

FREE Midweek Brief

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"Fed Up" Art Gallery on Display April 8-17

MOLLY BORTH
Fed Up



MACOMB, IL - - The Western Illinois University Art Gallery, will host senior Art major Molly Borth for a solo Bachelor of Fine Arts exhibition, "Fed Up" on display Monday, April 8 - Wednesday, April 17 at the University Art Gallery. Borth is the recipient of the 2024 Mavigliano/Brabec Senior Art Prize.

A reception for the artist will be held from 4:30- 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 16. The artist will speak about her work at 5 p.m.

Admission is open and free to the public.

For more information on WIU's Art Gallery, visit wiu.edu/artgallery.

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Auditions Open to Sing with Chenille at Benefit Concert for The Legacy Theater

Joy Swearingen

J-P correspondent

A summer benefit concert for The Legacy Theater is planned on July 13. Chenille Sheeran of Nashville, Tenn., and formerly of Carthage, is the featured performer.

Sheeran operated Center Stage Music in Carthage for many years, before advancing her own musical career in Nashville. The award-winning singer and recording star was involved in the early years of The Legacy Theater and has agreed to return to Carthage for this concert to support the theater.

Several songs in the concert will include a back-up adult choir, made up of local singers. The choir will be directed by Beth Shurtleff of Nauvoo.

Video auditions to join this choir are now open. Audition applications are due no later than April 30. Approximately 30 singers will be selected and notified by May 15. Rehearsals will be held on June 20, June 27, and July 11 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

To audition for the choir, please submit the following information:

Your full name, address, telephone number, email, and vocal parts you are comfortable singing (soprano, alto, tenor, and bass).

See Concert on page 6



Read in Friday's Community News Brief

- New Caregiving Class
- W.P. Superintendent Talks Future of School District

Illinois State Police Announces Results of Recent Distracted Driving Enforcement



METAMORA – Illinois State Police (ISP) Troop 4 Commander, Captain Dustin Geier, announces the results of Distracted Driving Enforcement Program patrols held

in McDonough County during March. This program provided extra patrol coverage for ISP officers to focus on saving lives and reducing serious crashes by enforcing distracted driving laws.

Violations Enforcement Activity
Hand-held phone/device citations 2
Texting while driving citations 0
Other types of distracted driving citations 0
Total distracted driving citations 2
Total distracted driving written warnings 2
Total of all citations 30
Total of all written warnings 19
This project was funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

City Of Bushnell Approves to Commit to Assist in Vaughan/Marshalltown Purchase

In a special meeting held Monday evening, the Bushnell City Council voted unanimously to commit to Marshalltown Manufacturing to pursue all options available in assisting with a \$500,000 shortfall in the purchase agreement of Vaughan & Bushnell Manufacturing, with terms and conditions acceptable to both parties in the future. Read more in Friday's Community News Brief.

Bold Brew House

FLEA BY NIGHT

April 20th 2024

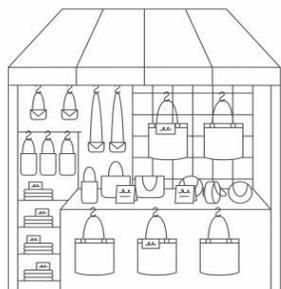
6pm - 9pm

Join us April 20th for our Flea By Night Event! We will have 15 incredible vendors with a wide variety of products! Along with shopping vendors we will have musical talent by Annabel Herbert!

Make it a night out on the town while you shop our local vendors and join us for dinner as we will have two food vendors: Feeding Forgottonia and Little Tribe Woodfire on Wheels! We can't wait to see you!

Vendor List:

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TODAY'S JOKES

Q: Where do rabbits go for breakfast?
A: IHOP!

Q: Why did the owl quit its job?
A: It didn't give a hoot!

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Death Notices

Cheryl Jo Tracey

formerly of Bushnell

Cheryl Jo Tracey, daughter of Donna Lee Tracey and Keith Allen Tracey of Bushnell Illinois, died suddenly on Sunday, March 17th, 2024.

Graveside services will be at 11:00 am on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at the Bushnell Township Cemetery with Rev. Donna Smith-Pupillo officiating. IN lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to a food pantry of your choice or the Bushnell Pool. Martin-Hollis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

Lester K. Coghill (Ken)

73, of Colchester

Lester K. Coghill (Ken), age 73, of Colchester, passed away Thursday, March 21, 2024, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy surrounded by family and friends.

