Midweek Brief

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SRC Financial Aid Office Presenting Free Workshops at District High Schools

Employees in the financial aid office at Spoon River College will present free workshops at district high schools starting in October with a focus on previewing the changes in the FAFA

application.

The major change this year is that the FAFSA application will not be available by October 1 as it has been in the past several years. It is expected to be available mid to late December, and is required by law to be available by January 1, 2024. In addition, all contributors will now be required to have a FAFSA username and password.

Because the application will not be available until December, financial

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BPC Football Players of the Week

What a game from these guys yesterday. This week we recognize the whole defense as players of the week. This defense held Galva to negative yards in the first half. They brought the physicality every single play. Well deserved fellas!

USDA Announces Specialty Crop Block Grant Program Funding Awarded to Illinois

SPRINGFIELD, IL- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) recently awarded over \$544,000 in Fiscal Year 2023 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) funding to Illinois. With this grant, the Illinois Department of Agriculture will fund projects that enhance the competitiveness of specialty crop products and create new market opportunities for the state's specialty crop producers.

"Illinois farmers build the backbone of our state's number one industry—generating billions in revenue and making sure our families are fed," said Governor JB Pritzker. "Thanks to the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program and the USDA, we are dispersing more than half

a million dollars across eight projects, so our specialty crop producers have the resources they need to not just continue the work they love most, but dive into exciting new endeavors that will benefit our communities and our industry alike."

Through the SCBGP, the Illinois Department of Agriculture will fund eight projects. Among IDOA's projects is \$50,000 for the Gardeneers' Growing Food + Equitable Justice Project where gardeneers will partner with schools in under-resourced communities. Additional funded projects focus on areas including urban agriculture, disease mitigation in cucurbits, and the shelf life of straw-

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POLICE REPORTS

Macomb Police Department

9/9

Cody M. Johnson, 28, macomb, was charged with toy vehicles on the roadway

Carel M. Smith, 19, Chicago, was charged with careless driving

Kasey J. Filler, 19, Orion, was charged with careless driving

Blake E. Sartin, 22, Lockport, was charged with prohibitive noises

McDonough County Sheriff

9/6

Drake Lucas Taflinger, 27, Avon, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Glenda Selena Davis, 43, Bushnell, was charged with drivers license revoked or suspended

9/7

Kevin Cornelius McDaid, 20, Elmhurst, was charged with criminal damage to government supported property, consumption of alcohol by a minor

Dawon Reid Koeller, 22, New Canton, was charged with DUI/alcohol

WIU Office of Public Safety

On Sept. 8 at 11:53 p.m. five students were judicially referred for cannabis in Thompson Hall.

On Sept. 9 at 4:21 p.m. one student in Q-Lot was judicially referred for alcohol.

On Sept. 9 at 6:22 p.m. one student in Q-Lot was judicially referred for cannabis.

On Sept. 10 at 8:41 p.m. one student in Thompson Hall was judicially referred for behavior and theft of University property.





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TODAY'S JOKES

Q: Which superhero hits home runs? A: Batman!

Q: Why did the scarecrow win a Nobel prize?A: She was outstanding in her field!



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Saturday, September 16 8am-noon





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Death Notices Russell Lee "Rusty" Cole

65, of Augusta

Russell Lee "Rusty" Cole, 65, of Augusta, IL died at 1:10 am Sunday September 10, 2023 surrounded by his loved ones at the home of his daughter Ronna in Plymouth,

Cremation has been accorded. A Memorial visitation will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 Friday September 15, 2023 at the Hamilton Funeral Home in Augusta, IL. Memorials may be made to his daughter Ronna Cole to help with expenses.

The Hamilton Funeral Home in Augusta, IL is handling arrangements. Please sign guestbook or leave condolences at www. hamiltonfuneralhomes.net

Thomas E. "Tom" Gossage

63. of Vermont

Thomas E. "Tom" Gossage, 63, of Vermont, IL, passed away at 11:37 pm on Friday, September 8, 2023 at McDonough District Hospital ER.

Services will be held at 11 am on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at Shawgo Memorial Home in Astoria, IL. A visitation will take place from 6 to 8 pm on Wednesday, September 13 at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Ridgeville Cemetery in Browning, IL. Memorials may be made to the Ridgeville Cemetery.

