

FREE Midweek Brief

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Macomb Fire Dept. Offers No Cost Smoke Alarms

The Macomb Fire Department is installing no-cost smoke alarms in conjunction with the statewide Smoke Alarm Blitz Campaign October 20-26.

In a collaborative effort with the nonprofit Camp I Am Me and Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM), the Macomb Fire Department will be installing no-cost smoke alarms for the residents of Macomb. The Be Alarmed! Smoke Alarm Installation Program provides smoke alarms and fire prevention materials to Illinois fire departments to both educate residents on fire safety as well as to provide them with life-saving devices in their home.

The statewide smoke alarm blitz campaign, scheduled for October 20-26, brings together fire departments from across Illinois to raise

awareness about fire prevention and ensure that communities have properly functioning smoke alarms installed in their homes. As part of Fire Prevention Month, the Macomb Fire Department will be installing 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms to enhance home safety and protect families.

In addition to providing smoke alarms, the program includes educating residents on creating home fire escape plans to empower them with the knowledge of how to respond in case of an emergency.

Residents interested in learning more about the Macomb Fire Department's smoke alarm installation program are encouraged to contact the department at 309-836-7800 or <https://city-of-macomb.com/fireprevention-programs/>.

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Billy's FURNITURE

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Macomb Police Dept. 3rd Annual Faith and Blue

MPD kicked off their third annual "Faith and Blue" on Friday, October 10. This event brings together police personnel and area faith leaders. At the conclusion of the social meeting, there was the Blessing of the Patrol cars! MPD leans on our community and Faith community as they lean on us at times. Spiritual leaders are part of the social fabric that makes Macomb a great community. Thanks to all that support us through faith, prayer, and positive thoughts.



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Music of the Underground Railroad at the MAC



Songs of the Illinois Freedom Road is the powerful new musical performance featuring the songs, stories, and struggles of the Illinois Underground Railroad.

Looking for Lincoln will present this historically accurate performance from award-winning folk musician Chris Vallillo on Sunday, October the 20th at 3:00 PM in the Macomb Art Center, 25 East Side of the Square, in Macomb, IL. The event is free of charge and is being presented in association with the Journey to Freedom exhibition currently on view at the Macomb Public Library through the end of November.

The show features rare first-person accounts of freedom seekers who passed through Illinois. Highlighted stories include John and Mary Little, who traveled on foot 140 miles to Chicago,

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POLICE REPORTS

WIU Office of Public Safety

On Oct. 11 at 11:48 a.m. OPS and the Macomb Fire Department responded to a fire alarm in Lincoln Hall due to smoke coming from an air conditioning unit. No fire was found and no injuries were reported.

On Oct. 12 at 12:21 p.m. a student reported the theft of clothing, valued at \$350, from a Corbin Hall washing machine between 9 a.m.-noon. The incident is under investigation.

On Oct. 12 at 1:51 p.m. one student was judicially referred for alcohol in Q-Lot.

On Oct. 12 at 2:03 p.m. Halle Buchanan, 20, of Carrollton, IL, was issued a notice to appear Nov. 26 for a Macomb city ordinance violation of consumption of alcohol by a minor in Q-Lot.

On Oct. 12 at 2:10 p.m. two students were judicially referred for alcohol in Q-Lot.

On Oct. 12 at 4:34 p.m. Ainsley Holthaus, 19, of 630 Meadow Dr., was issued a notice to appear Nov. 26 for a Macomb city ordinance violation of consumption of alcohol by a minor in Q-Lot.

On Oct. 12 at 10:45 p.m. OPS and the Macomb Fire Department responded to a fire alarm in Thompson Hall. No smoke or fire were found and no injuries were reported.

On Oct. 13 at 12:58 a.m. OPS and the Macomb Fire Department responded to a fire alarm in Grote Hall. No smoke or fire were found and no injuries were reported.

On Oct. 14 at 7:12 a.m. OPS and the Macomb Fire Department responded to a fire alarm in Malpass Library. No smoke or fire were found and no injuries were reported.

