

# FREE Midweek Brief

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## Macomb Band Boosters Presents Fall Fest 2024

The Macomb Band Boosters will present Fall Fest 2024 at the MHS Commons on October 16 from 5-7pm. Featuring performances by Macomb Bands including 6th grade at 5:15pm, 7th grade at 5:35pm, 8th grade at 6pm and the Macomb Bomber Marching Band will perform at Bomber Stadium at 6:30. The cost is \$8 adults and \$6 (children 6th grade and younger). The meal includes pulled pork sandwich or pizza slice, chips, dessert and beverage (water, lemonade or tea).



## Jim Courter Book Signing October 12



Macomb, IL - The author of the Barry Pool Mystery series, local author Jim Courter will be at New Copperfield's Book Service, 120 North Side Square, Macomb, Saturday, October 12, from 10:30 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 3:00 P.M.

*Rhymes with Fool*, the first Barry Pool novel introduced former Milwaukee investigative journalist Barry Pool in his new profession as private eye. More adept at crafting sentences than handling a gun, Pool is uncertain about the dangers of his new profession.

In *Reflecting Pool*, he faces yet more challenges. After murdering a neo-Nazi thug and getting away with it, Milwaukee private eye Barry

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## As Respiratory Virus Season Begins, IDPH Urges Illinoisans to Protect Themselves from Seasonal Illnesses

Health Department has Upgraded Respiratory Virus Dashboard to Keep Public Informed and is Offering FAQs on Vaccines and What to do if Sick

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is reminding the public that along with fall, October brings the start of the traditional respiratory virus season. The department is urging Illinoisans to use the proven tools that can safeguard them from illnesses that typically surge during the fall and winter, including COVID-19, flu and RSV. This includes getting vaccinated to protect yourself and your family for those viral diseases if you are eligible.

The Department has upgraded its Seasonal Respiratory Illness Dashboard and has posted two new FAQ documents on its website providing the latest guidance on vaccinations and how to get tested and treated for these seasonal illnesses. In addition, the CDC has created a new Respiratory Illness Data Channel that provides nationwide county specific

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New Copperfield's Book Service is an independent, general interest bookstore on the north side of Macomb's historic downtown square, with books available in stock and by special order. It carries a selection of general interest, children's books and educational toys, with special emphasis of local history, local music and local authors. The work of local artists and photographers is displayed in the Gallery.

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## Death Notices

### Stirling O'Neill Edwards

53, of Macomb

Stirling O'Neill Edwards, 53, of Macomb, passed away on October 1, 2024.

Visitation will be held Saturday, October 12, 2024 from 12:00 pm until 2:30 pm at the Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home. Friends can share memories at 1:30pm and committal prayer will be performed at 2pm. Lunch will follow the service at the Macomb Elks Lodge #1009.

Cremation Rites will be accorded following visitation. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at [www.dodsworthfh.com](http://www.dodsworthfh.com).

### Barbara Ann Lawler

88, of Quincy

Barbara Ann Lawler, 88, of Quincy, formerly of Loraine, IL, passed away at 3:03 p.m. on Friday, October 4, 2024, at the Good Samaritan Home in Quincy.

A Private family service will be held. Memorials contributions in memory of Barbara are suggested to Ebenezer Cemetery. You are invited to share memories and leave condolences for her family at [www.triplettfuneralhomes.com](http://www.triplettfuneralhomes.com).

### Paul L. Schenck

66, of Disco

Paul L. Schenck, 66, of Disco, passed away at 9:07 a.m. Saturday, October 5, 2024 at Memorial Hospital in Carthage.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe, where the family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.

The funeral service for Paul will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024 at Banks & Beals in LaHarpe, with Rev. Jim Clayton officiating. Burial with Military Rites will follow in LaHarpe Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established for the family. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Paul's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).

### Margaret Esslinger

96, formerly of Bowen

Margaret J. Esslinger, 96, formerly of Bowen, Illinois, and more recently of Ipava, Illinois, passed away at 4:00 PM Thursday, October 3, 2024, at Graham Hospital in Canton.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at the Living Faith United Methodist Church in Bowen with burial to follow in the Rushville City Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until time of services at 11:00 at the church on Wednesday. Memorials may be directed to the Living Faith United Methodist Church in Bowen. Printy Funeral Home of Carthage is in charge of arrangements.

