

FREE Midweek Brief

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WIU: Princeton Review "Best Midwestern College"



By University Communications

MACOMB/MOLINE, IL -- Western Illinois University's outstanding academic programs and student success initiatives, along with its exceptional faculty and staff, have led WIU to be recognized for the 21st year as a "Best Midwestern College" by The Princeton Review. WIU is one of only three Illinois public institutions and one of 158 regional public and private institutions named to the "Best in the Midwest" list.

The 158 colleges included in the "Best in the Midwest" list are located in 12 states: Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Collectively, the 654 colleges named "regional best(s)" comprise 23% of the nation's four-year colleges, according to The Princeton Review.

The Princeton Review editors make the selections based on data collected from surveys of administrators at several hundred colleges in each region, as they visit schools and the perspectives of college counselors and advisers, determinations are made.

"WIU's recognition as a Best Midwestern College is a testament to our faculty and staff and the incredible educational opportunities available to our students," WIU President Kristi Mindrup said. "The acknowledgment of our success by the Princeton Review demonstrates that we are fulfilling our mission to provide a quality education and an excellent student experience."

The selections also take into account what students at the schools report about their experiences via an in-depth survey. The Princeton Review asks students to rate their schools on several issues, from the accessibility of their professors to the quality of campus food, and to answer questions about themselves, their fellow students and their campus lives.

For more information on WIU, visit wiu.edu.

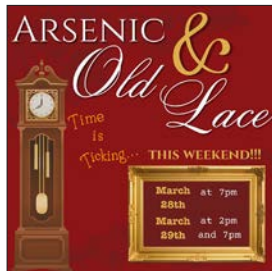
Welcome to the Real World returns to Sandburg on March 28 with more than 350 local 8th graders

GALESBURG — More than 350 area eighth graders will embark on an immersive occupational journey during the Welcome to the Real World and Career Exploration experience from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. March 28 in the gymnasium on Sandburg's Galesburg campus.

The event, hosted by Sandburg in cooperation with the University of Illinois Extension and Regional Office of Education No. 33, inspires students' aspirations and prepares them for the challenges and opportunities of the future while introducing them to diverse career options.

The Welcome to the Real World portion of the event simulates the implications of career choices and financial decisions, See The Real World on page 8

Macomb High School Presents: Arsenic and Old Lace



Macomb High School will present Arsenic and Old Lace Friday, March 28 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 29 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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POLICE REPORTS

MCDONOUGH COUNTY SHERIFF

3/17

Barakah Stephen Feruzi, 19, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Dakota Kristopher Young, 28, Macomb, was charged with criminal sexual abuse/person less than 17/VIC 9 less than 17

Mark Scott Livengood, 50, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Malvin Rainman Loggers, 26, Chicago, was charged with violation of bond, resisting a peace officer

MACOMB CITY POLICE

3/16

Marcus T. Gaines, 34, Chicago, was charged with trespassing

Juwanna B. Woodard, 23, Macomb, was charged with trespassing

3/17

Steven L. Eldridge, 63, Macomb, was charged with domestic battery

Frank V. Candelaria, 25, Macomb, was charged with no insurance-operating under suspension, operating uninsured motor vehicle

Juliet E. Fansler, 21, Macomb, was charged with careless driving (cell phone)

Dorothy M. Huston, 70, Macomb, was charged with careless driving

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

TODAY'S JOKES

Q: It's springtime already?

A: You've got to be pollen my leg!

Q: Where did the egg go for spring break?

A: New York City!

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Paid for by McDonough County Republican Party. A copy of our report with the state board of elections is (or will be) available on the boards official website (www.elections.il.gov) or for purchase from the state board of elections, Springfield, IL.

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Tami Kreps Benefit Fundraiser

SATURDAY, APRIL 26 • 4PM-8PM
Macomb American Legion 221 E. Washington St.

