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## Spoon River Garden Club of Canton Donates \$500 for Student Needs Center

Members of the Spoon River Garden Club visited the Canton Campus of Spoon River College to present a check for \$500 to President Curt Oldfield that will go towards items for the Student Needs Center.

"We are fortunate to be in such a caring community, and are grateful for the generosity of those who help our students," Oldfield said.

While the Student Needs Center originally stocked only food items, Oldfield said it had expanded to include non-perishable food items, household and hygiene products, and various school supplies after they realized that these items were needed as well.

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Members of Canton's Spoon River Garden Club present a check for \$500 to Spoon River College President Curt Oldfield to go towards the food pantry in the Student Needs Center. Pictured L-R are Jan Bruster, Janice Reneau, Becky Eyman, President Oldfield, Brenda Nuttall, and Janet Rock.

## Macomb Police Department Awarded Grant for Training and Education

Healing Illinois United Way of Champaign County We are happy to announce we have received a #HealingIllinois grant! As #HealingIllinois Sub grantee, we are excited to create community-centered, inclusive, and safe spaces to talk, learn, and grow through our inclusivity training initiative. We are lucky to partner with Western Illinois University on this project.

## McDonough County Health Department Observes National Heart Month

Macomb, Illinois- The McDonough County Health Department (MCHD) observes February as National Heart Month, a time when all people can focus on their heart health. Heart disease is a leading cause of death for both men and women in the United States. There are many ways that you can protect your heart and stay healthy.

Heart-healthy living involves understanding your risk, making healthy choices, and taking steps to reduce your chances of getting heart disease. • Understand your risk. Common risk factors for heart disease are high blood pressure, high cholesterol, overweight, diabetes or prediabetes, smoke, do not get regular physical activity, family history of heart disease or are a woman over 55 or a man over 45. Each risk factor increases your chance of developing heart disease.

• Get your blood pressure and cholesterol checked. If either of these numbers are high, work with your primary healthcare provider to

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## POLICE REPORTS

#### **McDonough County Sheriff**

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Christopher Michael Reeves, 42, Blandinsville, was charged with DUI/alcohol (over .08), DUI/ alcohol

Isaiah Michael Dodson, 20, Macomb, was charged with DUI/alcohol, possession of a controlled substance

Adam Michael Taylor, 27, Beardstown, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Melissa Brianne Welsh, 36, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Paige Marie Johnson, 29, Macomb, was charged with possession of Methamphetamine Craig Michael Waddill, 39, Bushnell, was

arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

1/28

Jayden Shemar McKay, 22, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Juan Perez Valenzuela, 22, Beardstown, was charged with DUI/alcohol

Mya Faith Matusik, 20, Macomb, was charged with retail theft/disp merch less than \$300

<u>1/29</u>

Dalayna Star Winget, 40, Macomb, was charged with domestic battery

Thomas Lee Humphrey, 41, Macomb, was charged with domestic battery

Jacob Alan Haney, 21, Astoria, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Shanda Sue Chute, 40, Rushville, was charged with retail theft

Yoniniah Mikaela Gant, 20, Harvey, was charged with battery

Jovan DeWane Kelly, 38, Macomb, was charged with criminal trespass



## **Macomb Police Department**

1/28

Jovan D. Kelly, 38, Macomb, was charged with criminal trespass to land

Marcus T. Gaines, 32, Chicago, was charged with expired registration

<u>1/29</u>

Dalayna S. Winget, 40, Macomb, was charged with domestic battery

## **Office of Public Safety**

On Jan. 31 at 4:32 p.m., OPS and the Macomb Fire Department responded to a report of smoke in the Knoblauch Hall parking lot that appeared to be coming from a vehicle. The vehicle seemed to be leaking oil. No fire or injuries were reported.

On Feb. 1 at 10:26 p.m., Rodney Daniels Jr., 20, of 1312 Thompson Hall, was arrested for battery, mob action, and home invasion for an incident that occurred on campus on Jan. 31. He was transported to McDonough County Jail at 10:34 p.m. with a mandatory court date on March 6.

On Feb. 2 at 12:05 a.m., Amaya Palmer, 19, of 1535 Thompson Hall, was arrested for an active McDonough County warrant. She was transported to McDonough County Jail at 12:43 a.m.