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

TODAY'S JOKES

Q: What do ghosts wear when they can't see?
A: Spooktacles!

Q: How do ghosts search the web?
A: They use ghoul-gle!

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and George Burroughs, a black Canadian who worked on the Illinois Central Railroad where he helped smuggle escapees to freedom.

Vallillo extensively researched the subject using primary source documents such as the 1857 Slave Narratives of Canada and the WPA Slave Narratives as well as the most recent scholarship on the subject. Vallillo combines these powerful stories with eleven historic songs that were sung by the enslaved to inspire and share knowledge among themselves.

Chris Vallillo is a singer/songwriter and roots musician who makes the people and places of "unmetropolitan" America come to life in song. He weaves original, contemporary, and traditional songs and narratives into a compelling and entertaining portraits of history. Having spent the last 30 years in the rural Midwest, he has a natural affinity for American roots music.

His 2008 project, titled Abraham Lincoln in Song, received the endorsement of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and the CD reached #10 on Billboard's Bluegrass Album Chart. In 2016, his recording, Oh Freedom! Songs of the Civil Rights Movement charted at #6 on the folk charts and the show was staged with a band and full choir at Western IL University. That show was recorded and syndicated on Illinois Public Television. In 2024, he premiered his latest show Forgiveness, featuring original music about rural Illinois combined with images from award winning photographer Tim Schroll.

There is no cost to attend the performance, and no reservations are required. This event is partially funded by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency.

The Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition is the coordinating entity for the 43-county Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area. It is a partnership of organizations and individuals dedicated to enhancing the communities and landscapes of central Illinois through recognition and support of their significant natural, cultural, and historical legacies. Few individuals have so profoundly influenced American history as did Abraham Lincoln. Millions around the world are inspired by the story of Lincoln's rise from humble beginnings to President of the United States, his qualities of integrity and courage and his decisive leadership – traits that carried a fragile nation through one of its most trying periods.

For more information about the Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition and the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, go to www.lookingforlincoln.org.



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Death Notices

Tucker John Peterson

22, of Stronghurst

Tucker John Peterson, age 22, of Stronghurst, Illinois, passed away much too soon, Saturday, October 5, 2024 at his home.

Funeral services were held Saturday, October 12, 2024 at the Stronghurst Christian Church, with his father officiating. Burial followed in the Carman Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established for Monmouth College Wind Ensemble. Please visit Tucker's obituary at banksandbeals.com to leave a condolence.

Elgin E. Johnson

99, of LaHarpe

Elgin E. Johnson, 99, of LaHarpe, Illinois passed away Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 2:27 P.M. at the Wesley Village in Macomb, Illinois.

A Graveside service was held Monday, Oct. 14 at the Glade City Cemetery in Blandinsville with Rev. Jim Clayton officiating.

Memorials may be made to the LaHarpe Ambulance Service or the LaHarpe Carnegie Public Library. To leave a condolence, please visit Elgin's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

Bradley McLean

57, of Somerville

Bradley McLean, 57, of Somerville, passed away on October 1st, 2024, surrounded by family at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, MA.

A public visitation will be held on October 19th, 2024, from 2-5 pm at Keefe Funeral Home, 2175 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02140. Burial will follow in Bayview Cemetery, Jersey City, NJ, in 2025. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the HealthWell Foundation.

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Stormy G. Jones

34, of Astoria

Stormy G. Jones, age 34 of Astoria, passed away at 12:34 pm on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at Blessing Hospital, Quincy.

Services were held on Friday, October 11th at 1:00 p.m. at Shawgo Memorial Home. Pastor Matthew Thiner will officiate. Cremation rites accorded following the service. Memorials may be made to his children's education fund.

Rod A. Frederick

73, of Table Grove

Rod A. Frederick, of Table Grove, IL, passed away at 7:50 am on Friday, October 4, 2024 at his home.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial Service was held on Saturday, October 12, 2024 at the Ipava Berean Christian Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Table Grove Rescue Squad.