Funeral Services were held Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at the Jones Mortuary in Colchester, with remarks by Estelene Bodenhamer. Visitation was held with the family Tuesday at the funeral home. Graveside services will be at 10:30 A.M. Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Colchester, with military rites by the Macomb VFW and Macomb American Legion.

The Memorial is to the McDonough County Humane Society. Condolences and memories can be expressed to the family at jonesmortuaryfh.com.

Roger E. Brue, Jr.

70, of Macomb

Roger E. Brue, Jr, 70, of Macomb passed away at 10:15 p.m. Monday, April 1, 2024 at Macomb Post Acute Care in Macomb.

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

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.

Memorial Service for Dennis & Patsy Welch and Their Daughter Chris Peterson

A memorial service to celebrate the lives of Dennis and Pat Welch along with their daughter Chris Peterson all of Gainesville, Georgia, will be held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, April 6, 2024, at the Jones Mortuary in Colchester with Rev. Kaleb Greenleaf. Burial of Dennis and Patsy, will follow the services at Oakwood cemetery in Macomb.

Dennis grew up in Tennessee, IL, the brother of Robert Welch, he preceded Dennis. Sisters: Marilyn Mustain, Carol Royer, Judy Draper, son in law and husband to Chris: Tim Peterson, along with many nieces, nephews and cousins. Jones Mortuary is assisting the family with local arrangements.

Faith Ann Carpenter

45, of Bushnell

Faith Ann Carpenter, 45, of Bushnell, passed away at 11:25 pm on Wednesday April 3, 2024 at the McDonough District Hospital.

Cremation Rites have been accorded by Martin-Hollis Funeral Home. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to the family of Faith Carpenter. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

Richard H. Strode

85, of Browning

Richard H. Strode, 85, of Browning, IL, passed away at 7:43 pm on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at his home.

Services will be held at 5 pm on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at Shawgo Memorial Home in Astoria. Pastor Ben Murray will be officiating. A visitation will be held from 3 to 5 pm prior to the service. Cremation rites will be accorded after the service. Memorials may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at <http://shawgomemorialhome.com/>.

Thelma J. Shawgo

92, of Wayland, MO

Thelma J. Shawgo, 92, of Wayland, MO, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at 8:46 am on Thursday, April 4, 2024 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Services were held Sunday, April 7, 2024 at Shawgo Memorial Home in Astoria. Burial was in the Summum Cemetery will immediately following.

Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at <http://shawgomemorialhome.com/>.

Barbara J. Maloney

90, of Bushnell

Barbara J. Maloney, 90, of Bushnell, Illinois passed away at 7:56 pm on Sunday April 7, 2024 at her daughter's home. She was born February 13, 1934 in Bushnell IL to Lawrence and Gertrude (Bartlett) Hammond.

Cremation Rites have been accorded by Martin-Hollis Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday April 18, 2024 at the Bushnell Township Cemetery with Pastor Jim Eddy officiating.

A celebration of life will be held immediately following the graveside services at the Bushnell VFW Post 1422 until 2:00 PM. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

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Community Calendar

Blandinsville

WEDNESDAYS

Christian Church Youth Program

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

THURSDAYS

After-School Program

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

SATURDAYS

Story Hour and Crafts

Saturdays at The Blandinsville-Hire Library at 10 AM. Snacks available. Check out the many new kids and young adult books. Spend some time at the library and take a book home to read!

Bushnell

APRIL 13

Become a Princess for a Day

1-4pm First Presbyterian Church of Bushnell, call (309) 573-4284 for details

APRIL 23

Friends Feeding Friends

Friends Feeding Friends Community Meal will be April 23 at the Community Christian Center in Bushnell from 4:30-6:30. Donations accepted, but not expected!

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

80s Concert, Music Trivia, Bags Tourney

support our Bushnell Fire & Rescue with a day full of fun! Gates open at 5pm. Decade of Decade 80's Hair Night at Bushnell Fire & Rescue Hydrants, Hoses and Headbangers Spring Concert 8-11pm at the Bushnell Recreation and Cultural Center \$15 per person. Music trivia before the concert from 5-7 PM, cost is \$20/person. Teams of up to 8. Participate in music trivia & get your concert ticket included. Register your trivia team, on Facebook "Bushnell Fire & Rescue" or contact any department member. Hitlist Cornhole will be hosting a benefit bags tournament - Registration is at 11 with bags flying at noon. Cost for the bags is \$40/team without concert tickets. Or \$60/team & you automatically get 2 concert tickets! Backdraft BBQ will be on hand with food & Beer.

