

FREE Midweek Brief

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Macomb Park District Upcoming Programs



Even though it's winter, the Macomb Park District has plenty of programs for the entire family to enjoy in January and February.

This Saturday enjoy making a simple bird feeder

at the Nature's Makers" Upcycled Bird Feeder event at Lakeview Nature Center. On January 16, 23 and 30 the Ceramics Studio is offering Joyful Porcelain Jewelry making and on January 31, back at Lakeview Nature Center, an

event for the younger crowd; Noticing Nature: A Curious Guide for Sprouts, where youngsters can enjoy a nature themed story, a creative activity while taking in nature.

In February, Nature Makers will create a printed bag full of love to store their favorite books and seasonal treats on February 1 and Noticing Nature returns for the little ones on the 21st. The ceramics studio will be busy again offering Wheel Throwing & Beyond Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27 and a Day in Clay Feb. 8, as well as, Kids/Teens Clay Lab on February 22.

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February 24
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1/4/2025

David D Richards, 31, Macomb was charged with criminal damage to property

Samuel Dadson, 31, Macomb was charged with equipment requirement violation

Eunice O Asanoh, 25, Macomb was charged with operating an uninsured motor vehicle

Gunnar A Whitaker, 19, Bushnell was charged with trespassing

1/5/2025

James E Payton, 22 Macomb was charged with a McDonough County warrant/body attachment

1/6/2025

Zachary G Eggers, 29, Macomb was charged with criminal damage to property

MCDONOUGH COUNTY SHERIFF

1/3/2025

Ronnie Wayne Adams, 53, Macomb was charged with a McDonough County warrant

Joseph Richard Glaze, 39, Macomb was charged with domestic battery

Tremaine Lashawn McKnight, 28, Macomb was charged with retail theft

1/5/2025

James Eric Payton, 22, Macomb was charged with a McDonough County warrant/body attachment

1/6/2025

Lacy Diane Snowden, 39, Macomb was charged with driving on a suspended or revoked license

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

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

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TODAY'S JOKES

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A: They cantelope!

Q: What do you call a broken clock?

A: A waste of time!

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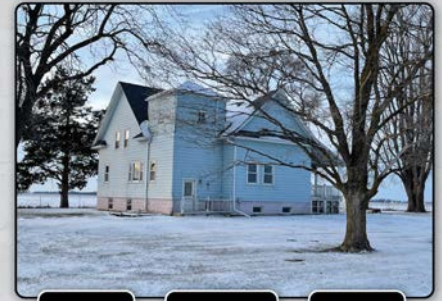
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Death Notices

Phyllis J. Worthington

73, of Bushnell

Phyllis J. Worthington, age 73, of Bushnell, IL, passed away peacefully at her residence on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

A celebration of Phyllis's life will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at the Bushnell VFW. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Bushnell Rescue Squad. Martin-Hollis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

Beverly J. Ver Steeg

93, of Macomb

Beverly J. Ver Steeg, 93, of Macomb, passed on Sunday January 5, 2025.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at the Bushnell United Methodist Church with Pastor Randy Burwell officiating. Burial in the Bushnell Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Bushnell United Methodist Church, B-PC Music Dept. or Bushnell Rec Center. Martin-Hollis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

Sheila L. (Miller) Raine

65, of Bushnell

Sheila L. (Miller) Raine, 65, of Bushnell, passed away at her residence on Sunday, January 5, 2025.

Cremation Rites have been accorded. Memorial contributions may be made to the Experience Assembly of God Church. Martin-Hollis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

Phyllis Lee Wolff

85, of Normal

Phyllis Lee Wolff, 85, of Normal, Illinois passed away at 3:17 on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at Carle BroMenn Medical Center in Normal.

Services were held Saturday, January 11, 2025 at Shawgo Memorial Home, 207 E Broadway, Astoria, IL with Pastor Monroe Bailey officiating. Please leave sympathies and condolences at www.shawgomemorialhome.com.

Memorials may be made to help defray some unpaid expenses. Please make checks out in her memory to Steve Stremmel. Read the full obituary and sign the guestbook and leave condolences at shawgomemorialhome.com.

Charles W. "C.W." Trone, Sr.

90, of Rushville

Charles W. "C.W." Trone, Sr., 90, of Rushville, IL, passed away at 8:37 am on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at his home.

