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Graham Medical Group - Macomb Now Open and Accepting New Patients

CANTON, IL - Graham Health System, a leader in healthcare in Central and Western Illinois announces the grand opening for their new Graham Medical Group Clinic (GMG) in Macomb Illinois.

The new clinic is located at 1630 East Jackson Street in Macomb, a former First Bankers Trust Company branch location. Graham Medical Group - Macomb offers a walk-in Convenient Care Clinic open 12 hours a day, seven days a week for urgent needs, primary and specialty care from Physicians and Advanced Practice Providers and Laboratory and Imaging services, as well as Family Medicine & Specialty Care Clinics.

Ashley Howard, MD, a Family Practice Physician and Bushnell native, is currently

accepting new patients. Dr. Howard said, "I am honored to be able to practice medicine in the Macomb/Bushnell communities and give back to the area in which I was raised and still call home". Joining Dr. Howard in Family Medicine are Sue Adams, APRN and LaDawna Royer, APRN, both longtime residents and practitioners in the Macomb community.

The clinic also provides Women's Healthcare Services with Ashley Behymer, APRN and Behavioral Health Services with Alison Kerans, PMHNP-BC, and both are accepting new patients.

Seeing patients in GMB - Macomb's Convenient Care are Wyatt Baxter, PA-C and Dawn Cousins, DNP.

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Bushnell Fire Issues Burn Ban Until Further Notice



Bushnell Fire Protection District Chief Brent Bentzinger has announced a burn ban effective June 18th, 2023 until further notice. This burn ban applies to the entire Bushnell Fire Protection District, including the city of Bushnell, and the villages of Prairie City, Walnut Grove, Bardolph, & New Philadelphia. This burn ban is a direct result of the ongoing drought-like conditions that we have been experiencing. Any fires started during this time can spread rapidly and may quickly become out of control. Any burning done during this time may result in a citation issued by the local authorities.

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Macomb Park District Representative Trains at Statewide Seminar

SPRINGFIELD, IL - - Neil Armstrong, Commissioner of the Macomb Park District, recently attended the Illinois Association of Park Districts' (IAPD) 2023 Boot Camp.

IAPD offers the educational course to elected officials and professionals at Illinois park districts, forest preserves, conservation, recreation, and special recreation agencies. Attendees receive targeted, in-depth training on an array of topics including understanding the Open Meetings Act; making a difference through legislative advocacy; breaking down the fundamentals and best practices of park district finances; implementing DEI strategies; promoting effective relationships among the board, executive director, and staff; and adhering to ethical requirements.

"This content-rich program provides tremendous benefits to board members and staff and sets them on track to advance their agencies as a unified force. They gain a greater appreciation of the critical role that park commissioners play in good governance, compliance with state law, and enhancing the quality of life for residents of their communities. As locally elected, non-compensated community leaders, their service is a genuine labor of love," said Peter Murphy, IAPD President/CEO.

Armstrong was elected to the Macomb Park District in April 2023.

Established in 1928, IAPD is a nonprofit service, research and educational organization representing more than 350 park districts, forest preserves, conservation, recreation, and special recreation agencies throughout Illinois. IAPD's mission is to advance these agencies in their ability to preserve natural resources and improve the quality of life for all people in Illinois.

GMG

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"To provide compassionate, quality health services, is the mission of Graham Health System. Our professional, courteous staff look forward to providing Macomb/Bushnell and all of McDonough County access to our patient centered healthcare. Bob Senneff, President and CEO of Graham Health System stated. We are excited to be joining the Community, the addition of the GMG Macomb Clinic will better serve not only our current patients, but the entire area, Senneff stated.

Graham Health System consists of 8 clinics serving the Lewistown, Canton, Farmington, Elmwood, Macomb, Galesburg and Williamsfield communities. Graham Medical Group specializes in Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, General Surgery, Orthopedics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Ear Nose & Throat, Podiatry, Urology, Wound Care, Vascular, Pain and Breast Surgery.

The centerpiece of the Health System is Graham Hospital, located just a short drive from Macomb, in Canton, IL. Graham Hospital is a full-service hospital with a comprehensive array of services, including General, Orthopedic, Gynecological, and Urologic Robotic Surgeries. Graham hospital is also the home to Fulton & Mason County Wound Clinic and Hyperbaric Medicine and Graham Home Medical Equipment. Graham offers a full range of Ancillary Services including Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation,

Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy Services, Laboratory and Imaging.