FRIDAY MAY 4 & SATURDAY MAY 5

All-Town Yard Sale & Sidewalk Sale

from 8am-5pm. Contact Bushnell Chamber of Commerce to add your sale to the list/map (sign up by April 26 to ensure your sale is listed).

Colchester

EVERY MONDAY

Colchester Library Story Hour

from 10:45-11:45am. Books, crafts, songs and fun!

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Spring Wildflower Hikes

Argyle Lake State Park from 10-11:30am. Enjoy the first blooms of spring and the peace and serenity of nature on these morning nature hikes in the woods. These 1.5 mile hikes will begin at the park visitor center. For more information, please call the park visitor center at (309)776-3422.

Macomb

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

One Book One Community Festival Event

10:00-Noon. Screening of The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind at the Macomb Public Library. The movie tells the story of 13-year-old William, who finds a way to bring water to his village.

Earth Day Event

Everyone is invited to the free and fun Earth Day 2024 at Macomb High School located at 1525 South Johnson Street from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Wildlife Prairie Park presentation "Backyard Habitat" at 11:00 am and 12:30 pm will have animal ambassadors and how to certify your own backyard. In the Commons, there will be over 20 informative and fun booths, and outside will be electric car demonstrations and rides. Event is hosted by Macomb High School Ecology Club and co-sponsored by Environmentally Concerned Citizens.

Bingo Bash at the MAC

at the Macomb Arts Center. Doors open at 6:30, bingo starts at 7pm. \$20/person; reserved table of 6/\$100. Pay at the macombartscenter.org/events or at the MAC. Light snacks will be provided but feel free to BYO!

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Serenity AA Group

closed meeting at Macomb City Hall Community Room at 10am.

Macomb NA group

will meet at 6pm in the Mission House, 309 N. Sherman Ave., directly South of University Baptist Church. Student observers are welcome.

One Book One Community Festival Event

1:00-5:00 pm. Making Words Flow Like Water. This multi-faceted program at the Western Illinois Museum includes a storytelling workshop led by Brian "Fox" Ellis, a story hour featuring Captain Henry Detweiler (aka Brian "fox" Ellis) on the Role of Steamboatin' on the Mississippi, and an Open Mic emceed by Barbara Lawhorn with participants sharing original work about water. Choose to attend any or all.

MONDAY APRIL 15

McDonough County Genealogical Society Meeting

The McDonough County Genealogical Society's meeting will be held on Monday April 15th at the Western Illinois Museum at 6:00 p.m.. Greg Phelps will be presenting Dead Men's Tales: Cemetery Symbols and their Meanings. Everyone is welcome to attend.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

MacArthur Preschool Screenings

MacArthur Early Childhood Center will be hosting Preschool Screenings from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM for children ages 3 and 4 for the 2024-2025 school year. Screening will assess general development, motor skills, and speech and language abilities of each child. Early Beginnings will also be available for developmental screenings for children ages birth to 33 months. To schedule an appointment, contact MacArthur at (309) 833-4273.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

One Book One Community Festival Event

10:30-11:00 am. Macomb Public Library's children's librarian, Tiffany Erickson, will read This Raindrop before listeners respond through a hands-on activity. A book giveaway will be part of this program.

Flea by Night Spring Edition

Several Vendors with a wide variety of products from 6-9pm at Bold Brew House

YMCA Parents Night Out

McDonough County YMCA will have a Parent's Night Out from 5-8pm. Open to children grades K-5th (must be potty trained). Cost is \$15 for members (sibling discount \$5) and \$30 for non-members (sibling discount \$10).

SATURDAYS APRIL 20-MAY 25

YMCA Youth Soccer League Registration

grades K-6th-games played on Saturdays. Registration open March 25, register by April 10 for \$10 off, registration deadline April 17. Cost is \$60 for members and \$90 for non-members.

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Dan Eislers will be here on Saturday, April 13 from 7-9pm. Dan sings and finger-picks many genres of music including folk, Americana, country, and blues.

**Western Illinois Museum-
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The Goldenrods will be performing 2 sets of music on Saturday, April 12 at 7 & 8pm. Doors and bar open at 6pm, suggested \$5 donation at the door.