Tami was diagnosed with Renal Kidney failure in Sept. 2024 and is on kidney dialysis. Proceeds will assist with Tami's medical and other expenses. Tami has assisted with multiple benefits for others in need. Help make her benefit a success.

• 4:00 pm Silent Auction Opens
• 5:00-7:00 pm Dinner (\$10.00) Pulled Pork Sandwich OR Fried Fish, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Dessert, Chips, Drink
• 6:00 pm Live Auction
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Death Notices

Thomas Howard

75, of Bushnell

Thomas Howard, 75, of Bushnell, passed away, Monday, March 17, 2025, at his home in Bushnell.

Cremation rites will be accorded with Oaks-Hines Funeral Home and Crematory in Canton.

Clara Joanne Arnold

90, of Colchester

Clara Joanne Arnold, age 90 of Colchester, passed away at 6:18 A.M. Thursday, March 20, 2025, at Bickford Cottage, in Macomb.

Funeral Services were held Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at St. Paul Catholic Church in Macomb. Burial followed at St. Paul Cemetery in Macomb.

Memorial is to St. Paul Catholic Church in Macomb. Online condolences can be sent to the family at jonesmortuaryfh.com.

Susan B. Rouse

62, of Macomb

Susan B. Rouse, 62, of Macomb, passed away on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, IL.

Private graveside services will be held at a later date. Cremation was provided by Lincoln Land Cremation Society.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to a college fund for Susan's daughter, Hazel Snyder c/o MidAmerica National Bank, 804 West Jefferson St., Macomb, IL 61455, or to the McDonough County Animal Shelter in her honor.

Marilyn Jean Briney

95, of Astoria

Marilyn Jean Briney, 95, of Astoria, IL, passed away at 10 am on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at her home. Cremation rites have been accorded. No services have been planned at this time.

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 graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at Glade City Cemetery in Blandinsville. There will be no visitation.

Memorials may be made to the Terra 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.

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.

Roger A. Hummell

59, of Macomb

Roger A. Hummell, 59 of Macomb, Illinois, passed away at 12:08 PM Saturday, March 15, 2025 at his residence.

Cremation has been accorded. There will be no services.

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

Cindy A. Hainline

78, of Ashburn, GA (formerly of LaHarpe)

Cindy A. Hainline, 78, of Ashburn, GA, formerly of LaHarpe, passed away at 5:43p.m. Monday, March 17, 2025 in Ashburn.

Graveside services were held Saturday, March 22, 2025 at the LaHarpe Cemetery with Pastor Kevin Oliver officiating.

A memorial fund has been established. To leave a condolence please visit Cindy's obituary at banksandbeals.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 was held 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, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family on Sunday, March 16, 2025 at 8:45pm.

Graveside services were held Friday, March 21, 2025 at Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Colchester, IL.

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.

Judith "Kay" McCance

84, of Smithfield

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it became the life verse for Judith "Kay" McCance, 84, of Smithfield, Illinois who passed away at 8:20 pm on Saturday March 15, 2025 with family at her side.

Funeral service was held on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at Checkrow Community Church with Pastor Brett Fisher officiating. Interment was in the Bushnell Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Checkrow Community Church or to the Cole Street Coffee House.

Martin-Hollis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

Barbara Ann Clark

76, of Macomb

Barbara Ann Clark, 76, of Macomb, formerly of rural Blandinsville, passed away at 6:10 a.m. Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

The services for Mrs. Clark were held Saturday, March 22, 2025 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe. Burial followed at Crane Cemetery, near Lomax.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

A memorial fund has been established for the Blandinsville-Hire Library. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Barbara's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

Jody Alice Flesner

50, of Camp Point, IL

Jody Alice Flesner, 50, of Camp Point, IL passed away Sunday, March 23, 2025 surrounded by her loving family at OSF in Peoria. You are invited to share your condolences at www.triplettfuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Triplet Funeral Home of Golden.

