

# FREE Midweek Brief

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## Colchester Labor Day Celebration 2023

Find the full schedule on page 5!

**COLCHESTER LIONS CLUB LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

**SEPTEMBER 1-4, 2023**  
**COLCHESTER, IL HWY 136**  
**(City Park under the water tower)**

**CRAFTS CAR SHOW**

**SILENT AUCTION and more fun things to do**

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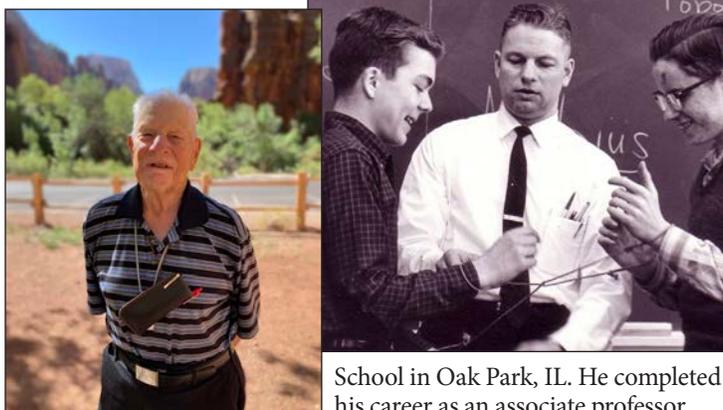
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## The Influence of a Committed WIU Alumnus Extends Beyond the Walls of a Classroom

MACOMB, IL - -

The impact of a dedicated educator can be felt far beyond the confines of a classroom. Over his five decades in education, Western Illinois University alumnus James Elander has significantly and positively impacted hundreds of students, as well as the educational mathematics community. Now, Elander is taking the next step in his education journey, endowing a new scholarship for graduate students in mathematics, ensuring the continuation of excellence in mathematical research and application.



Elander's educational pursuits began nearly 70 years ago, when he earned his bachelor's degree from what was then called Western Illinois State College. During his time at what would become WIU, Elander was involved in Kappa Sigma Kappa fraternity and student government. He continued his education at Illinois State University, where he earned his master's degree. Following the completion of his degrees, Elander spent nearly three decades teaching at Oak Park and River Forest High

School in Oak Park, IL. He completed his career as an associate professor at North Central College, retiring in the 1980s. Currently, he is the oldest living past-president of the School Science and Mathematics Association (SSMA).

Throughout his career, Elander authored seven textbooks; the first, "Geometry for Decision Making," was published in 1992. This book consolidated the conventional two years of high school geometry into one year, allowing time for high school seniors to start calculus. His most recent book, "Plane and Solid Geometry Essentials with Everyday Decision Making," was published in 2022. Elander's books have not only guided students through complex mathematical concepts, but

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**Macomb Police Department**

8/21

Dante M. Patterson, 21, Macomb, was charged with operating under suspension  
Jodanier Jean, 36, Macomb, was charged with careless driving

Quinten M. Twidwell, 31, Macomb, was charged with careless driving  
Brandon L. Hughes, 27, Macomb, was charged with careless driving

Tina K. Lopez, 62, Alturas, CA, was charged with careless driving

**WIU Office of Public Safety**

On Aug. 24 at 12:01 a.m. John Paul Smith, 20, of 323 Olson Hall, was arrested on an active warrant for failure to appear. He was transported to the McDonough County Jail at 12:07 a.m. where he was lodged pending bond.

On Aug. 24 at 2 a.m. Camille Husko, 21, of 101 Reeveston Dr., was arrested at the intersection of Charles Street and Orchard Street for driving under the influence of alcohol. She was transported to the McDonough County Jail at 3:20 a.m. where she was lodged pending bond.

On Aug. 24 at 4:02 a.m. Eric Powell, 20, of 1217 Thompson Hall, was arrested at the intersection of Western Avenue and Murray Street for driving under the influence of alcohol. He was transported to the McDonough County Jail at 5:50 a.m. where he was lodged pending bond.

On Aug 24 at 10:50 p.m. a student reported theft of her front license plate between the dates of Aug. 21 to Aug.24 the incident is under investigation.