Please sign guestbook or leave condolences at http://shawgomemorialhome.com/

Edward E. Widener

95. of Augusta

Edward E. Widener, 95, of Augusta, IL died at 1:10 pm Saturday September, 9, 2023 at Lamoine Retirement Living Center in Macomb, IL.

The Hamilton Funeral Home in Augusta, IL is handling arrangements. Please sign guestbook or leave condolences at www. hamiltonfuneralhomes.net



Felipa M. Carreras

78. of Macomb

Felipa M. Carreras, 78, of Macomb, Illinois, passed away at 1:00 AM Friday Sept. 8, 2023 at the Elms Nursing Home in Macomb, IL.

Cremation has been accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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

Beverly Jean Manley

84, of Plymouth

Beverly Jean Manley, 84, of Plymouth, IL died at 11:15 am Monday September 11, 2023 at Bickford in Macomb, IL.

A Funeral service will be held at 11:00 am. Saturday September 16, 2023 at the First Baptist Church in Plymouth, IL with Rev. Mark Gilliland officiating. Burial will be in Round Prairie cemetery near Plymouth. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the time of services Saturday at the church. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Plymouth.

The Hamilton Funeral Home in Augusta, IL is handling arrangements.





Naomi Faith Lipper

92, of LaHarpe

Naomi Faith Lipper, 92, of LaHarpe, Illinois, passed away at 3:06 a.m. Monday, September 11, 2023 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington, Iowa.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. Friday, September 15, 2023 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe, where the family will receive friends from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m.

The funeral service for Naomi will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 16, 2023 at Banks & Beals in LaHarpe with Rev. Bruce Goettsche officiating. Burial will follow in LaHarpe Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established for the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House or the LaHarpe Union Church. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Naomi's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

Death notices (name, death date and services) run free of charge. Families who wish to have a complete obit published in the Tuesday or Friday Community News Brief newspaper (including picture, family, work history and 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.





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WEDNESDAYS STARTING SEPT. 13 **Christian Church Youth Program**

Every Wednesday for 5th grade through High School students from 4-5:30 pm throughout the school year.

THURSDAYS STARTING SEPT. 14 After-School Program

Blandinsville Christian Church After-School Program will be held every Thursday for Kindergarten through High School students from 4:00 pm until 5:00 pm throughout the school year beginning on September 14, 2023.

Bushnell **EVERY MONDAY Coffee Club**

from 9-10am at Courtyard Estates of Bushnell. calling the Elementary office 309-772-9464.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15 **B-PC Homecoming Parade**

The theme this year is Space Jam. If you have an organization that is interested in being in the parade, please contact Hannah Edwards at edwardsh@bpcschools.org. Lineup starts at 3pm at the High School and parade begins at 4pm.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16 **Music Trivia**

Come for a great night of music trivia and Spaghetti made by our very own Mike VonKannon at the Bushnell VFW. Trivia Tables \$100, Spaghetti Dinner \$8. Spaghetti Dinner opens at 5pm and goes until 6:30pm for the public. Trivia contestants can eat before or during trivia.

Colchester **EVERY MONDAY Colchester Library Story Hour**

from 10:45-11:45am. There will be books, crafts, songs and fun! Pete the Cat is coming on September 18.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15 **West Prairie Homecoming**

The West Prairie C U S D 103 schools will be releasing at 1:30 p.m. Friday, September 15, 2023 for Homecoming. The Homecoming Parade will be held that day at 4:00 p.m. in Colchester. We look forward to seeing everyone come out!

Macomb

WEDNESDAYS AUG. 23 - SEPT. 27 **Civic Life and Faith Conversations**

The Trinity Lutheran Church, 123 S. Campbell in Macomb will hold Civic Life and Faith Conversations from 5-6pm on Wednesdays. Come share your ideas as part of a 6-week conversation led by Dr. Amy Carr and Pastor Youngshim Pitcher. For more information or questions contact Amy Carr at amyreneecarr@gmail.com.