Services were held on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at Shawgo memorial Home in Astoria. Memorials in C.W.'s memory may be made to Serenity Point Hospice of Canton, IL.

Read the full obituary, sign the guestbook and leave condolences at shawgomemorialhome.com.

Charles E. White

90, of Macomb

Charles E. White, 90, of Macomb, passed away at 6:49 p.m. Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at Wesley Village in Macomb.

Services were held Saturday, January 11, 2025 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe with Rev. A. Lee Unger and Jerod Walker officiating. Burial followed in the LaHarpe Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Wesley Village or the LaHarpe Lion's Club.

To leave a condolence, please visit Chuck's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

Myrtle Belle McCall

97, of Macomb

Myrtle Belle McCall, 97, of Macomb passed away at 4:35 a.m. Friday, January 10, 2025 at Wesley Village Healthcare Center in Macomb.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb with Pastor A. Lee Unger officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery in Macomb. Following the services all are invited to lunch at the Ritz.

Memorials may be made to the Macomb School District #185 Education Foundation in Macomb or Kitchen Band at Wesley.

You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at clugston-tibbitts.com.

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Mary Lou Lischer

95, of Macomb

Mary Lou Lischer, 95, of Macomb passed away at 2:45 a.m. Friday, January 10, 2025 at Wesley Village Healthcare Center in Macomb.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, January 17, 2025 at Elmwood Cemetery in Elmwood, IL. Memorials may be made to St. Jude's.

You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at clugston-tibbitts.com.

William M. Thompson

83, of Smithfield

William M. Thompson, 83, of Smithfield, IL passed away on January 9, 2025, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL.

Cremation Rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life is being planned for the Spring. Martin-Hollis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

Kathryn L. Harding

76, of Blandinsville

Kathryn L. Harding, 76, of Blandinsville passed away at 10:05 a.m. Sunday, January 12, 2025 at Macomb Post Acute Care in Macomb.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A grave side service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at Glade City Cemetery in Blandinsville with Pastor A. Lee Unger officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorials may be made to the Terre Haute Community Church or St. Jude's.

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.

Peggy Jo Mustain

75, of Lincoln

Peggy Jo Mustain, age 75 of Lincoln, Illinois passed away Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at her home.

Funeral service will be 12:00 Noon, Friday, January 17, 2025, at the Jones Funeral Chapel in Colchester with Pastor Clint Mustain. Visitation with the family will be from 11:00 A.M. to 12 Noon Friday at the funeral home. Friends may view and sign the register book at the funeral home from 8:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Thursday, January 16, 2025. Private Entombment in the Glade City Mausoleum will take place at a later date. Memorial is to the family of Peggy Mustain for expenses. Condolences and memories can be expressed to the family at jonesmortuaryfh.com.

See more Death Notices on page 5

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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 Wednesday for 5th thru High School students from 4pm-5:30pm.

EVERY THURSDAY

After-School Program

Blandinsville First Christian Church After-School Program every Thursday for Kindergarten through High School students from 4:00 pm until 5:00 pm.

Bushnell

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Story time for young learners

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

JANUARY 28TH

Friends Feeding Friends Meal

We will be serving a free meal on January 28th from 4:30-6:30PM at the Community Christian Center. Donations accepted but not expected.

FRIDAY, FEB. 14TH

VFW Valentines Day Dinner

4:30-8pm at the Bushnell VFW. Reservations required by Feb. 7th, call 309-337-8768 or 309-371-7171.

Colchester

EVERY MONDAY

Move & Groove and Story Hour

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

SATURDAY, JAN. 18

BINGO Night

at 210 E Market St. Hosted by Colchester Fire Protection District.

Macomb

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15TH

Antique & Collectibles Club

Meets at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of City Hall. Members are encouraged to bring items related to Winter and Valentine's Day and share stories. Join us for an enjoyable evening of sharing and learning!

Submit calendar items to communitybrief@gmail.com

FRIDAY, JAN. 17

PAS hosts Arts-Related Trivia

Test your arts knowledge! Join the Performing Arts Society (PAS) for an evening of arts-related trivia at Park Place of Macomb, 127 E. Carroll St. at 7pm. The cost is \$25 per ticket, \$225 for a corporate table of eight. Corporate tables include signage/logo on the table, premier seating, and multiple mentions during the event. Register at westernpresents.com.