On Aug. 25 at 1:56 a.m. nonstudent Samantha Williams, 20, of Country Club Hills, was arrested for driving with a suspended driver's license in the 900 block of West University Drive. She was transported to the McDonough County Jail at 2:06 a.m. where she was lodged pending bond.

On Aug. 25 at 1:55 p.m. OPS and the Macomb Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at Thompson Hall. No smoke or fire were found and no injuries were reported.

**NOTICE  
BUSHNELL TOWNSHIP  
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Canopy: Black  
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Q: What do you call a T-Rex that's been beaten up?

A: Dino-sore!

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**Death Notices**

**Gaylord L. Mason**

89, of Quincy (formerly Colchester)

Gaylord L. Mason age 89 of Quincy, Illinois, formerly of Colchester, passed away Friday, August 25, 2023, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Funeral services will be 11:00 A.M. Thursday, August 31, 2023, at the Jones Mortuary in Colchester with Chaplain Dave Hall. Burial with military rites by the Macomb V.F.W. and Macomb American Legion will be held following the services at Forest Lawn in Macomb. Visitation with the family will be from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Wednesday at the funeral home. Friends may view and sign the book at the funeral home from 8:30 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Wednesday. Memorial is to the Colchester Veterans Memorial. Condolences and memories can be expressed to the family at [jonesmortuaryfh.com](http://jonesmortuaryfh.com).

**James David Woody II**

Jamie, as he was known to his friends and family, unexpectedly passed away on August 11, 2023 of natural causes. Jamie would have seen his 55th birthday on August 21st.

Cremation rites will be accorded, and he will be laid to rest with his beloved father, sister and grandmother in the Smokey's. A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

**Willis Eugene (Gene) Wilson (Hillbilly Believer)**

formerly of Macomb

Willis Eugene (Gene) Wilson (Hillbilly Believer) went home to his Lord and Savior.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at Tomblinson Funeral Home Henderson Chapel. Visitation was Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at the funeral home. Pastors Dale Beaver and David Niednagel officiated. Burial will be private. Condolences and memories can be expressed to the family at [www.tomblinsonfuneral-home.com](http://www.tomblinsonfuneral-home.com).

**Jack Pickard**

formerly of Macomb

Jack Pickard, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida formerly of Macomb, Illinois passed away peacefully at the Cypress Village Health Center on August 21, 2023.

Cremation Rites have been accorded and a Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

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).

**Nancy Ann Parrish**

87, of LaHarpe

Nancy Ann Parrish, 87, of LaHarpe, passed away Thursday, August 24, 2023 at the Macomb Post Acute Care Center, Macomb, Illinois.

A private burial will be held at LaHarpe Cemetery.

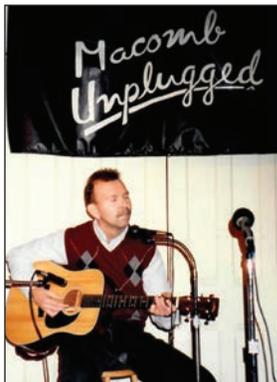
A memorial fund has been established for the LaHarpe Fire Department or LaHarpe Ambulance Service. Memorials and cards may be sent to the Nancy Parrish Memorial Fund, c/o Banks & Beals Funeral Home, P.O. Box 503, LaHarpe, Illinois 61450.

Banks & Beals Funeral Home of LaHarpe is assisting the family. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Nancy's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).

**See more Death Notices on page 7**

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

**BOB 'SPEEDY' CHAPLIN  
CELEBRATION OF LIFE**



A celebration of life for Bob "Speedy" Chaplin who passed away May 17, 2023.

**Sunday, September 3, 2023**  
**Chandlers/Macomb Dining Company**  
**127 E. Carroll Street**  
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**1:00 - 4:00 pm**

Family and friends are invited to come and share music, food, and friendship. Music by Bob's long term musician friends, as we celebrate a life well lived. A loving husband, father, "grampa", brother, uncle, and friend.