W. Scott Adams

W. Scott Adams passed away on March 23, 2025 at MDH in Macomb, from a fight with cancer, W Scott Adams was born on August 20, 1978 to Teresa Van Fleet and Jeffery Adams at MDH in Macomb.

There will be a service at a later date. Memorial Contributions will be to family to do with something in his honor. Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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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.

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.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Bushnell VFW Breakfast

From 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. at the Post 1422 Hall located at 181 E. Hail in Bushnell. The club provides on-site, takeout, and curb service. For takeout and curb service please call 309-333-9919. Breakfast options include biscuits and gravy, sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes and French Toast. Mark your calendars... the Easter Bunny will arrive April 5th. Join us and the Easter Bunny for a hearty breakfast.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

B-PC Baseball Fundraiser

at Sports Corner from 6-10pm. All players, parents and fans are welcome! A percentage of all sales from 6-10pm will go to the Baseball Team.

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.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

Charcuterie Class by Spreadz

at the Colchester Library from 6-7pm, the cost is \$30/ person. Learn how to create your own charcuterie board

with expert tips and tricks. Limited spots available—sign up today and let's make April 3rd a deliciously unforgettable day! Register on Spreadz Facebook page or contact the Colchester Library.

Macomb

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

All American Circus Live

at the McDonough County 4-H Grounds, 3022 W. Jackson, from 5-6:30pm. This year, Oscar Garcia presents an all new show, perfect for the whole family! Online special prices with tickets starting at \$5 per person when you purchase a Family Saver (offer LIMITED and only available online at AllAmericanCircus.com/tour-dates/). Showtimes are at 5:00pm & 7:30pm. Arrive early and enjoy a little extra circus fun at the kids fun zone before showtime.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Western Illinois Fiber Festival

from 10am-4pm at the McDonough County 4-H Center, 3022 W Jackson St. in Macomb! Meet local fiber farmers & artisans, learn how to needle felt, and see how fiber is carded and spun into yarn. There will be all kinds of fiber goodness to shop for - raw fiber, washed fiber, roving, batt blends, "make your own" fiber grab bags, felting kits, felted animals & fairies, hand-spun & mill-spun yarns in natural & dyed colors, felted pictures & earrings, handmade knit/ crocheted/woven items, and more!

United Way Power of the Purse

The McDonough County United Way Power of the Purse will be held Saturday, March 29 at 6pm at the Spoon River Outreach Center in Macomb.

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!

"Killinois" Public Screening

The locally-filmed (and award-winning) horror movie, "Killinois," created by transplanted Macomb resident, Kyle Remmenga, CEM ("Chief Executive Monster") of Cube of Justice Productions, will be shown at public screenings in Macomb at the City Hall Community Room. Screenings will be held at 7 p.m., March 29, April 5 and April 10, and are open to the public. While there is no charge to view the flick, donations will be accepted to go toward his latest future project, which will also be filmed locally, "Curebreed," Remmenga said. Note: "Killinois" is not rated, and viewer discretion is advised (this movie is not suitable for children).

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Adult Easter Egg Hunt (21+)

Hosted by the Macomb Park District at Veterans Park from 6:30-9:30pm. There will be a cash bar, music, prizes and more! Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$30. Register at 309-833-4562, stop by the office, or visit https://macomb-parkdistrict.activityreg.com/clientpage_t2.wcs.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH

Legends & Lattes Book Club

Meets 2-3pm at Sullivan Taylor Coffeehouse- reading Hell Followed With Us by Andrew Joseph White.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Retired Teachers Meeting

All retired educators and support staff are invited to the meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church, 123 S. Campbell, at 9:00 am. The speaker will be WIU professor Dr. James LaPrad. He will be sharing information on the teacher education program. Coffee and snack will be available.



The Café

Droopy Tomlinson performs from 5:30-7:30pm Wednesday, March 26.

American Legion

The Post 6 Big Band led by John Cooper plays from 7-9pm on Wednesday, March 26 in the American Legion Post 6, 221 E. Washington St., Macomb. No admission but there is a free-will offering during the show.