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SECOND WEDNESDAY OF MONTH Page Turners Book Club

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20

Prairie Table Fundraising Dinner

Prairie Land Conservancy would like to invite the public to attend the 7th Annual Extending the Prairie Table fundraising dinner, on Wednesday, Sept. 20th at 5 pm at the Macomb Field House. Sips and nibbles will begin at 5 pm, with live music. Dinner will be served at 6 pm. Tickets are \$75 and include the cost of an annual membership to Prairie Land Conservancy. Visit our website for more information: www.prairielandconservancy.org.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23

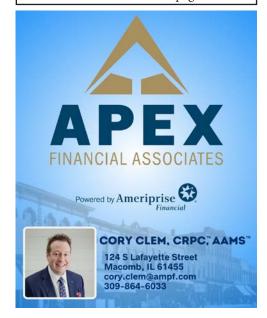
Flea By Night at the Bold Brew House

from 6-9pm.It's the beginning of autumn, Bold Brew House has a vendor event where you can shop, eat, and listen to live music to celebrate the change of the season. Live music by Annabel Herbert 6-7 pm. Grab a beer at Forgottonia with live music by Just Us at 7pm. 15 vendors from fall clothing to fall décor as well as Food and Drink vendors.

> Submit your calendar item or photo to communitybrief@gmail.com

Good Hope Turkey Trot

The Good Hope Turkey Trot 10K, 5K Run/Walk and 1K walk will take place on November 23, 2023. Race day registration is an hour prior to start time. 10K starts at 8am, 5K at 8:15am and 1K at 8:30am. Registration fee is \$30, same day registration is \$35. T-shirts are guaranteed if registered by November 15, 2023. Proceeds will benefit the Good Hope-Sciota Fire Protection District. For additional race information and updates, visit the Good Hope-Sciota Fire Protection District Facebook page.



B-PC Elementary Students Invited to Ride in Parade

All elementary students are invited to ride their bikes in the parade. Decorate your bike to support the Homecoming theme "Space Jam" or in Spartan colors of red, white and blue. Meet at St. Bernard's Church, 376 W. Hail by 3:45pm that day. Prizes will be awarded by Farmers & Merchants State Bank. Contact Sonja Settles in the District Office for more information 309-772-9461.





Macomb Park District

We can't believe it's already our last Movie in the Park of the summer! Bring your camping chairs and picnic blankets to enjoy another family favorite, Hotel Transylvania FREE under the twinkling stars! Free popcorn and drinks are provided by First Bankers Trust Company, NA and Refreshment Services Pepsi! Movie starts at 7:30 PM!

Macomb American Legion

Dixieland Band led by John Cooper plays on Tuesday, September 19 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.

Forgottonia Brewing

The Kit Kats are an acoustic duo consisting of MN natives & seasoned musicians, Fredrick Thyme and Juniper Kayfes. They will be playing on Friday, September 15 at 7pm. They travel the nation in search of those looking to relax, converse, and enjoy the world around them as it is.

The Cafe

It's Parents Weekend at the Cafe so come out for some great music and great drink specials! We will have WIU Baseball player, Kalen Reardon, playing from 7:30-9pm and stick around for Demons of Country from 9pm-1am.

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aid staff will be unable to assist attendees with filling out and filing it. Instead, they will help with the creation of usernames and passwords as well as provide an overview of the program and answer questions. During the spring, visits, staff will once again be able to assist with the FAFSA filing.

Information about other financial assistance programs such as funding for veterans, scholarships, student loans, and payment plans will also be presented, and even those not planning on attending Spoon River College are welcome to attend. These workshops are for students, their parents, and any adult learners who are interested in learning more about options for paying for college.

The schedule for the high school visits is as follows:

Farmington: October 3, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Lewistown: October 4, 6 - 7 p.m. Canton: October 5, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Spoon River Valley, October 25, 6 - 7 p.m.

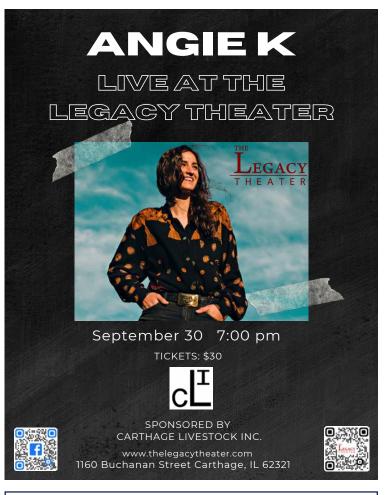
> Rushville: October 25, 6 - 7 p.m. VIT: October 26, 6 - 7 p.m. Cuba: October 26, 6 - 7p.m. Astoria: November 2, 6 - 7 p.m.

