

FREE Midweek Brief

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WIU School of Music Presents Spring Choral Masterworks Concert

By University Communications

MACOMB, IL - The Western Illinois University School of Music will present a Spring Choral Masterworks Concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 11 in the College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC) Recital Hall.

The program will feature two works written by contemporary American composers, depicting the journey of darkness to light through compassion and peace.

The WIU Concert Choir, conducted by Jason Hawkins, with collaborative pianist Po-Chuan Chiang and faculty tenor soloist Terry Chasteen will perform "Illuminare," Elaine Hagenberg's first extended work; this edition for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass (SATB) chorus and piano.

The WIU Singers, conducted by Brian J. Winnie, with collaborative pianist Po-Chuan Chiang, faculty baritone soloist Nicholas Miguel and student musicians George Parvu, violin and Kieran McLain, cello, will perform GRAMMY-nominated composer Alex Berko's "Sacred Place," a piece commissioned by Craig Hella Johnson, artistic director of the award-winning professional choir, Conspirare.

The performance is open free to the public and will be livestreamed on the WIU School of Music's YouTube channel and Facebook page.

For more information, call the COFAC Recital Hall office at (309) 298-1843 or visit wiu.edu/recitalhall.

Thurman back in the News

Tyler Thurman put Macomb back on the map over the weekend! He placed 91st in the nation at the NAQT Individual Player National Championship Tournament in Chicago. With over 260 of the top quiz bowl players from across the U.S.—and even one from Guatemala—this is a huge accomplishment!



An advertisement for a "TAX Refund SALE" with discounts of "50-70%" and "Free Layaway". It includes the text "IMMEDIATE DELIVERY OR PICK-UP AVAILABLE - FIRST COME FIRST SERVED" and a logo for "Billy's FURNITURE" located in the old CVS Building. The store is open Monday-Saturday from 10am-6pm. A list of items includes sofas, loveseats, recliners, lamps, rugs, dining sets, bar stools, dressers, mattresses, and more.

An advertisement for a jeweler featuring a large diamond logo with "CMR" inside. The text says "Jewelers" and "35 E Side Square Macomb 309-837-2573". It lists various items for sale: Rings, Clocks, Watches, Earrings, Bracelets, Necklaces, and Diamond & Precious Stones. It also mentions "Money Clips and much more!".

An advertisement for BEMCO featuring a woman sitting on an adjustable bed. The text says "ADJUSTABLE BEDS STARTING AT \$1199" and "Head and Foot adjustable MATTRESS & REMOTE CONTROL INCLUDED". It also mentions "Ask about Heat & Massage options" and "DI\$COUNT FURNITURE and Bedding of Macomb". The store is open Monday-Saturday from 10am-5pm at 605 W. JACKSON ST. MACOMB 309-833-2100.

IDOT, ISP: 'Don't Drive Distracted. Eyes Forward.'

Pay attention, create safe habits during Distracted Driving Awareness Month

SPRINGFIELD - The Illinois Department of Transportation is teaming up with the Illinois State Police and local law enforcement agencies to promote Distracted Driving Awareness Month, reminding drivers to pay attention or pay the price. Distracted driving, which involves cellphone use or any activity that takes attention away from the task of operating your vehicle, is a risky behavior that endangers everyone on the road.

"Arriving late is better than never arriving. Stay focused, stay safe and reach your destination without distractions," said Stephanie B. Seck-Birhame, IDOT's bureau chief of Safety Programs and Engineering. "Remember: Don't Drive Distracted. Eyes Forward."

According to IDOT statistics, 260 people died and 29,458 people were injured in crashes involving distractions between 2019 and 2023.

See IDOT on page 11

An advertisement for Everly House Independent Senior Living. It features a large photo of the building and several smaller photos of interior spaces, including a piano room and a gazebo. The text says "Safe and Secure Living" and "You'll feel right at home with us!". It also includes the address "811 S Lafayette, Macomb, IL" and the phone number "309-833-2704". A black box with white text says "NO CONTRACTS! STAY LONG OR SHORT TERM".