SATURDAY, JAN. 18

Make A Difference Day

The GFWC Macomb Woman's Club will be collecting items/donations for the Samaritan Well, a homeless shelter, and the Animal Shelter from 10am until 2pm at Hy-Vee. The members will provide persons that are entering Hy-Vee with a list of items and shoppers can decide to purchase and donate these items or leave a cash donation.

SATURDAY, JAN. 25

IL S3DA Crooked Creek Indoor Regional

10am-3pm Illinois S3DA Crooked Creek Indoor Regional at Crooked Creek Outdoors, 1025 W Grant St, Macomb, IL.

Benefit for Robert Hotto

from 4-7pm at the Macomb 4-H Center. Meal \$4 donation and Live Auction. Hotto has been diagnosed with cancer and must travel to St. Louis for recurring treatments. To donate a bank account has been set up @ United Community Bank, Robert Hotto Benefit Donation Account. For more information contact MS B Deford 309-333-2389.

Glow in the Dark BINGO

The 2nd Annual Glow in the Dark BINGO Night date is set for 7pm at Macomb Elks Lodge. This year you can buy your tickets in advance to guarantee your spot! Tickets can be purchased for tables of 6. Event by McDonough County Ag in the Classroom and Macomb Elks Lodge #1009.

Gold Hills Golf Club 1st Soup Cook Off

Join in for the 1st Soup Cook-Off at 3pm. Whether you're a soup connoisseur or just hungry, this event is for you. Bring your favorite soup or just your appetite and get ready to taste some delicious soups.

SATURDAY, FEB. 8

Winter Farmers Market

Macomb Farmers Market monthly indoor Winter Market inside Macomb's American Legion hall (on E. Washington between Campbell & Randolph) from 8:30 to Noon.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Casino Night

The Humane Society of McDonough County CASINO NIGHT will be held at Macomb's Park Place, 127 E. Carroll St. on March 1, 2025 from 7-10pm. All funds raised go towards the construction of a new animal shelter for McDonough County. We're rolling out important details about this year's event on our Facebook page!

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

HOWL260

Join the Macomb Educational Foundation and dueling pianos company HOWL260 at Park Place at 7pm to raise money to help support grants that directly support our local schools!

Carthage

SATURDAY, FEB. 15

Dave Danielson Benefit

at the Eagles Club in Carthage from 5-11pm. There will be a live auction, 50/50 drawing and DJ music by Peggy Day. Dinner will be served at \$10/plate. Dave is facing significant challenges after a recent diagnosis of diabetic retinopathy. For donations call or text Jennifer at 309-569-2440 or Lacey at 573-719-7377.



The Café

We have a great week of music lined up starting Wednesday, Jan. 15 with Tyler Clark playing from 5:30-7:30pm and again on Thursday, Jan. 16 for Open Mic Night starting at 8pm.

Twin Oaks Golf & Country Club

Start the weekend with some great music in Blandinsville! Kevin Hunt will be playing live Friday from 7-10pm.

The American Legion

The Post 6 Big Band led by John Cooper plays from 7-9pm on Wednesday, Jan. 29 in the American Legion Post 6. No admission but there is a free-will offering during the shows.

Let the Sparks Fly Fundraiser

Live music by Captain Quirk at 7pm on Saturday, Feb. 15 at the Bushnell Recreation Center, doors open at 5. Dinner by Rolling Smoke.Cover: \$15 single, \$25 couple. Meal ticket \$10ea. Proceeds help fund City of Bushnell's 4th of July fireworks display.

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Death Notices continued from page 3

Kathryn Russell

82, of Lomax

Kathryn Russell, 82, of Lomax, Illinois died January 9, 2025 at her daughter's home in LaHarpe, Illinois.

As per Kathryn's wishes, no visitation or services are planned. Cremation has been entrusted to Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe. A memorial fund has been established for Beacon of Hope Hospice. Contributions may be mailed to; Kathryn Russell Memorial, c/o Banks & Beals Funeral Home, PO Box 503, LaHarpe, IL 61450. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Kathryn's obituary at bank-sandbeals.com.