All Graham Medical Group Physicians and Advanced Practice Providers are accepting new patients with same day appointments available in many cases. Graham hospital and all providers accept all Illinois Medicaid, Medicare, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Aetna and virtually all other insurance plans.

For further information regarding Graham Health System and the services provided, please visit our website at www.graham-healthsystem.org.

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Q: What do you call a pile of cats?

A: A meow-ntain!

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DEATH NOTICES

Dannie Lee Bishop

79, of Macomb

Dannie Lee Bishop, 79, of Macomb, Illinois, passed away at 4:50 PM Friday June 16, 2023 at the Elms Nursing Home in Macomb. Cremation has been accorded.

Private Burial of ashes will be held at Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to MDH Hospice Program or Meals on Wheels YMCA of Macomb.

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

Paul Dale Locke

83, of Macomb

On June 16, 2023 the streets of Heaven gained another kind and caring soul. Paul Dale Locke, 83, of Macomb, Illinois, peacefully passed into the arms of Jesus at home surrounded by family.

Funeral services will be 10:00 A.M. Monday, June 26, 2023, at the Jones Mortuary in Colchester, with Rev. Lee Unger. Burial will follow the services at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Macomb. Visitation with the family will be 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Sunday, June 25, 2023, at the funeral home. Friends may view and sign the register book at the funeral home after 8:30 A.M. Sunday. Memorials are In Memory of Paul Dale Locke or The Spirit of Christmas Memorial. Condolences and memories can be expressed to the family at jonesmortuaryfh.com.

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Max Loy

92, of Good Hope

Max Loy, 92, of Good Hope, passed away at 5:25 PM Friday June 16, 2023 at Countryview Care Center in Macomb.

Graveside Services will be at 10 AM Saturday June 24, 2023 at Good Hope Cemetery. Pastor Jim Eddy will officiate. Visitation will be Friday June 23, from 4-6 PM at the Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers Memorial Contributions may be made to the Good Hope Fire and Rescue. Please sign guestbook or leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

James Alvah Brown

82, of Galesburg

James Alvah Brown, 82, of Galesburg, passed away at 8:26 PM on Wednesday June 14, 2023 at St. Mary's Hospital in Galesburg.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday June 20, 2023 at the Martin-Hollis Funeral Home. Pastors Bill and Charisse Strawn officiated. Burial in the Bushnell Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the family of James Brown or to the Galesburg First Church of God. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhol-lisfh.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 community-brief@gmail.com. Cost is \$45 and includes a laminated copy of the obituary.

Michael T. Ellis

70, of Macomb

Michael T. Ellis, 70, of Macomb passed away at 6:21 p.m. Sunday, June 18, 2023 at his residence.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Grave side services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 30, 2023 at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Macomb with Reverend A. Lee Unger officiating. Full military rites will be conducted by the Macomb Legion and Macomb VFW. A Celebration of Life with all invited will be held immediately following at the Macomb VFW. Memorials may be made to the Macomb VFW.

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.

Ruth E. (Dunn) Foxall

94, of Macomb

Ruth E. (Dunn) Foxall, 94 of Macomb, died June 18th 2023 at her home.

Graveside Services for Ruth E. Foxall will be 11 AM Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at Oakwood Cemetery in Macomb. Rev. Scot Williamson will officiate. There will be no visitation.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the MDH Hospice Program. Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign guestbook or leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

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Summer Reading Program

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Bushnell

EVERY MONDAY

Coffee Club

from 9-10am at Courtyard Estates of Bushnell.

SATURDAY, JULY 1ST

Bushnell VFW Breakfast

serving breakfast from 7-10 a.m. at the Post 1422 Hall located at 181 E. Hail in Bushnell. They provide on-site, takeout, and curb service. For takeout and curb service please call 309-333-9919. They are serving biscuits and gravy, sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes and French Toast.