POLICE REPORTS

MACOMB CITY POLICE

3/28

Rikki M. Lawrence, 43, Macomb, was charged with drivers license revoked or suspended, improper lane usage

Brodie S. Irish, 27, Macomb, was charged with no valid registration

Christopher E. Weathersby, 40, Macomb, was charged with disorderly conduct

Tylor L. Johnson, 34, Jackson, MI, was charged with careless driving

Jovan D. Kelly, 39, Macomb, was charged with disorderly conduct

Marlene P. Flores, 34, Macomb, was charged with disorderly conduct

Jessica L. Hoke, 27, Macomb, was charged with disorderly conduct

William S. Thorpe, 38, Macomb, was charged with disorderly conduct

Keyshawn S. Cornelius, 22, Joliet, was charged with illegal possession/transportation of liquor

3/29

Sarah M. Haley, 39, Macomb, was charged with illegal passing of school bus

Kerri S. Zimmerman, 43, Rushville, wa charged with illegal passing of school bus

Gloria Osei, 50, Macomb, was charged with illegal passing of school bus

Lauren B. Crossett, 39, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

3/31

Alec A. Acevedo, 24, Chicago, was charged with careless driving

Dusty D. Bemount, 44, Macomb, was charged with careless driving, registration expired

Jeffrey W. King, 51, Industry, was charged with improper use register or title

TODAY'S JOKES

Q: Why was the broom late to work?

A: It overswept!

Q: Why don't eggs tell each other jokes?

A: They'd crack each other up!

MCDONOUGH COUNTY SHERIFF

3/29

Kyle Edward John, 44, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Christopher Eric Raymond, 41, Macomb, was charged with theft greater than \$10,000-\$100,000

Andrew Robert Weinman, 36, Rushville, was arrested on a foreign warrant, aggravated battery to a peace officer, illegal possession of weapon by a felon, resisting a peace officer

Madison Lei Smith, 20, Macomb, was charged with domestic battery

Jason Edward Fink, 41, Colchester, was charged with possession of Methamphetamine

3/31

Jean Ann Nunn, 57, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Kevon Jaylen Hughes-Fleming, 24, Richton Park, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

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

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Death Notices

Lissa Shafer

55, of Bushnell

Lissa Shafer, 55, of Bushnell, Illinois, passed away peacefully at home on March 27, 2025 surrounded by her loving family.

Memorial service will be held at 10:30 AM on Saturday, April 12, 2025 at the Bushnell Prairie-City High School auditorium. Pastor Terry Broady and Rex Featherlin will officiate.

Memorial contributions can be made to Bushnell Prairie City Special Education Department or to Team Gleason Foundation. Martin-Hollis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

Daniel Warren Kennett

69, of Fishers, IN, formerly of Bushnell

Daniel Warren Kennett, 69, of Fishers, IN, passed away on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville.

Randall & Roberts Funeral Home has been entrusted with cremation services.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Liver Foundation, PO Box 299, West Orange, NJ 07052 (<https://liverfoundation.org>).

Mary Alice Wike

94, of Macomb

Mary Alice Wike, 94, of Macomb passed away at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 5, 2025 with family present at Bickford of Macomb.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 11, 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 held in the Scott Cemetery in Bethel Township in southern McDonough County.

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

Sheri Parsano

77 of Hodges, AL, formerly of Adair

Sheri Parsano, age 77 of Hodges, Alabama, formerly of Adair, Illinois passed away on Thursday, March 27, 2025 at her daughter's home in Hodges.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the Macomb American Legion Post 6.

Read the full obituary or leave condolences online at shawgomemorialhome.com.

Mrs. Carole Ann Crum

Mrs. Carole Ann Crum, 91, passed away on Thursday, March 27, 2025 at The Arbors at Westbrook Terrace in Jefferson City, MO.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 12, 2025 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe, IL. with Pastor Mark Nichols officiating. Interment will be private and for the family.

A memorial fund has been established for the Burnside Christian Church.

Charles G. Anderson

78, of Bushnell

Charles G. Anderson, 78, of Bushnell, IL passed away at 8:00 pm Monday March 31, 2025 at his residence.

Visitation was held Saturday, April 5, 2025 at Martin-Hollis Funeral Home. Cremation Rites accorded following visitation. Memorials may be made to Hospice Compassus or St. Joseph's Indian School.

Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

Mabel Kathryn Blankenship

of Bellevue

Mabel Kathryn Blankenship, 76.99 of Bellevue, IL passed away at 7:31 PM Monday March 31, 2025 in Macomb.

Cremation rites accorded by Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home. There will be a celebration of life at a later date. Please sign the guestbook or leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

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Bob D. Eddington

84, of Colchester

Bob D. Eddington, age 84 of Colchester, passed away at 11:58 P.M Monday, March 31, 2025 at South East Regional Hospice in Burlington, Iowa.

Visitation with the family was held Sunday, April 6, 2025 at the Jones Funeral Chapel in Colchester. Funeral services were held Monday, April 7, 2025 with Gunther Weaver and Tim Fross. Burial followed the services at Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Colchester.

