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Passport Acceptance Policies and Application Requirements

The McDonough County Circuit Clerk's office accepts passport applications from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm Monday-Friday on a walk-in basis, no appointments are required. Bring the completed passport application, which can be obtained on-line at www.travel.state.gov or at the McDonough County Circuit Clerk's office, Certified Birth Certificate, your Driver's License or State issued identification card and passport photograph. The Clerk's office can take your photo for a fee of \$10.00. Fees to the U.S. Department of State must be paid with personal check or money order. Fees to the McDonough County Circuit Clerk can be paid by check, cash or credit card.

The current waiting period for a passport is 6-8 weeks for routine service and 2-3 weeks for expedited service (an additional fee of \$60 plus express mail postage, if requested.) Once again, the Urgent travel appointment center is live on-line. If you must travel less than 14 days, schedule an appointment at passportappointment.travel.state.gov. Appointments are limited. Proof of Travel in three business days and proof of emergency are required. Contact the Circuit Clerk's Office for more information.

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WIU Presents Next Theatre Production: "The Garbologists"

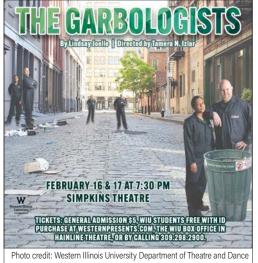
February 16th & 17th at 7:30pm Simpkins Theatre

By: Brie Coder

Imagine living in a time where your weekly sanitary men and women - the ones who keep your streets clean and clear from excessive trash - are in the midst of an "Anything you can do, I can do better" argument. Does the battle get settled by the two sanitary workers? Will the garbage be handled with care, or will the argument lead to no work being done for the citizens who rely on these men and women to keep their streets tidied?

These pondering questions are what you can expect to be answered with certainty at Western Illinois University's next theatre production, "The Garbologists," this Friday and Saturday, February 16 and 17th, at 7:30 p.m., at Simpkins Theatre.

Written by Lindsay Joelle and directed by the 2023 - 2024 Rev. Dr. C.T. Vivian Diversity Scholar in Theatre & Dance recipient, Tamera Izlar, two different people from opposite scopes of the world have to join forces together in a nineteen-ton garbage truck and learn how to agree to disagree, or possibly, learn the art of acceptance. See Play on page 3





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POLICE REPORTS

McDonough County Sheriff

Michael William Haley, 30, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Macomb Police Department

Russell L. Icenogle, 31, Macomb, was charged with careless driving

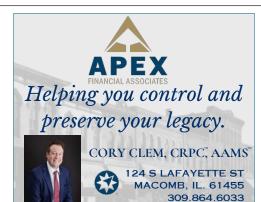
Adam M. Putman, 40, Abingdon, was charged with careless driving

TODAY'S JOKES

Q: What do you tell a pig on February 14? A: "Happy Valen-swine's Day!"

Q: What did the puzzle say on Valentine's Day? A: You complete me!





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Death Notices

John McMurl Sr.

84, of Colchester

John R McMurl Sr. age 84 of Colchester, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, in Rushville.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, February 15, 2024, at the Colchester Faith Tabernacle of God Church, with pastor Ben Moyers. Burial will follow the services at Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Colchester. Visitation with the family will be from 12 noon to 2:00 P.M. Thursday at the church. Friends may view and sign the register book at the Jones Mortuary from 8:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Wednesday. Memorial is to the Colchester Faith Tabernacle of God Church. Condolences and memories can be expressed to the family at jonesmortuaryfh.com.

Roy G. Walton

60, of Macomb

Roy G. Walton, 60, of Macomb, passed away at 1:59 pm on Saturday February 10, 2024 at Country View Care Center.

Cremation Rites were accorded by Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www. dodsworthfh.com.

Melburn "Harold" Reynolds

Melburn "Harold" Reynolds, 75, of Macomb, passed away at 3:50 pm on Thursday February 8, 2024 at his residence.

Cremation Rites have been accorded by the Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to the family of Melburn Harold Reynolds. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www. dodsworthfh.com.



Mabel Kay Bennett

75, of Quincy, IL (formerly of Vermont, IL)

Mabel Kay Bennett, age 75 of Quincy, formerly of Vermont, IL, passed away at 11:14 am on Thursday, February 8th at her home in Quincy.

Graveside services will be held on Thursday, February 15th at 11:00 a.m. in the Vermont Cemetery. Pastor Steve Castenada will officiate. Memorials may be made in Kay's memory to the Summum Christian Church in Summum Illinois.