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# Community Calendar

## *Blandinsville*

### **EVERY SATURDAY**

#### **Story Hour and 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!

### **THURSDAY, SEPT. 7**

#### **After-School & Youth Programs**

#### **Kickoff**

Blandinsville First Christian Church After-School and Youth Programs Kickoff Event will be held in the Blandinsville Park at 3:30 pm. There will be food, activities, games, and registration forms available.

## *Bushnell*

### **EVERY MONDAY**

#### **Coffee Club**

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

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

#### **VFW Breakfast**

The VFW in Bushnell will be serving breakfast from 7-10 a.m at the Post 1422 Hall located at 181 E. Hail in Bushnell. We provide on-site, takeout, and curb service. For takeout and curb service please call 309-333-9919. We will be serving biscuits and gravy, sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes and French Toast. Welcome the end of Summer and join us for the best breakfast in town.

## *Colchester*

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30**

#### **Tiny Art Show**

the Colchester Library is having a Tiny Art Show. Participate by picking up a 6x6 canvas at the library, do your thing - draw, paint, mixed media, fabric, scrapbook, photos, food, sculpture, jewelry, etc. Return to the library by Aug. 30 at 6pm. Entries will be displayed during the Labor Day Festivities. This is not a competition. There will be no judging or prizes.

### **AUGUST 31 THRU SEPTEMBER 4**

#### **Colchester Labor Day Celebration**

Aug. 31 kicks off with Ham & Bean Supper 4:30-6:30 at the City Park Food Tent and Carnival Armband Night. Craft sales/displays open Sept. 1st, Cindy McClintock takes the stage at 4pm, Fish & Chicken fry at 5pm, Carnival opens at 6pm & Opening ceremonies on the main stage at 6:30pm. Watch for more information in the Community New Brief issues or follow the Colchester Lions Club on Facebook for details.

## *Macomb*

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30**

#### **The Cafe Welcomes John Heasley**

The Cafe will have Live music with John Heasley on Wednesday, Aug 30th from 5:30p.m-7:30p.m. Cafe drink specials: \$15.00 domestic buckets(5), and \$4.00 Moscow mules. The weather is supposed to be beautiful so come out and have a drink with friends in our beer garden.

#### **American Legion Post 6 Big Band**

American Legion Post 6 Big Band will start a new season beginning Wednesday, Aug. 30. Bring your dancing shoes and/or just come to enjoy the tunes from the past with the Post 6 Big Band, directed by John Cooper, from 7-9 p.m. Admission is free, but there will be a free-will donation to help in the completion of a Jeff Holtz Scholarship, and to support the band. Cold Drinks Available for Purchase.

### **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

Submit your calendar item or photo to [communitybrief@gmail.com](mailto:communitybrief@gmail.com)

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

#### **Randolph Street Rendezvous**

Get ready for our last Randolph Street Rendezvous of the Summer on Friday, Sept. 1 and we are bringing back a Rendezvous favorite, The Matt Eckberg Band! Show starts at 6:30pm. Join us at the Glenwood Stone Shelter for FREE Live Music, Cornhole, Giant Jenga and Checkers, Cash bar, Hammock Rentals and awesome lighting.

#### **FDK at Forgottonia Brewing**

We will have a great weekend of music lined up! First Date Kiss (known as FDK), an American indie rock band, will be playing for us on Friday, Sept. 1 at 8pm. The Ex-Bombers, a psychedelic blues duo performing their take on an eclectic range of cover songs and original music, will be taking the stage at 8pm on Saturday, Sept. 2.

#### **Ex-Bombers Duo at The Wine Sellers**

It's going to be a wonderful weekend because the Ex-Bombers duo will be back here Friday, Sept. 1 playing some psychedelic blues music starting at 5:30pm.

### **FIRST SATURDAY OF MONTH**

#### **Macomb Library Knitting Club**

at 10:30am. Share your love of knitting or crocheting with both experienced and beginner crafters. Meet fellow knitters, brush up on skills and learn new techniques. Materials will be provided but feel free to bring your own projects. All levels of experience are welcome.