Donald E. Beaird

90, of Vermont

Vermont- Donald E. Beaird, 90, of Vermont and formerly of Lewistown passed away at 1:07 PM Sunday October 6, 2024 at Allure of Knox County nursing home.

Donald's funeral was held Friday, October 11th at Henry-Lange Memorial Home in Lewistown. Burial at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lewistown. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude. Online condolences may be made at henrylange.com.

Evelyn C. Franks

Age 85, of rural Colchester

Evelyn Franks, of rural Colchester, died of heart failure on October 13, 2024 at her home.

There will be no services. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Macomb, Illinois. Jones Mortuary of Colchester is in charge of arrangements. Condolences and memories can be expressed to the family at jonesmortuaryfh.com.

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Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024 at 7pm

Doors Open at 6:30 pm

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A free event that unites pet parents in speaking out against domestic violence!

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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.

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!

Bushnell

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS OCT. 11-26

Bushnell Haunted House

at the Pigg Farm, 20320 N 1700th Rd, Bushnell: Get ready for the spookiest season of the year! Our Haunted House is back and scarier than ever. Experience the thrill and terror of our haunted attractions, featuring terrifying creatures and mind-bending scares. Don't miss out on the fright of your life! Open 7-11pm on Fridays, October 11-October 25 & Saturdays, October 12-26.

FRIDAY, OCT. 18

VFW Steak Fry

At the Bushnell VFW Post 1422 Hall, 181 E. Hail from 5pm until gone.

SATURDAY, OCT. 19

Soup Supper Community Meal

at Courtyard \$6 5-7pm.

TUESDAY, OCT. 22

Friends Feeding Friends Meals

from 4:30 to 6:30. It will be held in the Community Christian Center in Bushnell. Donations accepted, but not expected.

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

VFW Trunk-or-Treat

The Bushnell VFW Auxiliary is having Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 26. The parade line-up will be at the Depot at 5:30pm and the parade starts at 6pm. Trick or treaters will parade to the East Park where candy will be handed out until 8pm. The parade will make its way back to the VFW where the Auxiliary will serve a free meal.

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.

4TH THURSDAY OF MONTH

Colchester Lions Club Meetings

New Illinois meetings will take place at 7pm at the Colchester Lions Club on the 4th Thursday of the month.

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

Trick-or-Treat at Argyle State Park

at the Twisted Oak Campground from 5-7pm. We had a great turn out last year and would love to see the campground PACKED this year. You can reserve a spot online or grab a first come first served site. We ask that you bring some sort of sign or decoration so kids know where to go. This is open to the public, not just campground kids, so bring the kids out even if you're not camping!

Macomb

EVERY TUESDAY

Al-Anon Meetings

AlAnon will meet at 3 pm on Tuesdays at the University Baptist Mission house 309 North Sherman. AlAnon is a 12 step meeting for family and friends of alcoholics and drug addiction.

THURSDAY & SATURDAY

Macomb Farmers Market

You can find your Macomb Farmers Market every Thursday & Saturday morning, from 8 a.m. to Noon, in Chandler Park. Pick up ready-to-eat breakfast, lunch, & snack foods; locally grown produce; locally raised beef, pork, lamb, & chicken; homemade baked goods of all sorts; locally produced honey, jam, & syrup; locally made personal care products; locally grown live plants & fresh flowers; & many different kinds of locally produced hand-crafted goods.

THRU NOV. 7

Food and Toys for Christmas

The Salvation Army will once again be providing Toys and Christmas Food Boxes - sign up Oct. 7-Nov. 7 at 505 N Randolph St. Those interested in participating should call us at (309) 837-4824 for an appointment.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16

Legion All You Can Eat Breakfast

Sons of the American Legion All You Can Eat Breakfast from 7-10:30am at the American Legion Post 6, 221 E. Washington St. Open to the public. \$8 per person, \$7 for Seniors 55 and up, children 6 and under are free.