BRASSFEST

The Western Illinois University School of Music will present the 2024 BRASSFEST Saturday, April 13, in the College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC) Recital Hall. Cost of attendance includes: \$30 general registration, \$10 student registration. Registration is not required for WIU students and staff For ticket information or to register, visit <https://www.wiu.edu/cofac/music/brassfest/index.php>.

American Legion

Dixieland Band led by John Cooper plays on Tuesday, April 17 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.

Ice House

Come join us Friday, April 19 for the performance by Hello Weekend at Ice House! From Lady Gaga to Guns N' Roses, Hello Weekend is a non-stop, high energy concert experience. With heart stopping vocals and shredding guitar solos, Hello Weekend is sure to keep you dancing to your favorite tunes all night long! Purchase tickets at <https://bit.ly/3w-zgfgz> Tickets.

Macomb Elks Lodge

The Macomb Elks Lodge will have Windfall (a local band from the 70's) playing for us on Saturday, April 27 from 7pm to GOD only knows when. Local legends (in their own minds), Tom Durso, Rolly Taylor, Bill Studzinski, and Ed Linhart will be playing together again. The event is open to the public and Rollin Smoke BBQ will be serving up their award winning BBQ and more from 4-9p. Spread the word!!! We hope to see you all there!!!!

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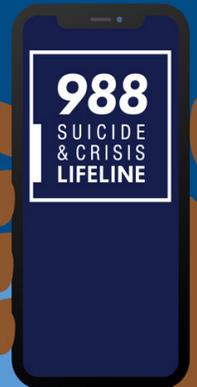


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In addition, send an audio or video recording of yourself singing a 1 to 2 minute song of your choice. A simple song or hymn would be appropriate.

Audition recordings should be sent to Shurtleff at bethshurtleff@gmail.com. A link to submit auditions is also available at www.thelegacytheater.com or on The Legacy Theater Facebook page.

The concert will also include a children's choir of around 20 voices and local dancers. More information on how children may participate in the concert will be available soon.

For information or questions on adult auditions, email Shurtleff or call (801) 708-2609; or email Tom Robbins, theater director, at director@thelegacytheater.com.

Tickets for the benefit concert are now available at the theater's website, thelegacytheater.com.

Department of Revenue Reminds Taxpayers that April 15 Filing Deadline is Quickly Approaching

Taxpayers encouraged to use IDOR's free, enhanced tax-filing system

CHICAGO –The Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) is reminding taxpayers that the upcoming deadline is quickly approaching for filing 2023 state individual income tax returns. The agency has been collecting and processing returns since the 2024 tax season officially began on January 29 and the deadline is Monday, April 15, 2024.

"We encourage taxpayers to file electronically as this will speed processing. If they are due money back, they should choose direct deposit as that ensures the fastest issuance of refunds," IDOR Director David Harris said. "MyTax Illinois, our free online program, allows taxpayers to file returns with or without an account, operates with a simple question and answer format, and works to reduce errors by using automated calculations and prepopulated information. Individuals may also choose to file using tax-prep software, a tax professional, or the paper Form IL-1040."

If a taxpayer electronically files an error-free return, they should receive a direct deposit refund in approximately four weeks. In 2023, IDOR received a total of nearly 6.2 million IL-1040 returns. Of those returns received, close to 5.6 million were filed electronically, or 90.3%.

IDOR works closely with the IRS and other states' revenue departments to combat tax fraud. "By verifying information on tax returns before issuing refunds, IDOR prevented over \$104 million in fraudulent or erroneous refunds from being issued last year," Harris said.

Taxpayers are encouraged to also help prevent fraud by protecting their personal information and staying alert to phone scams or phishing emails.

If a return cannot be filed by the April 15 due date, taxpayers may make an extension payment electronically through MyTax Illinois. To pay by mail, they may use Form IL-505-I, Automatic Extension Payment for Individuals Filing Form IL-1040, to calculate and make payments. While an extension provides additional time to submit any relevant paperwork, taxpayers need to pay the taxes owed by the April 15 deadline to avoid penalties and interest.

In addition to free filing of Form IL-1040 through MyTax Illinois, individuals may also utilize the site to make payments, respond to department inquiries, and check the status of their refunds using the Where's My Refund? link. Taxpayers may also look up IL-PINs, amounts of any estimated tax payments made, and when necessary, amounts reported on Form 1099-G with MyTax Illinois.