**Flora Weaver of Bushnell will be celebrating her 103 Birthday Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>**

A card shower will be held in her honor and Flora would love to hear from all of you!  
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## Colchester Labor Day 2023 Schedule

The Labor Day Celebration will start on Thursday, August 31 with a Ham & Bean supper by the Colchester Lions Club from 4:30-6:30pm and the Carnival Armband Night will start at 6pm. On Friday, September 1 there will be food vendors, crafts, carnival and ice cream floats served by the Colchester Fire Department. The Colchester Lions Club will have a fish and chicken fry at 5pm and Opening Ceremonies starts at 6:30pm. The On Stage Band will take the main stage at 7pm. On Saturday, September 2, The West Prairie CUSD #103 will be sponsoring breakfast in the City Park Food tent starting at 6:30am. The Annual Duane Beck Run/Walk will take place at 7am at the Colchester Post Office. The food and crafts vendors will be open as well as the carnival at 1pm. The Colchester United Methodist Church will be serving a Coal Miner's Dinner at 5pm at the City Food Park tent. The Beck Brothers will take the main stage at 7pm, and a street dance hosted by Mac's Karaoke will start at 8pm with the Annual Fireworks Display at 9:45pm. Breakfast will be served Sunday at 6:30am, the carnival will start at 1pm and the Grand Parade at 2pm. Maggie Dexter will take the main stage at 4pm with the parade winners announced at 8:30pm. The festivities will wrap up Monday with breakfast at 6:30am, games for kids in the City Park at 9:00am and a pedal tractor pull at 10am in the Show Pavilion.



**THURSDAY**

**August 31**

4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Ham & Bean Supper – Served by the Colchester Lions Club – City Park Food Tent

6 p.m. Carnival Armband Night

**FRIDAY**

**September 1**

11:30 a.m. Walking Tacos

12 noon Craft Sales and Displays Open – City Park

3 p.m. – 9 p.m. Ice Cream & Floats – Served by the Colchester Fire Department – City Park Food Tent

4 p.m. Cindy McClintock – Main Stage

5 p.m. Fish & Chicken Fry – served by the Colchester Lions Club – City Park Food Tent

6 p.m. Carnival Opens

6:30 p.m. Opening Ceremonies – Main Stage  
Welcome – Colchester Mayor; Colchester Lions Club President  
Introduction of the 2023 Labor Day Grand Marshal

7 p.m. On Stage Band – Main Stage  
♦ Master of Ceremonies – Greg Phelps ♦

**T**HE COLCHESTER LABOR DAY CHURCH SERVICE will begin at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 3 in the City Park. We would like to invite each and every person to come and join us in fellowship, song and praise of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Host Church for 2023 is First Baptist Church.

**SUNDAY**

**September 3**

6:30 a.m. Breakfast: Pancakes, Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy – Sponsored by West Prairie Unit 103 After Prom Committee – City Park Food Tent

8 a.m. Craft Sales and Displays Open – City Park

10 a.m. Food Vendors Open

10:30 a.m. Community Church Service – Hosted by First Baptist Church – Topic: “The Greatest News We Will Ever Hear” – Main Stage

11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Ice Cream & Floats – Served by the Colchester Fire Dept. – City Park Food Tent

1 p.m. Gospel Jamboree

1 p.m. Carnival Opens (last day open)

2 p.m. Grand Parade – Theme: “Colchester: A Community You Can Bank On” – Grand Marshal: Mark Reynolds

4 p.m. Maggie Dexter – Main Stage

5 p.m. Barbecue Pork Dinner – Served by Argyle Bible Church – City Park Food Tent

7:30 p.m. Variety Show – Main Stage

8:30 p.m. 2023 Parade Winners Announced – Main Stage  
♦ Master of Ceremonies – Jim Clayton ♦

**MONDAY**

**September 4**

6:30 a.m. Breakfast: Pancakes, Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy – Sponsored by West Prairie Unit 103 After Prom Committee – City Park Food Tent

8 a.m. Craft Sales and Displays Open – City Park

9 a.m. Games for Kids – City Park

10 a.m. Pedal Tractor Pull – Show Pavilion

**SATURDAY**

**September 2**

6:30 a.m. Breakfast: Pancakes, Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy – Sponsored by West Prairie Unit 103 After Prom Committee – City Park Food Tent

7-7:45 a.m. 18th Annual Duane Beck Run/Walk – Sign up at Colchester Post Office – Race starts at 8 a.m.