Band Boosters Fall Fest 2024

at the Macomb High School Commons from 5-7pm. 6th grade: 5:15pm, 7th grade 5:35pm, 8th grade 6pm and the Marching Bomber Band will play at 6:30pm at Bomber Stadium. Cost is adults \$8 and 6th grade & under \$6. Meal includes pulled pork sandwich and/or pizza, chips & drink.

FRIDAY, OCT. 18 & SATURDAY, OCT. 19

World War II Live History Exhibit

at Veterans Park on Friday, October 18 from 10am-5pm and Saturday, October 19 at the WIU Campus Mall from 10am-5pm. Interact with authentic World War II reenactors who create a living history exhibit meant to educate and inspire through live demonstrations.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Destinations 6 Live Pro Wrestling House of Horror

Destinations 6 Live Pro Wrestling House of Horror-all matches inside the Gates of Hell. Doors open at 5:15 for VIP and 5:30 for General Admission. VIP tickets \$30, Front Row \$25 and General Admission \$20. Show starts at 6pm. Tickets will be available online through Cash App or at the Destination 6 Arena. No outside food or alcohol allowed.

Moonlight Meander

A festival to celebrate the arrival of Autumn at the Lakeview Nature Area and Center on October 19 from 6-8pm. There will be a campfire, S'mores station, lantern walks, learning stations, Prairie Pumpkin Hunt and outdoor games. This is a free event.

Angel Dash Memorial Walk/Run

for babies gone too soon in Chandler Park at 10am with Memorial to follow. Cost is \$30 or \$25 to participate virtually.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

Genealogical Society Meeting

McDonough County Genealogical Society Meeting at 6pm. Brian Schmidt will present on the Scripps Homes of Rushville. Learn about this important family and their homes.

THURSDAY, OCT. 24

First Christian Church Trunk or Treat

at First Christian Church Disciples of Christ from 5-7pm picture booth, carnival ride, food, a bounce house, singing pumpkins, and so much more! All are welcome and invited to attend! This event is co-sponsored by Mt. Calvary Church of God in Christ and FCC.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

Moon Over Macomb

Bring the family to the Macomb Downtown Square for Moon Over Macomb from 10am-12pm for a fall celebration including a Halloween costume parade, horse drawn trolley rides, crafts, activities, and more!

Trick-or-Treat at Hy-Vee

Join us from 10am-1pm on Saturday, October 26, for fun Halloween activities for the whole family. Costumes are encouraged!

Table Grove

MONDAY, OCT. 25

Fall All Town Clean Up



Grand Prairie

We will have a Fall Harvest Hoedown on Wednesday, October 16 at 1pm with Troublesome Ridge Band.

The Café

Come out for some great music with Lake Jam playing for us on Wednesday, October 16, music starts at 5:30pm.

Macomb Elks Lodge

Get ready to mix it up with Jera and Jim (Jera Scott & Jim DiTulio) on Friday, October 18 from 7-10pm. Bucher Boys BBQ will be serving some delicious food from 4-8pm!

Forgottonia Brewing

Emily Perkins will be here Friday, October 18 playing a mix of originals (she writes stories from her life) and cover songs ranging from The Cranberries to Zack Bryan. Dan Eislers will be back on Saturday, October 19 at 7pm. Dan sings and finger-picks many genres of music including folk, Americana, country, and blues.

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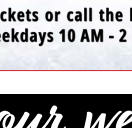

















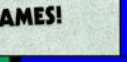






























































































































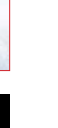













































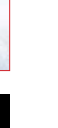










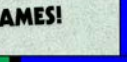















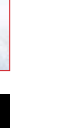

















































































































































































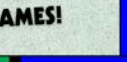




























































































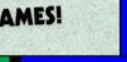






































































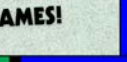



































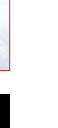






















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MEET THE 2024 DEMOCRATIC COUNTY BOARD CANDIDATES

District 1

David Bartlett assists the Macomb School District with teacher evaluations. He also works as a consultant for the Regional Office of Education #26. He conducts audits for teacher professional development at area school districts. Bartlett said, "I am running for office for the first time. Now that I semi-retired, I have more time to serve."