Macomb Arts Center

Please join us Saturday, March 29 at 6pm for an afternoon of live country music featuring the Western Ramblers! Admission: Donations accepted at the door. All proceeds benefit the Macomb Arts Center.

Park Place

Get ready for a wild night of dueling pianos and musical showdowns on Saturday, March 29 from 7-10pm for the Macomb Educational Foundation as two pianists battle it out on stage.

The Western Illinois Museum

In collaboration with the Western Illinois University (WIU) School of Music, Western Illinois Museum is thrilled to welcome world-class tenor saxophonist Rob Dixon to perform with the HAT Trio on Friday, April 4. Doors and the bar open at 4:30 pm, with two sets of music scheduled at 5:30 pm. and 6:30 pm. The evening will conclude with WIU students taking the stage at 7:30 p.m. There is a \$5 suggested donation at the door.

Submit live event info to: communitybrief@gmail.com

VACANCY NOTICE

MACOMB COMMUNITY UNIT
SCHOOL DISTRICT #185



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Macomb Senior High School

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7 hours per day--10 month contract

QUALIFICATIONS:

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SALARY: Beginning rate: \$16.00 per hour

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Open Until Filled
Screening to Begin Immediately

Educational Support Staff Employment Application Form can be downloaded through www.macomb185.org

Contact:

Velvet Tafinger, Human Resources
323 W. Washington Street
Macomb, Illinois 61455
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one book one community festival 2025

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For more information contact:
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Virginia Diehl (virginiadiehl@gmail.com), or
Janice Welsch (jrwelsch@gmail.com)

Adult



The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World
by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Middle School



Wildheart: The Daring Adventures of John Muir
by Julie Bertagne & William Goldsmith

Children



Thank You, Earth: A Love Letter to Our Planet
by April Pulley Sayre

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

- APRIL 3: 10:30 am Messy Makers Thank You, Earth story time with Tiffany Erickson. Macomb Public Library
- APRIL 6: 1:30-3 pm Community Conversation led by Illinois Road Scholar Amy McMorro Hunter on "Creating Our Future." Western Illinois Museum
- APRIL 12: 10:30 am Thank You, Earth story time with Tiffany Erickson. Macomb Public Library
- APRIL 19: 1pm, WIU Community Music School April Concert. Among other pieces students, ages 6-16, will play two folk songs, Morning Has

- Broken, and Lightly Row that reflect the OBOC Festival theme, The Earth: Our Home. WIU COFAC Recital Hall
- APRIL 22: 6:30-8 pm A Conversation about Food Deserts in Rural Illinois: Barriers, Solutions, and Stories. Western Illinois Museum
- APRIL 25: 5:30-7:30 pm Bill Maakestad Final Friday concert with Earth: Our Home as the theme. The Wine Sellers
- APRIL 29: 5-6 pm The Serviceberry Conversation led by Kim Rice. Friends of the Library. Macomb Public Library

Co-sponsors of the One Book One Community Festival are the City of Macomb's Shared Community Action Group, Macomb Public Library, Western Illinois Museum, University of Illinois Extension, the YMCA, Prairie View Conservancy, Macomb, Women's Club Recycling Project and Western Illinois University. Additional participating organizations include area book clubs, Macomb Schools, the YMCA's After School programs, Blandinsville, Bushnell and Colchester Public Libraries, Macomb Park District, FOP Lodges 169 and 189, Macomb day care centers, Prairieview Townhomes and Macomb Friends of the Library.

VACANCY NOTICE

**MACOMB COMMUNITY UNIT
SCHOOL DISTRICT #185**

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
MacArthur Early Childhood Center
FULL TIME 11 MONTH POSITION
2025-2026 School Year

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Appropriate Illinois Professional Educators License with GADM or PRIN endorsement and teacher evaluation qualifications
- Master's Degree in School Administration
- Early Childhood experience preferred
- Such alternatives to the above qualifications as the Board may find appropriate and acceptable.