8 a.m. Craft Sales and Displays Open – City Park

8-10:30 a.m. Car Show Registration – Judging at 11 a.m.

8 a.m.-Noon Tractor Show

10 a.m. Food Vendors Open

11 a.m.-7 p.m. Ice Cream & Floats – Served by the Colchester Fire Dept. – City Park Food Tent

1 p.m. Carnival Opens

4 p.m. Troublesome Ridge – Main Stage

5 p.m. Coal Miner's Dinner (Oven-Baked Chicken and Trimmings) – Served by the Colchester United Methodist Church – City Park Food Tent

7 p.m. The Beck Brothers – Main Stage

8-11 p.m. Street Dance hosted by Mac's Karaoke – Fire House 1

9:45 p.m. 23rd Annual Fireworks Display – Uptown

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"A child who reads becomes an adult who thinks." (author unknown). MacArthur is getting ready for our annual LOVE of reading program. All students at MacArthur receive one free book a month between September and May. Books are \$1-\$2 from Scholastic Book Club. You can help promote an early love of reading by sponsoring a child. For \$9, you can sponsor a child for half the school year. For \$18, you can sponsor one child for the entire year. Send donations to MacArthur Early Childhood Center, 235 W Grant St., Macomb, IL 61455. Make checks out to "Scholastic Book Club." Thank you for your support!



### Bushnell VFW Auxiliary

# THANK YOU!

On behalf of Post 1422 Auxiliary, we would like to thank our community for your support of our Fall Festival Dinner. It was a great success.

Without the support of our community, we would not be able to uphold our pledge to our Nation's Veterans. Without your support, we would not be able to continue in our mission to assist those in our community who need help. Because of your support we were able to send a veteran's son on his class trip this year. These events that you have supported has changed many lives of our veterans, children and families that need our help and will for many years to come. Some communities make choices that change lives. Thank you for being one of those communities. BUSHNELL you are the BEST!

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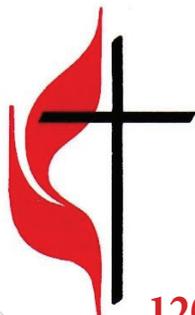
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## WIU School of Ag to Host Skin Cancer Presentation Sept. 7

MACOMB, IL -- The Western Illinois University Agricultural Council within the School of Agriculture is hosting a Skin Cancer Presentation at 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7 in Stipes Hall 121 on the Macomb campus. All WIU students, staff and faculty are invited to attend.

"The School of Agriculture is fortunate to be able to host this presentation on skin cancer," School of Agriculture Director Andrew Baker said. "Many of our students across campus probably had a family member or two that has been affected by skin cancer, so it is vital that they learn more about how to prevent it. Individuals in agriculture and other industries are out in the sun all day, so it is imperative that they know how to properly shield themselves."

Rahwa Hailemichael, a third year medical student from the University of Illinois College of Medicine, will be presenting on the topic of "Skin Cancer." Hailemichael is currently completing her rural medicine rotation at McDonough District Hospital.

For more information on the WIU School of Agriculture, visit wiu.edu/ag.

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**Death Notices** *Continued from page 3*

**Larry G. Paul**

80, of Bushnell

Larry G. Paul, 80, of Bushnell, passed away at 5:59 A.M. on Wednesday August 23rd, 2023 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy

Cremation Rites were accorded by Martin-Hollis Funeral Home. Memorial services with Military Rites will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 9th, 2023 at the Bushnell VFW followed by a Celebration of Life until 4:00 P.M. Memorial Contribution can be made to the Bushnell Fire & Rescue Squad.

Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at [www.martinhollisfh.com](http://www.martinhollisfh.com)

**Eldon H. Neff**

91, formerly of LaHarpe

Eldon H. Neff, 91, formerly of LaHarpe, Illinois passed away Friday, August 25, 2023 at Bickford Assisted Living in Iowa City, IA. We are grateful for the caring and compassionate staff at Bickford, as well as the staff at St. Croix Hospice.