Memorial is to St. Judes, or Hospice House Burlington. Online condolences can be sent to the family at jonesmortuaryfh.com.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAYS

- 12:10 pm - AA Midday Group Closed Group UBC Meeting Room
- 6:00 pm - NA** Just for Today Open Group First Christian Church 120 N McArthur St, Macomb, IL 61455

TUESDAYS

- 3:00 pm - Al-Anon Open Group UBC Meeting Room
- 6:00 pm - NA Just for Today Open Group UBC Meeting Room
- 6:00 pm - NA** Recovery Is Possible Open Group Lewistown and Fulton County Visitor Center 222 S Main St, Lewistown, IL 61542
- 7:00 pm - AA** Bushnell Hometown Open Group Bushnell Christian Church 285 S Jackson St, Bushnell, IL 61422

WEDNESDAYS

- 12:10pm - AA Midday Group* Closed Group UBC Meeting Room
- 6:00 pm - NA** Just for Today Open Group First Christian Church 120 N McArthur St, Macomb, IL 61455

THURSDAYS

- 6:00pm - NA Just for Today Open Group UBC Meeting Room

FRIDAYS

- 12:10 pm - AA Midday Group Open Group UBC Meeting Room
- 6:00pm - NA Just for Today Open Group UBC Meeting Room

SATURDAYS

- 10:00 am - AA Women's Only Group Closed Group UBC Meeting Room
- 12:00 pm - NA Just for Today Open Group UBC Meeting Room
- 7:00 pm - AA** Bushnell Hometown Open Group Bushnell Christian Church 285 S Jackson St, Bushnell, IL 61422

SUNDAYS

- 10:00 am - AA** Sunday Morning Closed Group Macomb City Hall in the Community Room 232 E Jackson, Macomb, IL 61455

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Thank You

The family of
Robert "Bob" Worman

wish to thank friends and family for all the kindness and caring shown at his passing.

Judy Worman
Kate & Chris Becker
Emma McKinnon

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 commuitybrief@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!

EVERY THURSDAY

After-School Program

Blandinsville First Christian Church After-School Program every Thurs. for K-High School students from 4-5pm.

Bushnell

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Story Time for Young Learners

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

Beginner Crochet Class

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

1990's Music Trivia Fundraiser

at the Bushnell VFW at 7pm to benefit the B-PC Baseball team. It will be all 1990's music, Mulligans will be available. The cost is \$10/person-teams of up to 10 people. Food will be available, snacks are fine but please purchase drinks at the bar.

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.

Macomb

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.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Sports Card & Collectibles Show

at the Macomb 4-H Center from 9am-3pm. Sports Cards, Pokemon, Magic and other TCG, Star Wars, Garbage Pail Kids, Toys, Collectibles, Bargain boxes, singles, graded cards, sealed boxes/packs, supplies and more! Dynamic Grading Authority (DGA) Grading will be accepting on-site grading submissions and have special show pricing for grading submissions.

Macomb Feminist Network's Meeting

at Macomb City Hall's Community Room from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

One Book One Community Event

at Macomb Public Library, 10:30am, Thank You, Earth Story Time with Tiffany Erickson.

Macomb Farmers Market Winter Market

The Macomb Farmers Market will hold its final monthly indoor Winter Market of the season inside Macomb's American Legion hall (on E. Washington at S. Campbell) from 8:30 to Noon. We'll have locally grown seasonal produce; homemade baked goods; local pasture-raised meat; popcorn, honey, spices, coffee, & tea; personal care products made locally from goats' milk, CBD, & hemp; local hand-crafted products of many kinds — fiber, wood, ceramics, & more; on-site knife sharpening; and much more! Our outdoor Macomb Farmers Markets begin its 50th year on Saturday, May 3 in Chandler Park; potential vendors may apply via the form on the Macomb Farmers Market Facebook page.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Environmentally Concerned Citizens

On April 19 at 1:00 pm, come help Environmentally Concerned Citizens pick up their segment of Highway 136 from East Jackson intersection at Walgreens, northwest to Railroad Station, and then west to W. Jackson Street intersection to help Earth Day week. Please meet at east edge of Chandler Park for bags, etc.

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. Cost is \$10/person and all proceeds go to Plymouth Old Settlers!



The Café

We have a jam packed week of music! On Wednesday, April 9 Dick Marcott will play for us from 5:30-7:30. Dan's DJ & Karaoke will be here Friday, April 11 from 8-12pm and ending the weekend we have Dennis DeVoulder on Saturday, April 12 playing from 8-10pm.

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! Join us for this EPIC PARTY... you don't want to miss it!