RESPONSIBILITY:
The Assistant Principal will be responsible for administering staff development; and in cooperation with appropriate unit personnel, be responsible for the organization, safety, and day-to-day administration, supervision and evaluation of the school so as to promote the educational development of each student.

SALARY: Range \$75,000 - \$90,000 based on education and experience. Standard administrative benefit package.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 11, 2025
Screening to Begin Immediately
Position Begins in August 2025

Instructional Staff Employment Application Form can be downloaded through www.macomb185.org

Send letter of interest, District application, transcript, credentials, and resume to:
Macomb C.U. School District 185
Attn: Velvet Taflinger, Human Resources
323 W. Washington Street
Macomb, Illinois 61455
(309) 833-4163

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VACANCY NOTICE

**MACOMB COMMUNITY UNIT
SCHOOL DISTRICT #185**

**Special Education Instructional
Coach/Coordinator**
FULL TIME
2025-2026 School Year

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Appropriate Illinois Professional Educators License with LBS1 endorsement and GADM or PRIN endorsement and teacher evaluation qualifications
- Master's Degree in School Administration
- Instructional coaching experience
- Experience in development and delivery of professional learning
- Such alternatives to the above qualifications as the Board may find appropriate and acceptable.

RESPONSIBILITY:
The Instructional Coach/Coordinator will be responsible for the coaching and development of special education teachers and staff; apprising special education professional development needs; delivery of professional learning; and assisting the Special Education Director in the delivery and maintenance of special education programming in the district.

SALARY: Range of \$41,406.76 to \$79,056.48 with TRS based on education and years of service as per the 2025-2026 MEA salary schedule.

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Following the career panel, industry partners will have interactive demonstrations set up in the gymnasium so that students can explore career fields through hands-on activities. View a list of the participating groups at <https://www.sandburg.edu/>.

This partnership between Sandburg, the U of I Extension and ROE No. 33 underscores the commitment of these organizations to provide students with exceptional opportunities for growth and learning. More than 100 volunteers will be part of helping area students throughout this career experience.

For more information or to assist with the event, contact Tracy Engstrom, coordinator of career development at Sandburg, at 309.341.5246 or tengstrom@sandburg.edu, or contact Shelby Carlson from the U of I Extension at srcarls2@illinois.edu.