### John C. Trone

86, of Macomb

John C. Trone, 86, of Macomb passed away at 8:37 p.m. Monday, September 30, 2024 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Private grave side services will be held at Bar-dolph Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

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](http://clugston-tibbitts.com).

### Carol J. Johnson

88, of Macomb (formerly of Olena)

Carol J. Johnson, age 88, formerly of Olena, passed away Monday, Oct. 1, 2024 at Grand Prairie Assisted Living Center in Macomb.

A Celebration of Life was held at 2:00 p.m. Friday October 4, 2024 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Stronghurst, with Quentin Peterson officiating. Visitation one hour prior to the Service. Burial in the Strong-hurst Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established for the American Cancer Society. Please visit Carol's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com) to leave a condolence.

### Roger H. Gedney

89, of Macomb

Roger H. Gedney, 89, of Macomb, went to be with his Lord and Savior at 12:09 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 12, 2024 at First Baptist Church in Macomb with Pastor Jon Lobos officiating. Private Burial of his ashes and his wife's ashes will be in Hill Crest Memorial Park in Fort Madison, Iowa.

Memorials may be made to the Macomb Salvation Army.

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### Sanford L. "Sandy" Watkins

78, of Macomb

Sanford L. "Sandy" Watkins, 78, of Macomb, IL, passed away at 11:30 pm on Monday, September 30, 2024 at Iowa City VA Medical Center in Iowa City, IA.

Cremation rites have been accorded. No services have been planned at this time. Memorials may be made to Grand Prairie of Macomb.

Please visit Sandy's obituary at [shawgome-morialhome.com](http://shawgome-morialhome.com) to leave a condolence.

### Linda K. Mahr

66, of Bushnell

Linda K Mahr, 66, of Bushnell, IL passed away on October 1, 2024 at Macomb Post Acute Care in Macomb, IL.

Private graveside services will be held in the Bushnell Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the McDonough County Humane Society. Martin-Hollis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave con-do-lences at [www.martinhollisfh.com](http://www.martinhollisfh.com).

**See more Death Notices on page 5**

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](mailto:communitybrief@gmail.com). Cost is \$45 and includes a laminated copy of the obituary.

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## *Bushnell*

### **FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS OCT. 11-26**

#### **Bushnell Haunted House**

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## *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.

### **MONDAY, OCT. 14**

#### **Fall Fun Day**

from 1:30-3:30pm and is one of our events for kids at the Colchester District Library. Come out and have some fun! Games, crafts, food, corn shelling, decorate pumpkins, make applesauce and more!

## *Macomb*

### **EVERY TUESDAY**

#### **Al-Anon meeting**

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.

### **OCT. 7 - 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. 9**

#### **Page Turners Book Club**

meets the second Wednesday of every month from 4:30-5:30pm in the Macomb Public Library Meeting room. The public is invited to attend.

#### **Writing Experience at the MAC**

at 6pm join visual art and the written word. All levels of writing are welcome. This event is geared towards generating new writing and connecting with local writers.

### **FRIDAY, OCT 11**

#### **County Retired Teachers (educators)**

Meet McDonough County Retired Teachers (educators) Association would like to invite all retired educators living in McDonough county to our meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church, 123 S. Campbell. Our speaker will be Eric Jameson, Funeral Director, "Planning to be Prepared".

### **OCT. 11 & 12**

#### **WIU Homecoming**

Visit <https://go.wiu.edu/4ewyc0q> for all the details.

### **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.

## *Table Grove*

### **MONDAY, OCT. 25**

#### **Fall All Town Clean Up**

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## **The Café**

What a lineup of music we have this week! Wednesday, Oct. 9 is Dion Wykowski from 6-8pm and Thursday is Open Mic Night 8pm-12 midnight. On Friday, Oct. 11 we have New House playing for us from 9pm-Midnight and wrap up the weekend on Saturday, Oct. 12 with Dan's DJ & Karaoke starting at 8pm.

## **Macomb Elks Club**

You don't want to miss this! Rockstar Bingo Karaoke on Friday, Oct. 11 from 6-10pm.

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!

## **Western Illinois Museum -Blind Swine Speakeasy**

The Western Illinois Museum's Blind Swine Speakeasy returns to give you a roaring good time on Friday, Oct. 11th, The New Macomb Woman: Work, Fitness, and Beauty Ideals of the 1920s with music by EmiSunshine. The speakeasy will transform the Museum's historic building into an intimate setting where visitors can step back in time to the days of Prohibition. A full schedule of events can be found at [wimuseum.org](http://wimuseum.org). For further information, call 309-837-2750, text 309-837-2613, or email [info@wimuseum.org](mailto:info@wimuseum.org).