Ken Durkin

Ken Durkin was appointed to the McDonough County Board in 2020, to represent District 1. In November of 2020 and 2022, he was elected to represent District 1 for a two-year term. During his 4½ years on the Board, Ken has served on various committees.



Mike Kirby

Mike Kirby said, "As an archaeologist and construction materials inspector I have frequently gotten my hands dirty. In a related yet different way I have gotten into the gritty day-to-day of public education as a substitute teacher, a job I have done successfully since 2013 for many different school districts in our region."



Dana Roy Walker

Dana Walker said, "I am in my 2nd year of service on the McDonough County Board. I was appointed to the Buildings and Grounds/Elms and the Human resources and Planning Committees. I take my part-time job for McDonough County very seriously. I haven't missed any meetings and I do my 'homework'. I always vote for what I think is best for the county."



District 2

Jenifer Bower

She is a Bushnell-Prairie City High School graduate. Jenifer said, "I absolutely love working as a paraprofessional at BPC Elementary. I am looking forward to serving my McDonough County Board."



Dr. Kathy Olesen-Tracey has been a resident of McDonough County for 30 years. She and her husband have raised two children in Bushnell, both who are graduates of Western Illinois University. Outside of her work as an educational leader in Illinois, she owns a small business in Macomb



Rod McGrew

Ron McGrew said, "I am running to serve again on the County Board, from which I previously served for 20 years. I am now retired from McDonough FS and still farm the home place. My wife Marianne and I raised three boys and have really enjoyed our community and friends. I have a broad experience in local service, including terms on the Bushnell School Board, Park Board, and as city alderman."



District 3

Tiffany Ketchum has been a resident of McDonough County for 15 years. She attended Spoon River College and WIU. She believes community colleges are pathways for success in this community and our local Spoon River College has amazing opportunities in nursing, to the trades, to CDL training and more. Tiffany graduated from WIU in 2016.



Christian Lovell is proud to run for McDonough County Board and will fight to keep the county a great place to live, work, and raise a family. Originally born in Quincy, IL, Christian worked nearly every summer of his childhood on his grandparents' farm in Colmar. As a kid, he was active in 4-H and FFA and participated on his high school's livestock judging team.



Tim Roberts

Tim Roberts said, "I do not currently sit on the Board. In 2008, I took a job as an American history professor at WIU, where I work now." He has some diverse experience in community service, including leadership positions for the Macomb Soccer Club, the Western Illinois Museum, the McDonough County Historic Preservation Society.



William Thompson

William Thompson said, "I am a retired professor and former union president who firmly believes in the possibility of positive change and in the necessity of guarding what is best about our county and community. We know the future will be full of challenges--they are already occurring--but also full of opportunities. Let's seize the opportunities to face the challenges."



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Congressman Eric Sorensen was born and raised in Rockford, Illinois.

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He currently resides in Moline with his partner Shawn and his dogs Petey and Oliver.

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WIU Kappa Sigma Chapter Receives National Award

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MACOMB/MOLINE, IL - Western Illinois University's Kappa Sigma Chapter has earned the 2023-2024 National Phi Alpha Chapter Service Award, recognizing the chapter's outstanding service and commitment to the community. As a result of this achievement, the chapter has been invited to present a poster presentation on their service activities at the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting (APM) in Kansas City, MO, on Oct. 25.

In addition to this honor, the chapter will receive \$1,000 towards travel expenses, a \$500 check and a plaque.

The WIU Kappa Sigma Chapter participated in numerous service activities throughout the 2023-2024 academic year, demonstrating their dedication to social work values and community engagement. Among their key initiatives:

Supply Drive for The Samaritan Well, Inc. Transitional Living Shelter: Chapter members worked to raise awareness about housing insecurity and collected essential items for the shelter. Collection boxes were placed in two campus academic buildings, and a drive was held outside a local Walmart, where flyers were distributed to encourage donations.