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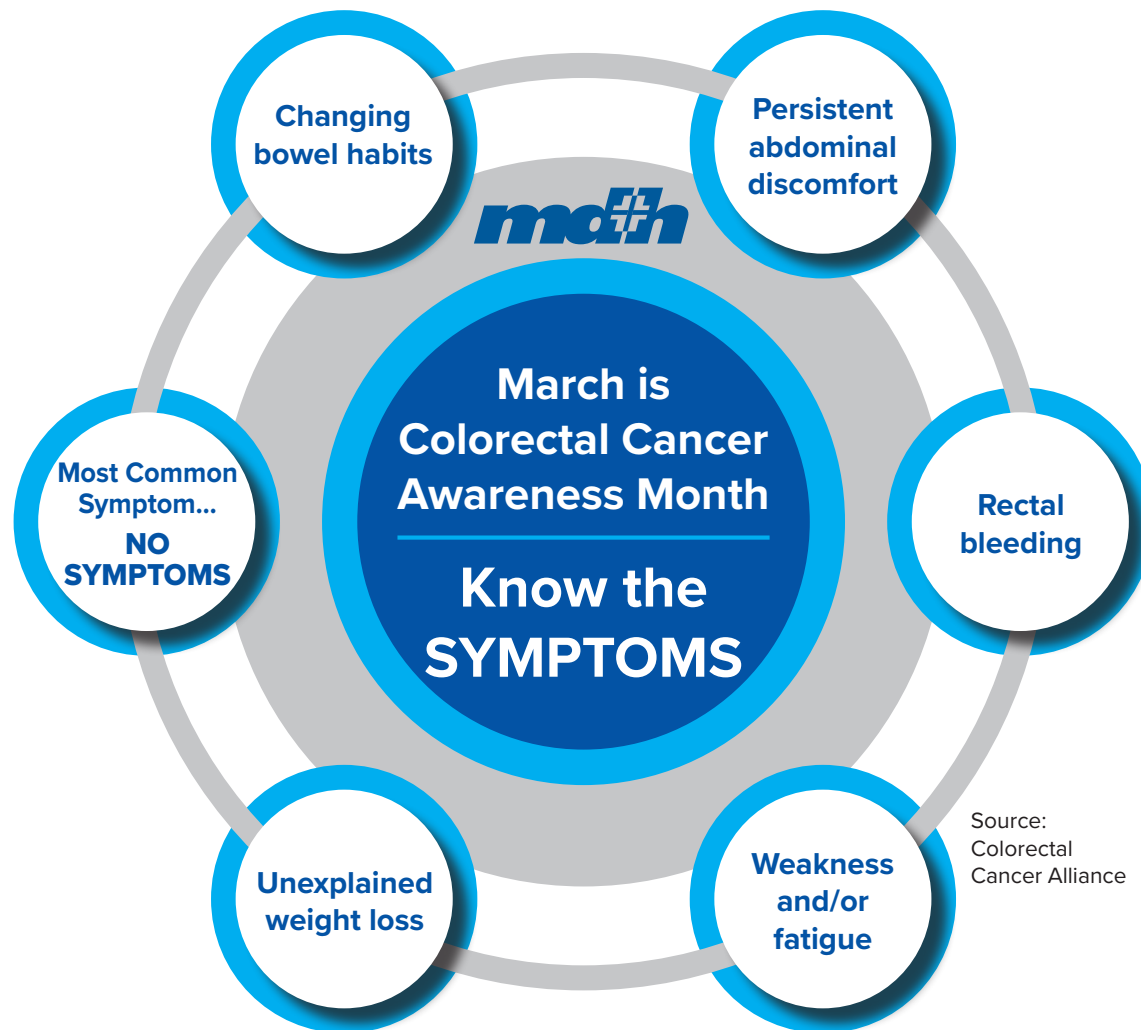
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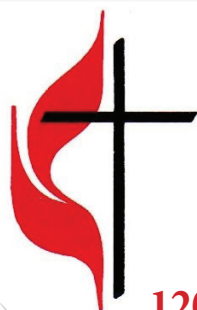
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* Africa is the only continent with land in all four of Earth's hemispheres.

* Programmer Terry Davis, who suffered with schizophrenia, spent a decade working on an operating system to "talk to God."

* The highest golf course in the world is the Tuctu Golf Club in Morococha, Peru, sitting 14,335 feet above sea level at its lowest point.

* Vladimir Putin's grandfather worked as a chef for Rasputin, Lenin, and Stalin.

* Bluetooth technology was named after 10th-century King Harald Bluetooth, who united Denmark and Norway, just like technology united computers and cellphones.

* Colonel Sanders got fired from a dozen jobs, was a lawyer who once assaulted his own client in court, started a restaurant that went out of business, and found himself broke at the age of 65. That's when he started KFC.

* The Mayans drilled holes in their teeth to insert semiprecious stones.

* North Korea's 105-story Ryugyong Hotel, nicknamed "The Hotel of Doom," is one of the world's tallest unoccupied building.

* Iceland has an official book-buying season that runs from September through December. More than half of all the books sold in the country are purchased during the month before Christmas.

* Australian compass termites construct their mounds on a north-south axis.

* According to a study of 79,777 patients, violent criminals had a much lower level of cholesterol than nonviolent individuals.

* Linonophobia is a fear of string.

* Hasbro has a "Monopoly Speed Die" and an official rulebook for "extreme" Monopoly variants.

* Composer Richard Wagner used to preserve his own nose hair clippings for posterity.

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