Carol A. Parker-Little

83, of Avon

Carol A. Parker-Little, 83, of Avon, Illinois, passed away at 10:20 p.m., Wednesday, January 8, 2025, in her home, surrounded by her family.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, February 8, 2025 in the Babbitt Cemetery, St. Augustine. A celebration of Carol's life will be held from 3:00-6:00 p.m. at the Abingdon American Legion following the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Knox County Humane Society 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.

Michael R. Newsad

57, of Macomb

Michael R. Newsad, 57, of Macomb, ventured to the other side at 2:22 AM on Friday Jan. 3, 2025 in Macomb.

He disliked funerals and preferred wakes. We will hold a wake in his honor on what would have been his 58th birthday. We will gather to burn some stuff, eat good food, listen to good music and dance, drink good beer, and celebrate the wonderful human he was. Details to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any donations be made to the "Michael Newsad Memorial Fund" to support Willow and Maren's education.

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

Virginia Louise Hundley

91, of Macomb

Virginia Louise Hundley, 91, of Macomb, IL passed away on Saturday January 11, 2025 at Wesley Village in Macomb.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Friday January 17, 2025 at Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home, where visitation will be held one hour prior. Pastor Jim Eddy will officiate. Memorials may be made to Wesley Village Healthcare or MDH Hospice. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

THE STATE OF NEW ILLINOIS

Have you heard of the movement to create a new state? Well here's some history. Not long ago, those of us who founded New Illinois were talking of moving out of state. More than half of the state's residents found that, in Illinois, taxes were too high, opportunities were limited and government corruption was outrageous. With our roots and families in Illinois dating back to 1870, we asked ourselves "why should we have to move"? Why not stay and fight for our home? In June of 2018, we formed New Illinois, a non profit and non partisan organization with the mission of educating Illinoisians about their right, under the US Constitution, to pursue the formation of a new state. Rather than moving away, we wanted to LEAVE ILLINOIS WITHOUT MOVING.

Efforts to split Illinois, before, have obviously failed and there are a few reasons for those failures dating back to the 1800's. So we decided to learn from the past, as well as other similar efforts to split states and this led us to California and Paul Preston, who has been an invaluable source and mentor to New Illinois.

Since there is strength in numbers, we reached out to other organizations with similar interests across the state. In October 2018, we held our first Informational meeting in Decatur and continue holding meetings throughout the state. We started creating county committees, which carry out the mission of New Illinois on a local basis and creating an organizational infrastructure for a new state government. On October 17, 2020 the New Illinois Declaration of Independence was read from the steps of the Hancock County Courthouse, thereby giving public notice of our intent to separate. As of March 2021, New Illinois had formed committees in many counties and as of March 2023 there were 33 county committees. As of this date, November 16, 2024 there are 44 counties represented by county committees. Illinois contains 102

counties. We hope to separate from Cook county with 101 counties making up the new state.

Most people have come to realize that one size does not fit all... meaning that what might be good for some is not good for all, such is the case when you consider a City of over 5.2 million residents versus rural communities with roughly 7.6 million residents. Being a non partisan entity, we are addressing a longstanding divide in the state of Illinois. The divide is not between Democrats and Republicans, rather it is urban versus rural, small town, and suburban. We are two very different places, both culturally and economically. Legislation and policies addressing the needs and best interests of a major urban area like Chicago/Cook County are not necessarily in the best interest of the rest of the state.

The issues New Illinois focuses on are representative government, government corruption and our state's fiscal catastrophe. To be brutally honest, the other 101 counties cannot afford Cook County. Additionally, living in a large city such as Chicago is so very different than from rural, small town Illinoisans, that the way of thinking, prioritizing and living can hardly be compared. In many instances, it is 180 degrees the opposite.

Where is the true capital of Illinois? Springfield or Chicago? Based on the 2020 census, if the 101 counties separate from Cook County, New Illinois would be the 13th most populated US State, falling behind Washington State and Arizona, while Illinois would slide into the 24th position. Some folks have noticed seeing NON-BINDING referendums that appeared on some ballots. These are NOT VOTES, but a basic Yes or No question for those people to answer. Those referendums are used to "take a pulse" as to the desires of those who were voting, and used as a gauge that told those county boards



as to how their constituents felt about a separation. Of those counties, NO county registered less than over 50% yes vote in favor of a split.