Support for Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS): The chapter raised awareness about the importance of mentoring through BBBS and fundraised for the local BBBS program. In collaboration with the Social Work Student Association (SWSA) and Golden Motion, the chapter formed teams for the BBBS Bowl for Kids Sake fundraiser and participated in a BBBS Music Trivia event.

Phi Alpha Week: During March, to celebrate Social Work Month, the chapter hosted events, including a Soda Bar & Study Tables event, a Bowling Night, and a Movie Night, open to all social work students, to foster connections and promote Phi Alpha.

Supporting Other Social Work Student Organizations: The chapter supported campus events organized by the Social Work Student Diversity Council, including the Self-Care Event, Horn Field Campus Event and the PinWheels Event for Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Ice Cream & Senior Panel: To connect social work students of all levels, the chapter hosted an Ice Cream & Senior Panel event, where senior social work students shared insights and advice with younger students.

Study Table Events: The chapter hosted two Study Table events, offering snacks and a quiet space for students to study. Phi Alpha members were available to assist with assignments, test preparation and general academic questions.

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Comment: A yes vote on this could raise insurance prices, force insurances to pay for abortions and increase funding to support out of state abortions that are performed in Illinois.

Illinois Income Tax Advisory Question (2024)

Should the Illinois Constitution be amended to create an additional 3% tax on income greater than \$1,000,000 for the purpose of dedicating funds raised to property tax relief?

Comment: This tax would affect almost every farmer. Farmers already struggle with prices of fuel, equipment, grain, pesticides, taxes etc. We need our farmers. This may also affect small businesses who already struggle. Rather than increasing taxes, bringing spending under control would be effective.

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Comment: This is vague. It seems that this question may relate to all of the issues that President Trump has had regarding the elections. It appears as though this is to ensure that no one can question/interfere when the outcome of the elections are questionable of if there are issues going on during the elections.

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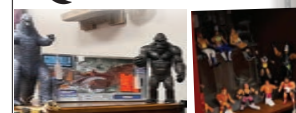
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Find the following words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally and backwards.

BONE
BOO
CANDY
CAT
COSTUME
DRACULA

GOBLIN
GRAVE
HALLOWEEN
HAUNTED
MONSTER
MOON

NIGHT
OCTOBER
PUMPKINS
SCARE
SCREAM
SKELETON

SPIDER
SPOOKY
TREAT
TRICK
VAMPIRE
WITCH

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* According to 19th-century Welsh tradition, any infant whose nails are cut before the age of 6 months will become a thief.

* In 1974, the Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis published a paper titled "The Unsuccessful Self-Treatment of a Case of 'Writer's Block.'" It contained a total of zero words.

* Every second, a large hurricane releases the energy of 10 atomic bombs.

* Female kangaroos can stop the development of their joeys in a process called embryonic diapause, which allows them to give birth when conditions are right, or wait until another joey has left their pouch.

* The Subway restaurant chain uses 16 acres of lettuce per day.

* In parts of Europe, people believe that if you light a cigarette from a candle, a sailor will die.

* Researchers at the University of Arizona discovered that the ability to see the color red comes from a gene attached to the X chromosome. Since women have two of those chromosomes, they perceive the red-orange spectrum better than men.

* Bubble gum was originally pink because that was the only food dye available in the factory where it was made.

* The term "sabotage" originated from French textile workers throwing their wooden clogs, known as "sabots," into machinery to protest industrialization and automation in the 19th century.

* All newspapers in the British Library were ironed by hand to ensure a clear image before they were microfilmed.

* The 1967 Outer Space Treaty forbids any nation from trying to own the moon.

* During WWI, German measles were called "liberty measles" and dachshunds became "liberty hounds."

Thought for the Day: "Sometimes people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved." -- Will Rogers

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