Shawgo Memorial Home in Astoria has been entrusted with arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.shawgomemorialhome.com.

Margaret L. Mytich

Margaret L. Mytich of Ipava, passed away on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at the Life Care Center in Punta Gorda, Florida.

A graveside service for Margaret will be held on Thursday, February 15th at 11:00 a.m. in the Ipava Cemetery, Ipava, Illinois. Father Adam Stimpson will officiate. There will be no visitation. Memorials in Margaret's memory may be made to the Ipava American Legion Auxiliary, which Margaret was a member for over 76 years.

Shawgo Memorial Home in Astoria has been entrusted with arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.shawgomemorialhome.com.

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 commuitybrief@gmail.com. Cost is \$45 and includes a laminated copy of

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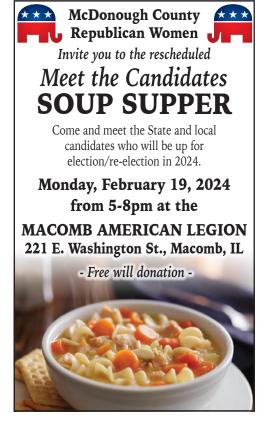
Play

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"Danny's a white, blue-collar, New York City sanitation worker. Marlowe's the Black, ivy-educated newbie who just joined his route. Thrown together in the cab of a nineteen-ton garbage truck, they spend their first shifts sparring, one-upping each other, and practicing the secret art of mongo: hunting for discarded treasure. But as their lives become increasingly intertwined, these two essential workers from different worlds discover there's more that binds them than picking up the trash," as stated in the play's program.

Tickets for "The Garbologists" are \$5 for general admission and free to all Western Illinois University students with ID. To purchase tickets for this show, visit westernpresents.com at the WIU Box Office in the Hainline Theatre Lobby or call 309 -298 -2900.

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Lommunity 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

SATURDAY, FEB. 17

Firework Display Fundraiser

"Let the Sparks Fly" help fund the City of Bushnell's Annual 4th of July Fireworks display. Doors open at 5pm, live music by Captain Quirk starts at 7pm. Dinner by Rolling Smoke and the menu includes: Pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, chips, coleslaw and a cash bar by JoJo's will be available. Tickets are \$15/single, \$25/couple, meal tickets are \$8. Save and purchase a table with your group for \$250 which includes: Cover, meal and seats up to 8 people. If you would like a table please contact Stacey Allen, Jef Rench, Betsy Rench, or Kim Havens. Tickets available at City Hall or purchase through your Alderperson. Tickets also availabe at the door the night of the event.

TUESDAY, FEB. 27

Friends Feeding Friends in Bushnell

Free meal at the Community Christian Center in Bushnell. Serving from 4:30 to 6:30PM. We will be continuing to serve a monthly meal on the 4th Tuesday of the month in the months ahead through May.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

VFW Breakfast

The VFW will be serving from 7-10 a.m at the Post 1422 Hall, 181 E. Hail. On-site, takeout and curb service available - for takeout & curb service call 309-333-9919.

Olchester

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SATURDAY, FEB. 17

Winter Tree ID Hike

Twigs, Buds and Bark: Winter Tree ID Hike at Argyle Lake State Park on Saturday, February 17, 2024 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. After a brief indoor discussion, participants will venture outdoors to practice their skills in the campground and along the woodland edge at Argyle while enjoying the winter scenery. For more information, please call the park office at (309)776-3422.

Good Hope

SATURDAY, FEB. 10

United Methodist Church Soup Supper

From 5-7pm at the United Methodist Church Serving Oyster, Vegetable and Zuppa Toscana soups along with dessert and drink. Good will donations.

Industry

SATURDAY, FEB. 17

Trinity Academy Chili Supper

at Trinity Academy (former Industry School), 306 E. South St., Industry from 4:30-7:30pm (or until gone). There will be chili, hot dogs, silent auction, live entertainment and children's carnival games. A free will donation will be accepted.

Macomb

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14

The Page Turners Book Club

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Preacher Lawson at the COFAC

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SATURDAY, FEB. 17

BBBS Trivia Night at the VFW

Join the Big Brothers Big Sisters at the VFW, doors open at 6:15pm, play begins at 7pm. It will be an epic evening filled with tunes, trivia, prizes and fun! Register by calling 309-837-5437 or contact sbaca@ bbbs-mv.org \$20 a ticket or \$150 for a team of 8!