The funeral for Eldon will be at 10:30 AM Monday, September 18, 2023 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe, IL with Pastor Maxine Dennison from the Lomax Christian Church officiating. Burial will follow in the LaHarpe Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established for St. Croix Hospice. Memorials and cards may be sent to the Eldon Neff Memorial Fund, c/o Banks and Beals Funeral Home, P.O. Box 503, LaHarpe, IL 61450. Please visit Eldon's obituary at [BanksandBeals.com](http://BanksandBeals.com) to leave a condolence.

**Roeine S. Elsner**

Roeine S. Elsner died in her sleep in the early morning hours of August 19, 1023, she was 90 years old.

Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be no services.

In lieu of memorials, it would be Roeine's wish that you would get together with family and friends and talk, laugh, and eat. And serve lots of cakes, pies, and cookies. Lots and lots of cookies.

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).

**Russell Donovan Hudson**

Russell Donovan Hudson went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at Mt. Hope Nazarene Retirement Community. He was born June 5, 1947 in Macomb, IL to the late Max and Marajaleen (Combs) Hudson. Russell was the husband of Norma (Chockley) Hudson with whom he celebrated 56 years of marriage this past June 17th.

A memorial service honoring Russell's life will be held at Faith Outreach Center, 475 Anderson Ferry Rd, Mount Joy, PA 17552 on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 2 PM. Family and friends will be received at the church before the service from 1 PM to 2 PM. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Faith Outreach Center (address above) or Hospice and Community Care, 685 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601. To send an online condolence, please visit [www.sheetzfuneralhome.com](http://www.sheetzfuneralhome.com)

**Donna R. Kreps**

80, of Macomb

Donna R. Kreps, 80, of Macomb, Illinois passed away at 12:02 pm on Sunday August 27, 2023 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL. She was born on April 1, 1943 in Macomb, Illinois to Donald & Bernita (Allen) Branson.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Thursday August 31, 2023 at the Martin-Hollis Funeral Home where visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Pastor Jim Eddy will officiate. Burial will be in the Bushnell Township Cemetery.

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**Alumnus**

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have also inspired generations of mathematicians to apply critical thinking to geometry.

The James E. Elander Mathematics Teaching Endowed Scholarship aims to alleviate the financial burden often associated with pursuing advanced degrees, empowering talented individuals to fully immerse themselves in their research and further their contributions to the field. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a full-time graduate student in the Master of Science in Teaching Mathematics program in the WIU Department of Mathematics and Philosophy. The scholarship, which was fully endowed through a single gift from Elander, will be awarded for the first time during the 2023-24 academic year.

"Elander's generosity exemplifies the essence of WIU, where alumni not only embrace their own successes but also strive to create a lasting legacy that empowers future generations. The endowment of this scholarship serves as a testament to Elander's unwavering commitment to his discipline, his passion for teaching and his belief in the transformative power of education.

We are deeply grateful to James for his philanthropy and for choosing to support WIU graduate students and For the W: The Campaign for Western Illinois University with this gift," WIU Director of Development for the College of Arts & Sciences Amy Crosby said. Crosby worked with Elander, who now lives in Naples, FL, and his son, Olaf, to create the new scholarship.

For more information on the WIU Department of Mathematics & Philosophy, visit [wiu.edu/math](http://wiu.edu/math). For more information on the "For The W" comprehensive campaign, visit [wiu.edu/ForTheW](http://wiu.edu/ForTheW).