## **Forgottonia Brewing**

Don't miss Troublesome Ridge playing on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 7pm. Troublesome Ridge has been playing together since 2014. They play both traditional and modern Bluegrass. 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.

## **American Legion**

Dixieland Band led by John Cooper plays Tuesday, Oct. 15 from 7-9pm in the American Legion Post 6, 221 E. Washington St., Macomb. No admission, but there is a free-will offering during the show.

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## Death Notices

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### Martha Abernathy

85, of Avon

Martha Abernathy, 85, of Avon, Illinois, passed away at 2:22 p.m. Saturday, October 5, 2024, at Marigold Rehabilitation and Health-care Center, Galesburg.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, October, 10, 2024 at the Pennington Point Cemetery, Macomb, McDonough County, Illinois. Memorial contributions may be made to the McDonough County Animal Shelter or Walnut Grove Methodist Church and left in the care of the funeral home.

Moore Memorial Home, Avon, is handling the arrangements.

### Cayden Daniel Mahr

23, of Prairie City

With great sadness, we announce the passing of our son, brother, grandson, and friend, Cayden Daniel Mahr, on October 5, 2024.

Visitation with family will be held on Friday, October 11, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Aaron and Julie Blout machine shed located at 22320 E 2200th Street, Prairie City, Illinois. Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 12, 2024, in the Blout machine shed. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Cayden Mahr Scholarship which will benefit graduating seniors. Martin-Hollis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at [www.martinhollisfh.com](http://www.martinhollisfh.com).

### Kevin A. Loop

54, of Springfield

Kevin A. Loop, 54, of Springfield, Illinois, passed away on Friday October 4, 2024 at his residence. Born June 29th, 1970 in Macomb, IL.

Visitation and Memorial Service will be held Friday October 11, 2024 at the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, with Rev. Kelly Ingersoll as officiate. Visitation will begin at 9:30 am and the Memorial Service will begin at 11 am. Cremation has been accorded.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the First Christian Church Giving | FCC Macomb or The Trevor Project - Suicide Prevention for LGBTQ+ Young People.

Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign guestbook or leave condolences at [www.dodsworthfh.com](http://www.dodsworthfh.com). Online services available on Youtube and Facebook for those not able to attend.

### Lori Lynn Hornbaker Wagner

54, of Bushnell

Lori Lynn Hornbaker Wagner, 54, went home to be with Jesus on October 7, 2024, after a short but tenacious fight with brain cancer.

Arrangements have been made with Martin-Hollis Funeral Home in Bushnell, Illinois. Visitation will be held Sunday, October 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Martin-Hollis Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held Monday, October 14, at 10:30 a.m. Burial will follow immediately at the Prairie City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the Bushnell Pool. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at [www.martinhollisfh.com](http://www.martinhollisfh.com).

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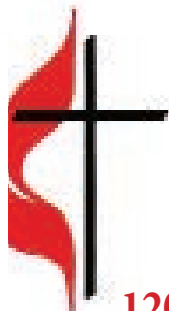
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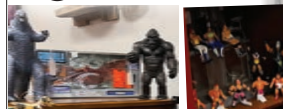
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information that would be valuable for anyone planning to travel out of state.

"As our public health workers ramp up preparations for the respiratory virus season we know is coming, all of us can play a role in protecting ourselves and reducing the spread of COVID-19 and the flu by getting vaccinated," said Governor JB Pritzker. "So make plans now to get both of those shots and protect yourself from serious illness."

"As we head into fall, the Department of Public Health is closely monitoring this season's respiratory illnesses and so can you with our updated respiratory illness dashboard," said IDPH Director Dr. Sameer Vohra. "Similar to past seasons, we should expect a rise in RSV, COVID-19 and flu cases as the weather cools. Now is a great time to get yourself protected from severe illness with updated vaccines, especially if you are over 65, immunocompromised, or have chronic medical conditions."

Public health leaders also stress that one of the best ways to reduce transmission of viruses is to stay home when you are sick to reduce transmission to others. Anyone with respiratory symptoms – such as coughing, a runny nose, or fever – should try to self-isolate from others, unless they need to seek medical care. If you cannot self-isolate, wear a well-fitted mask around others.