Havana: December 6, 6-7 p.m.

The spring schedule of visits will be available at a later date. For more information, visit www.src.edu and click on the Financial Aid link under the Student Services tab or call (309) 649-7030 in Canton or (309) 833-6073 in Macomb.







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USDA

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"Illinois is proud to be the number one producer of pumpkins and horseradish in the United States and is a top-ten producer of asparagus, cauliflower, fresh-cut herbs, peas, mustard greens and lima beans," said Jerry Costello II, Director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture. "To be able to provide these resources to our specialty crop producers who not only support our state, but also the nation, is very rewarding."

The funding to Illinois is part of a total of \$72.9 million in non-competitive FY 2023 SCBGP funding awarded to 54 states, territories, and the District of Columbia. The

SCBGP funding supports farmers growing specialty crops, including fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, and nursery crops. USDA's support will strengthen U.S. specialty crop production and markets, ensuring an abundant, affordable supply of highly nutritious fruits, vegetables, and other specialty crops, which are vital to the health and well-being of all Americans.

The funding for the SCBGP grants is authorized by the 2018 Farm Bill and FY2023 funding is awarded for a three-year period beginning Sept. 30, 2023. Since 2006, USDA has invested over \$1 billion through the SCBGP to fund nearly 12,000 projects that have increased the long-term successes of producers and enhanced marketing opportunities for U.S. specialty crops products.





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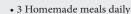
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WIU School of Music to Host Scholarship Concert Sept. 15

MACOMB, IL - The Western Illinois University School of Music will host the School of Music's Annual Scholarship Concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15 in the College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC) Recital Hall.

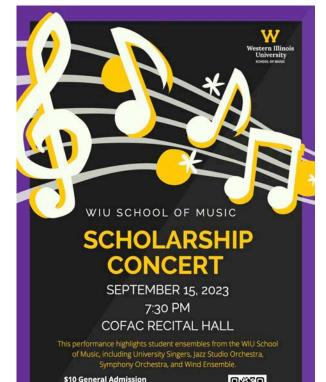
This performance will highlight WIU School of Music student ensembles, Jazz Studio Orchestra, University Singers, Symphony Orchestra and Wind Ensemble.

General admission is \$10 and WIU students are free with ID. Credit card is accepted but requires reserved seating in advance by visiting form.jotform. com/213253929449161. Attendees can present digital confirmation upon arrival in the lobby. Cash and checks are accepted.

All contributions go directly to WIU School of Music scholarships.

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

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* In 2003, a community in New Jersey experienced an animal-related electrical outage. Such occurrences were certainly not rare, but this incident was notable for being the first time an osprey was known to be involved <00AD>-- or, rather, a fish: The bird had dropped its scaly prey on the power lines.

* Slovenia boasts a most impressive 28,000 wineries, amounting to one winery for every 75 persons in the country.

* Ever hear "things that go bump in the night" at your house? Before you call an exorcist, keep in mind that several cases of residential "paranormal activity" have actually turned out to be the result of carbon monoxide poisoning, which can cause hallucinations and feelings of dread.

* The Mamenchisaurus sinocanadorum dinosaur's neck measured 50 feet -- six times longer than that of a giraffe!

When he was in his 50s, Steven Spielberg re-enrolled at California State, Long Beach to

finish his B.A. degree three decades after dropping out. The school awarded him three course credits in paleontology for making "Jurassic

* Japan's "gyoza cider" is a soda designed to taste like gyoza dumplings.

* In 2018, one of Stephen Hawking's older wheelchairs was auctioned off for \$387,000, with proceeds donated to his favorite charities.

* Basketball backboards were invented to keep overly enthusiastic fans from interfering with a game after some spectators, early in the sport's history, leaned over railings in an effort to deflect or catch the ball.

* New York-Presbyterian Hospital has created a Spotify playlist called "Songs to do CPR to," featuring hits by artists ranging from the Bee Gees to Justin Bieber.

Thought for the Day: "Every day we should hear at least one little song, read one good poem, see one exquisite picture and, if possible, speak a few sensible words." -- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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