Oregon State University patented a strain of seaweed that's not only rich in protein, but tastes remarkably like bacon when cooked.

* The term "pipe dream" is a reference to the crazy dreams people have while smoking opium.

* Death rates in boxing exploded after the introduction of the boxing glove. Almost nobody ever died bare knuckle boxing because head punches often resulted in broken hands, so nobody used them.

* A typical piano has about 12,000 parts, 10,000 of which are moving.

* The shooting of JFK assassin Lee Harvey Oswald was the first known human killing seen on live television.

* Nylon replaced silk as the most common dental floss material following silk's increased price during the second World War.

* Studies show that 88% of women wear shoes that are too small for their feet.

* After Korean soccer player Ahn Jung-hwan scored the goal that eliminated Italy from the 2002 World Cup, the Italian club where he played canceled his contract for "ruining Italian soccer."

Thought for the Day: "Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself."
-- George Bernard Shaw

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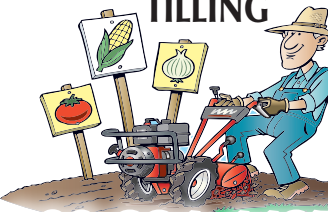
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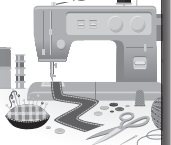
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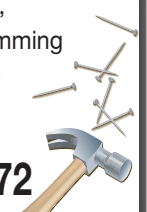
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