IDPH officials remind the public that there are effective anti-viral treatments available for COVID-19 and the flu, but they must be started quickly. This is why it is important to get tested if you are feeling symptoms.

For COVID-19, treatment must be prescribed by a healthcare provider and started within 5–7 days after symptoms appear. Treatment is strongly recommended for those who are over 65 or at higher risk for severe illness. Some Illinoisans should be eligible to access free oral antivirals through the Paxcess and Merck Helps programs.

Antiviral treatments for flu are most effective when given within 48 hours of starting to feel ill and are only available by prescription. Older adults, young children, and those who are pregnant or have conditions like diabetes, asthma and heart disease are at risk for complications and should contact a healthcare provider be assessed for the need for treatment as soon as possible.

You can find locations that perform COVID-19 tests in person at no cost near you by using the testing locator for the federal ICATT (Increasing Community Access to Testing) program. In addition, the federal government resumed offering free Covid tests to every household through the covidtests.gov website.

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admissions, according to data as of September 28. Illinois' overall respiratory illness level is listed by the CDC as minimal.

The FDA and CDC have approved new vaccines for this fall for COVID-19 and flu as well as updated who can receive the RSV vaccines. The new Covid vaccines and the new flu shots are recommended for everyone over the age of 6 months. The RSV vaccine is recommended for everyone 75 years and older. But if you got an RSV shot last winter, you do not need another at this time, according to the CDC. Those in the late stages of pregnancy are advised to get the RSV vaccine designed to protect newborns. Newborns whose mothers have not received the RSV vaccine, should receive nirsevimab between October and March.

Last month, IDPH posted an episode of its podcast "This is Public Health" featuring the state's chief medical officer and the state epidemiologist discussing the outlook for the coming respiratory virus season, the efficacy of vaccines, and prevention measures.

The new vaccines are widely available at pharmacies and through hospitals, and community health clinics. The major pharmacy chains allow you to make an appointment to get a shot online. For help finding a provider of vaccines near you, go to [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov).

For those who don't have healthcare coverage through a private plan, Medicare, or Medicaid, IDPH operates the Vaccines for Children Program, which provides vaccines at no cost for children 18 and under. Adults without insurance have several options. They can check with their local health department or contact a free and charitable clinic or a Community Health Center.

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By Lucie Winborne

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\* In a 2008 survey of British teens, 58% of the respondents believed Sherlock Holmes was a real person, while 20% said that Winston Churchill was not.

\* When asked if her husband Abe had any hobbies, Mary Todd Lincoln responded, "Cats."

\* Amelia Earhart and Eleanor Roosevelt once sneaked out of a White House event, commandeered an airplane, and went on a joyride to Baltimore.

\* The Karni Mata Temple in Deshnoke, India, is home to 20,000 rats who are believed to be descended from an incarnation of the Hindu goddess Durga.

\* According to NASA, it possibly rains glass on the planet known as HD 189733b.

\* The first baseball caps were made from straws and worn by the New York Knickerbockers in 1849. A few years afterward, the first merino wool baseball caps were put into circulation.

\* Some traditions hold that walking backward while wearing your clothes inside out will allow you to see a witch on Halloween.

\* In ancient Rome, lemons were used as an antidote to all poisons.

\* One of the world's largest stockpiles of nuclear weapons is located at a U.S. Navy base near Seattle, which is partially defended by trained dolphins.

\* The highest mileage on a single car is over 3 million miles.

Thought for the Day: "History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again." -- Maya Angelou

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## McDonough County Republican Party



### Alert regarding questions on the 2024 Ballot!

Please be advised that the following questions will be on the Illinois ballots during this election. Please note the language and what is not stated in the question but is implied by the way it is stated. These questions are advisory, non-binding and we encourage voters to vote **NO** on each one.

The questions are as follows:

### Illinois Assisted Reproductive Healthcare Advisory Question (2024)

Should all medically appropriate assisted reproductive treatments, including, but not limited to, in vitro fertilization, be covered by any health insurance plan in Illinois that provides coverage for pregnancy benefits, without limitation on the number of treatments?

*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.*

### Illinois Penalties for Candidate Interference with Election Worker's Duties Advisory Question (2024)

Should any candidate appearing on the Illinois ballot for federal, State, or local office be subject to civil penalties if the candidate interferes or attempts to interfere with an election worker's official duties?

*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 or if there are issues going on during the elections.*

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