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SATURDAY, JULY 8

Ice Cream Social at the Colchester Fire Department from 1-3pm

Macomb

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

Macomb Beautiful Meeting

12pm at The Old Dairy. Speaker is John Greenwood from Macomb Farmers Market

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from 1-3 pm. Pies will be available for purchase and music by Linda Cunningham. Donations are welcome and all proceeds will go to the Alzheimer's Association.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 22

Members Only Preview Book Sale

Friends of the Library Members Only Preview BOOK SALE 4 - 6 pm. at the Library Annex 109 E. Jefferson St. You can join the Friends and receive the perk of a dozen books at half price.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

Friends of the Library Book Sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A wide range of good conditioned adult & youth/children books along with audio books, CDs, DVDs, & LPs will be available under 2 large tents and in the Library Annex 109 E. Jefferson St. Proceeds are invested in the public library.

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Macomb Fiberarts Guild meeting

11am to 1pm, at the Macomb Arts Center.

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Colchester Library Charcuterie Class

The Colchester Library will hold a Charcuterie Class on Tuesday, June 27 at 6pm. Spreadz, from Macomb, will be demonstrating and talking about the how-to's and the theme is July 4/picnic/BBQ. You will build your own to take home. The cost is \$10 per person and there is a limit on class size so sign up now! You can call 776-4861.



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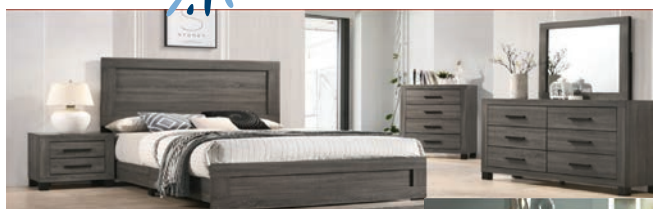
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WIU Department Renamed RPTH to Reflect Hospitality Connection



MACOMB/MOLINE – Beginning Saturday, July 1, the Western Illinois University Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration (RPTA) will become the Department of Recreation, Park, Tourism, and Hospitality (RPTH).

RPTH Chair Michael Lukkarinen said discussion about the change has been ongoing since the Hospitality program merged with RPTA in 2018, and coalesced during the last departmental faculty meeting of the semester. Over the last few years, faculty have conducted market research, sought

guidance from current students and alumni, and engaged in discussions with Admissions and high school counselors about their interactions with prospective students. The name was also discussed with the department's Advisory Board.

"It's an idea we had been kicking around and putting out there," Lukkarinen said. "The name is more reflective of the types of jobs our graduates are seeking out."

RPTH Associate Professor Jeremy Robinett said two emeritus department chairs offered feedback and suggested the department's name should be built on industry "anchors," and facilitate a better understanding of the industries where WIU students find employment.

"Our Advisory Board came together and agreed about the 'anchors.' Recreation, Park, and Tourism are industries where our students find successful employment, and we believe hospitality is a large industry we serve, and is making a strong comeback after COVID," said Robinett. "It needed to be recognized as one of our anchors."

At the same time the department is transitioning to a new name, the entire department is moving offices to be completely housed in Knoblauch Hall.

"The relocation puts RPTH in close proximity with our departmental partners, such as Agriculture and Theatre," said Lukkarinen. "Our corporate kitchen, and two of our faculty, were already housed on the second floor of Knoblauch Hall. Now all of our faculty are under one roof on the first and second floors."

For more information about the newly-named department, visit wiu.edu/RPTH.

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By Lucie Winborne

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* In Mexico, the first slice of your birthday cake must be given to the person you love most.

* Florida mom Geraldine Gimblet spent her entire life savings on medical treatment for her daughter's breast cancer ... then won \$2 million in the lottery just days after making the final payment.

* Japanese warriors wore their hair in a small ponytail after shaving the front of their heads, but not to make a fashion statement. Instead, it helped to keep their helmets secure.

* To protect the giraffe's brain from sudden changes in blood pressure when it drinks, the animal's jugular veins have elastic walls and large one-way valves that allow the veins to significantly expand, preventing blood from flowing back to the brain when the giraffe's head is lowered.

* It is illegal to gamble in a library in the U.K.

* The Battle of the Oranges is an annual festival held in Ivrea, Italy, in which participants pelt each other with the citrus fruit to commemorate the town's liberation from a cruel medieval ruler.

* It took the writers of the Oxford English Dictionary five years just to reach the word "ant." This was partly due to the level of detail necessary to trace word origins as well as their evolution.

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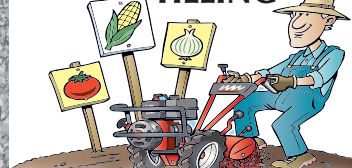
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