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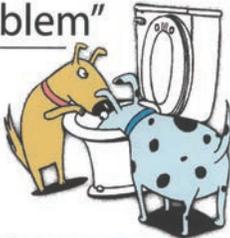
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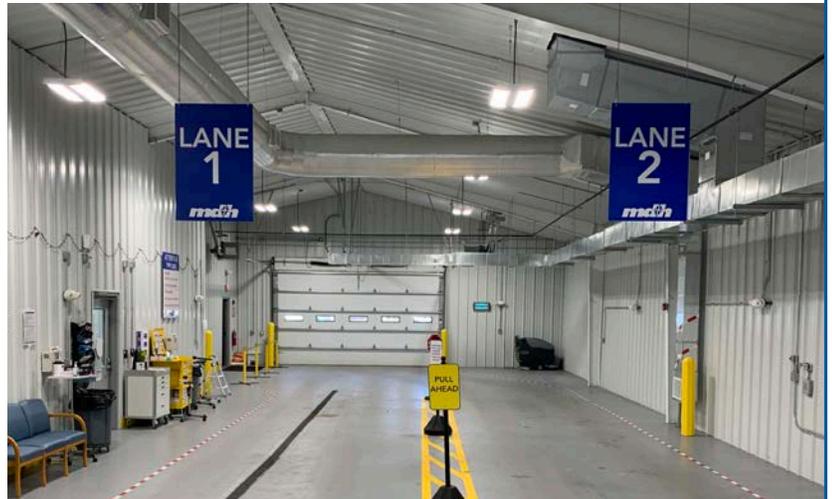
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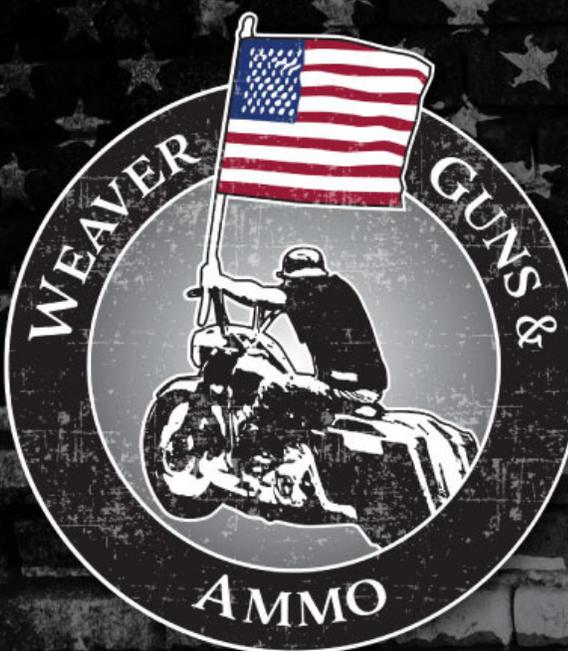
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Find the following words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally and backwards.

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| A-FRAME    | CANOPY         | GROUND COVER | SLEEPING BAG |
| BILLY CAN  | CARABINER      | GUYLINES     | SMORES       |
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| CAMPER     | DAYPACK        | KINDLING     | STAKES       |
| CAMPFIRE   | DOME           | PAD          | TENT         |
| CAMPGROUND | FLY            | POTABLE      | TINDER       |

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

\* The dot over the lowercase versions of the letters i and j is known as a tittle.

\* There are clocks to tell us the time, and then there's the Shortlife clock, which tells us how long we have left to live. No, it's not perfect, but it does estimate a person's remaining longevity based on World Health Organization data.

\* "The Lord of the Rings" movie trilogy was nominated for an astounding 800 awards, of which it received 475, making it the most-awarded series in cinema history.

\* One of the most critical issues with AI is that even its creators can't understand some of the decisions the software makes, or why.

\* Do you like apples? Then you'll likely appreciate the efforts of Tom Brown and his decades-long quest to track, collect and preserve forgotten varieties of the fruit. Brown has discovered more than 1,200 types, including some with rare flavors such as banana and pineapple.

\* The Sinocyclocheilus longicornus fish, discovered in a remote cave system by Chinese scientists, has a unicorn-like horn.

\* In 1924, Babe Ruth accidentally ran headlong into a concrete wall during a game between the New York Yankees and the Washington Senators, knocking himself out cold for a full five minutes. Upon regaining consciousness, he not only finished the game but scored two more hits and went on to play a second game afterward.

\* More than 200 viruses can result in the common cold. Kerchoo!

\* Camp Bonifas, near the Korean Demilitarized Zone, has a par-three, one-hole golf course on it that is surrounded on three sides by landmines. As one might well expect, it has been dubbed "The Most Dangerous Hole in Golf."

Thought for the Day: "Integrity is the only path where you will never get lost." -- Mike Maples Jr.

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