SATURDAY, FEB. 17 & SUNDAY, FEB. 18 WIU Ag Mech Farm Expo

considered the largest student-run agricultural event in the country, will be at Western Hall on the WIU campus on Feb. 17 from 9am-5pm & Feb. 18 from 10am-4pm. The Expo will include displays of tractors, machinery, ag services, ag technology, livestock and crop supplies and also be a variety of craft vendors upstairs in Western Hall, as well as free children's activities, including a bouncy house, face painting, a balloon artist and glitter tattoos.

MONDAY, FEB. 19

Genealogical Society Meeting

The McDonough County Genealogical Society's meeting will be held on Monday February 19th at the Western Illinois Museum at 6:00 p.m. Julie Terstriep will be presenting on What do Probate Records tell you about your Ancestor. Everyone is welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21

Antiques & Collectibles Club

Antiques & Collectibles Club of West Central Illinois Meeting from 7 – 9 p.m. Community Room at City Hall, 232 East Jackson St. * use the east double doors to enter the building. For more information: Contact the Club at brenstarr12@gmail.com.

Wermont

SATURDAY, FEB. 17 Mardi Gras Party

Vermont American Legion Mardi Gras Party at 8pm. We will have DJ/Karoake, jell-o shots, hurricane punch and shot specials.

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Bushnell Rec Center

Let The Sparks Fly fundraiser at the Bushnell Rec Center on Saturday, February 17 from 7-11pm. featuring music artists, Capt. Quirk, who play some cool covers and differently done classic rock songs. Proceeds will benefit the Bushnell 4th of July Celebration.

Vermont American Legion

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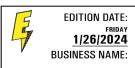
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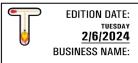






















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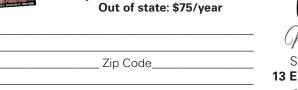
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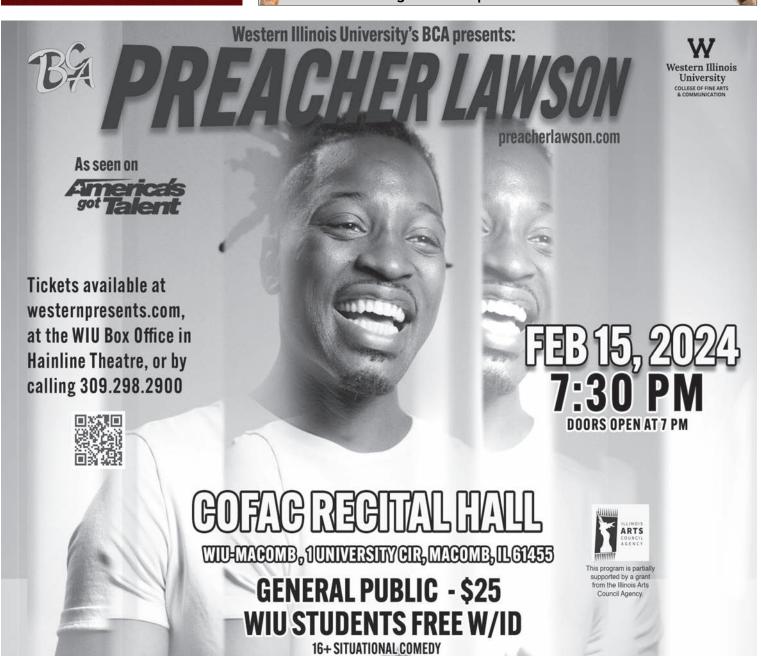
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By Lucie Winborne

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- * In 2003, Marvel successfully argued in a U.S. court that mutants were "nonhuman creatures" and, therefore, toys, in order to save on taxes, since X-Men action figures were being imported as dolls but toys have a lower tariff.
 - * An ostrich can run faster than a horse.
- * Seventy-five percent of Japanese homes boast a high-tech toilet, the latest models of which eliminate the need for toilet paper, keep you warm, check your blood pressure, play the sound of running water to, er, drown out your business, and automatically open and shut so you won't have to touch anything.
- * Prior to the adoption of standard time zones in 1883, each city or town set its own local time based on the sun's position.
- * Six years after Hall of Fame pitcher Gaylord Perry stated, "They'll put a man on the moon before I hit a home run," he struck the only one of his career just hours after Neil Armstrong stepped onto the lunar surface.
- * Actor George Reeves, who played Superman in the 1950s, once had to deflect a young fan who wanted to test his "invulnerability" by bringing a pistol to a live appearance. Reeves convinced the boy to hand over his gun by warning him that a bystander might be hurt by bullets that bounced off his Superman suit.
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