In our Declaring our independence, we have reasons, called Grievances, that we site, to WIT:

1. Lack of Representative Government
2. Historical Election Fraud
3. Extreme Gerrymandering
4. Shell Bills
5. House Rules
6. National Popular Vote Interstate Compact
7. Violation of 2nd Amendment Rights
8. Corrupt Redistricting Process
9. Government of Illinois is a Tyranny... So, therefore, Illinois is incompetent, not fulfilling responsibilities to its people, Illinois favors certain people, groups and urban areas while the rest of the people lack representation. Illinois is a tyranny that oppresses the people with crushing debt and taxes. The Constitution guarantees us a government benefitting the citizens rather than rulers. Illinois' incompetence and corruption are leading the state over a financial cliff.

We believe the situation in Illinois is beyond reformation and will only be remedied through the state split process given to us in the US Constitution.

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January 20, 2025

PROGRAM EVENTS

- Meet at courthouse, on the Square at 9:15am
- March to Mt. Calvary COGIC starts at 9:30am
- Service at Mt. Calvary starts at 10:30am

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Social Security Column

FIVE BENEFITS YOU CAN APPLY FOR ONLINE AT SSA.GOV

By Christopher Potter

Social Security District Manager in Quincy, IL

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You can apply for:

- Retirement or Spouse's Benefits – You must be at least 61 years and 9 months and want your benefits to start in no more than 4 months. Apply at www.ssa.gov/retirement.

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- Are age 18 or older.
- Are unable to work because of a medical condition that is expected to last at least 12 months or result in death.

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- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) – SSI provides monthly payments to adults and children with a disability or blindness who have limited income and few resources. People age 65 and older without disabilities who have limited income and resources may also be eligible for SSI. Some adults with disabilities who meet certain requirements may complete the application process online. To learn more, visit www.ssa.gov/ssi. If you cannot visit our website, you can call 1-800-772-1213 to schedule an appointment. (If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you may contact our TTY/TDD number, 1-800-325-0778.)

- Medicare – Medicare is a federal health insurance program for:

- People age 65 or older.
- Younger workers who have received disability benefits for 24 months.
- People with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) or Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Note: They do not have a two-year waiting period.

- If you are not already receiving Social Security benefits, you should apply for Medicare up to 3 months before turning age 65 at www.ssa.gov/medicare. You should consider your Medicare options even if you are still working and covered under an employer group health plan (or your spouse's employer health plan through their active employment).

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HOCKEY
ICE
JUMP

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RINK
ROLLER
SEASON

SINGLES
SKATING
SPEED
SPIN
WARMUP
ZAMBONI

* In Switzerland, it is illegal to mow a front lawn while dressed as Elvis Presley.

* Have a yen for learning about things that go bump in the night? You can get a Ph.D in parapsychology at the University of Edinburgh.

* Red Bull energy drink was originally called Red Water Buffalo.

* There was a Russian game show that would have you steal a car, and if you didn't get caught by the police within 35 minutes, you'd win the car. Otherwise, you would be arrested.

* Benjamin Franklin invented a mechanical arm for reaching books on high shelves.

* When English Romantic poet William Blake was only 4 years old he claimed to see God through a window. Throughout the rest of his life, Blake said he often communed with angels, and he incorporated these visions into his art.

* Sulfhemoglobinemia is a condition that causes a person to develop green blood.

* Translated literally, the Japanese words for wrist and ankle are "hand neck" and "foot neck."

* In 2015, two brothers from Spain attempted to sell a fake portrait by Francisco de Goya to a sheikh for a cool 1.5 million euros, only to discover that he'd paid them in photocopied money. The pair were arrested when they tried to deposit their ill-gotten gains in a Geneva bank.

* A study done by the University of Glasgow found that dogs appear to prefer reggae and soft rock over other genres of music.

* The first mention of the word "pizza" was in a Latin text written in southern Italy in 997 CE.

* The eponymous character in Dolly Parton's hit song "Jolene" was based on a bank teller who flirted mercilessly with Dolly's husband.

Thought for the Day: "It ain't what they call you, it's what you answer to." -- W.C. Fields

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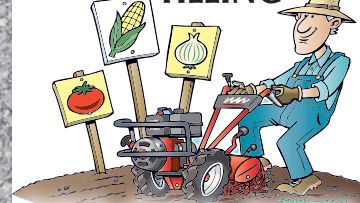
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