Submit live event info to: communitybrief@gmail.com



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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Egg Hunts & Easter Events

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Hy-Vee Easter Bunny Breakfast

Hop on over to Hy-Vee Saturday, April 12 from 8AM-10AM for our Easter Bunny breakfast Buffet, \$10 Adults & \$5 kids (12 & U)! Then, stay for the Easter Egg Hunt at 10AM! There will be Coloring Pages, Easter Bunny visit and Easter Egg Hunt. See you there!

Macomb VFW Easter Egg Hunt

Easter is fast approaching, grab the kids and come and have some fun at the VFW Easter Egg Hunt at 10am. Children walking to 10 years old are welcome and must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

YMCA Easter Eggstravaganza

The YMCA will hold an Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 12 at 2:30pm at the YMCA Childcare Center, 520 E. Piper St. There will be an egg hunt for ages crawling-12 years, goodie bags, prizes and of course, the Easter Bunny. Parent/guardian must be present with children at all times.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

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.

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.

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!

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 @GraceBaptist-ChurchMacombIL.

The Crossing Easter Egg Hunt

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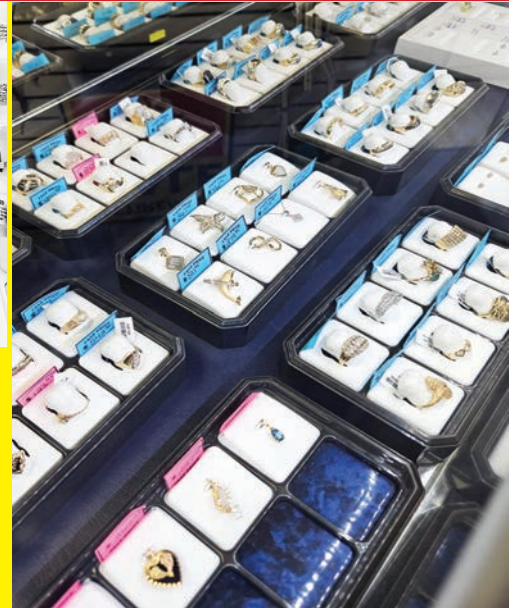


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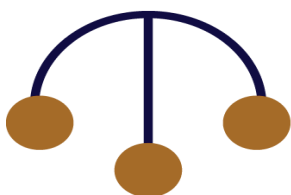
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In 2023, 58 people were killed in crashes involving at least one distracted driver, 4.7% of all traffic fatalities that year.

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"Taking your attention away from the road and other drivers around you, even for just a second or two, can be a costly mistake, or even a deadly one," said ISP Division of Patrol Col. Chris Owen. "The minute you get behind the wheel, driving should be your priority and everything else needs to take a back seat."

"Don't Drive Distracted. Eyes Forward." is a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration campaign focused on distracted driving prevention. The heightened enforcement in Illinois is made possible through federal funds administered by IDOT and coincides with the comprehensive multimedia campaign "It's Not a Game."

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By Lucie Winborne

* When the Apostle Paul wrote about seeing "through a glass darkly," there were no glass windows in the Greco-Roman world.

* There are more trees on earth than stars in our galaxy.

* The Roman Empire didn't have a Foreign Office, but they did boast a "Bureau of Barbarians."

* Canada has a strategic maple syrup reserve to ensure global supply in case of emergency.

* Actress Angelina Jolie once attempted to hire a hitman to kill her, instead of committing suicide. Fortunately, the would-be assassin successfully talked her out of it by asking her to wait a month.

* The largest print photograph ever taken was 111 feet wide and 32 feet high.

* In 2008, the Municipality of Florence officially apologized for expelling Dante Alighieri seven centuries earlier.

* A cat's ability to see well at night is due to its tapetum lucidum, a structure that reflects visible light back through the cat's retina. It's also what causes the eyes' weird "glowing" effect in the dark.

* Records suggest that between 1529 and 1532, King Henry VIII gambled away nearly a million pounds, by modern standards.

* Retired Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt was offered the position of wide receiver in the NFL but declined it due to the hits that NFL players typically take.

* "Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychw-yrndrobwll-lantysiliogogoch" is the world's longest train station name. Located in Wales, the moniker has no historical significance, but was created in the 1880s as a marketing ploy to attract tourists!

* More germs are transferred by shaking hands than kissing.

* Fearing someone would murder him at Alcatraz, Al Capone practiced his banjo in the shower room.

Thought for the Day: "Wars and elections are both too big and too small to matter in the long run. The daily work -- that goes on, it adds up."

-- Barbara Kingsolver

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