IDOR's taxpayer assistance numbers are available for tax-related inquiries without having to wait for an agent. To receive assistance taxpayers may call 1-800-732-8866 or 217-782-3336. Free language assistance for Limited English Proficiency (LEP) individuals is available. IDOR will also have extended telephone hours with representatives on hand to assist taxpayers with any last-minute questions on Friday, April 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Monday, April 15 from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

For the most up-to-date information, forms, schedules, and instructions for the 2024 tax season, please visit IDOR's website at tax.illinois.gov.

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Contact information (nominator’s name, address, telephone number and email address) is collected to verify the legitimacy of the nomination. Award nominations may not be submitted for or by family members. The Youth Awards will be presented at the local School District Awards Assemblies this spring if applicable.

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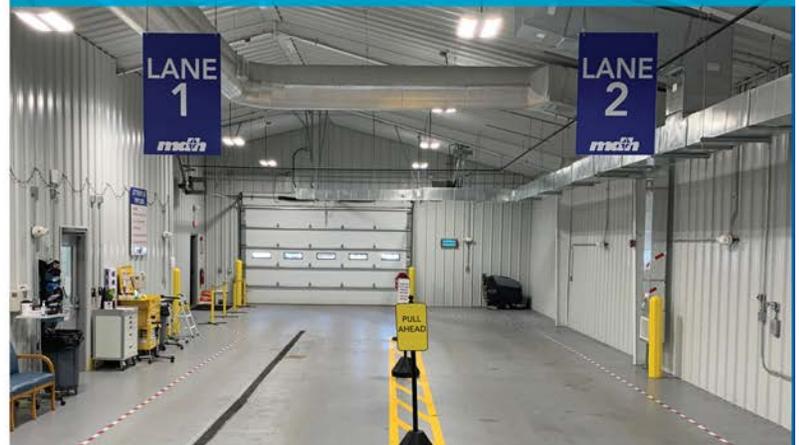
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The City of Bushnell is happy to announce a Tire Round Up for all Bushnell residents on April 17th and 18th at the Bushnell Municipal Complex located at 127 Ludwig Street. All residents are encouraged to take this opportunity to drop off standard car, truck, and motorcycle tires for free disposal. Unfortunately, we will not be accepting over-sized semi or tractor tires at this time. The cost to the public is free!

Please take advantage of this unique service provided by the City. It is a great chance to remove unwanted tires that you may have on your property. This is offered in advance to city clean up days and our spring ordinance notifications. As a reminder, the clean up days are planned for June and tires will not be picked up at that time. The tire round up has not been offered in a few years for residents to utilize and hopefully many will be able to take advantage of the opportunity.

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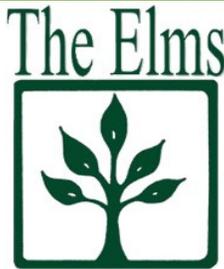
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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* While death by guillotine might seem like an ancient ritual, the practice was still in use in France up until 1977 -- when the original "Star Wars" was in theaters.

* Sleeping through summer is called estivation.

* The Museum of Bad Art in Somerville, Massachusetts, is pretty much exactly what it sounds like -- a collection of really bad art! But then again, who's to judge?

* The American Psychiatric Association's DSM-5 handbook classifies caffeine withdrawal as a mental disorder.

* Humans invented booze before the wheel.

* When swallowed by toads, bombardier beetles project hot, noxious chemicals from their anuses, which sometimes forces the predators to puke the beetle back up.

* The town of Baarle straddles the Dutch-Belgian border. In some places, the official border-line cuts through houses and cafes.

* There are approximately 200 feral cats roaming the grounds of Disneyland, where they help control the park's rodent population. All of them are spayed or neutered, and park staff provide them with both extra food and medical care.

* The second-half kickoff in Super Bowl I had to be done twice, as NBC didn't cut back from a commercial break in time to catch the first one on camera.

* In Japan, instead of a "Man in the Moon," people see a "Rabbit in the Moon."

* The Mobile Phone Throwing World Championships are held in Finland. One winner said he prepared for the event by "mainly drinking."

* Sometimes it snows on Mars, but the flakes are made out of carbon dioxide, not water.

* After the band OutKast sang "Shake it like a Polaroid picture," Polaroid released a statement warning that "shaking or waving can actually damage the image."

Thought for the Day: "The stupid neither forgive nor forget; the naive forgive and forget; the wise forgive but do not forget." -- Thomas Szasz

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