# **TODAY'S JOKES**

Q: What did the blanket say to the bed? A: Don't worry, I've got you covered!

Q: What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo? A: One is really heavy and the other is a little lighter!



## Donation

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In Canton and Macomb, the Student Needs Centers are located in the Learning Resource Centers, and all Spoon River College students—including those taking online classes or those taking classes at the Havana and Rushville centers—can request items via an online form or by reaching out to the Student Success Coaches. In addition, tables with some items are located at all of the college's locations in areas where they can be freely accessed by students at any time.

"This is just one of the ways that we work every day to create an environment that supports student success, because when our students succeed, that benefits not only them but also the communities they'll return to and work in," said Oldfield.

The Spoon River Garden Club – Canton, Il is an organization whose mission is "to promote, foster, cultivate, and share," and can be found on Facebook where they share all things plants related. The group also hosts an annual plant sale that takes place in May the weekend after Mother's Day.



Open 10-5 Monday-Friday & 10-3 Saturdays

## Obituaries Sponsored by

# **Death Notices**

## Selma F. Bradford

88, of Good Hope

Selma F. Bradford, 88, of Good Hope passed away at 4:46 a.m. Wednesday, February 1, 2024 at the Elms Nursing Home in Macomb.

Graveside services were held Monday, February 5, 2024 at Good Hope Cemetery in Good Hope with Dr. Tom Schultz officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Good Hope Fire and Rescue Squad.

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.

## **Margie L. Statler**

I, Jene (Statler) Hall, have hesitated writing this obituary for my Mother, Margie L Statler, as it seems to finalize her passing on January 13, 2024.

Mom did express that she didn't want any formalities, as she was cremated. Later, we all will have a family & friends reunion in Bushnell. Bruce & I are so fortunate to have had Mom with us for the last 3 years. Anyone that knew Mom, knew that her life was a Blessing & that her memory is a treasure.

## **Emily Ann K Horwedel**

28, formerly of Rushville

Emily Ann K Horwedel, 28, of Greers Ferry, Arkansas, formerly of Rushville, Illinois, passed away on January 11, 2024 in Higden, Arkansas.

Leave condolences online at www.tributearchive. com/obituaries/30515887/emily-ann-horwedel.

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 commultybrief@gmail.com. Cost is \$45 and includes a laminated copy of the obituary.



## **Larry Parks**

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85, of Macomb

**Funeral Home** 

and Monuments

Larry Parks, 85, of Macomb, formerly of Chicago passed away at 7:03 p.m. Thursday, February 1, 2024 at St. John's Medical Center in Springfield.

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Graveside services were held Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Macomb with Matt Housewright officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Macomb Public Library.

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.

## **Elsie Mae Haskins**

96, of Macomb

Elsie Mae Haskins, 96, of Macomb, has gone to her eternal home surrounded by her girls, Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024 at Wesley Village in Macomb.

A graveside service will be held at 1pm. On Monday, Feb. 12, 2024 at the Bushnell Cemetery, with Father Bill Anderson of St. Peters Anglican Church, officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Peters Anglican Church, 21 East Side Square, Canton, IL 61455. Attn: Father Bill Anderson. OR Tunnel to Towers Foundation, T2T.org.

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.



## **Viola Faye Copes**

71, of Macomb

Viola Faye Copes, 71, of Macomb, Illinois, passed away at 2:53 AM Thursday Feb. 1, 2024 at her residence.

Cremation has been accorded. There will be no services. Burial of ashes will be in Blackburn Cemetery.

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

## **Russell Lee Chambers**

86, of Ipava

Russell Lee Chambers, 86, of Ipava, IL, passed away at 9:10 pm on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.

Services were held Thursday, February 1, 2024 at Shawgo Memorial Home in Astoria, with Pastor Brant Reed officiating. Military Rites were provided by the Ipava American Legion Post 17. Masonic Rites were held by the Ipava Masonic Lodge. Interment was in the Ipava Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the St. Jude Children's Hospital.

You may leave condolences or view the full obituary at shawgomemorialhome.com.

## **Donald E. Hopping**

80, of Table Grove

Donald E. Hopping, 80, of Table Grove, IL, passed away at 1:20 pm on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at Prairie City Rehabilitation and Health Care in Prairie City.

A service was held on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at Shawgo Memorial Home in Astoria. Cremation rites were accorded after the service. Memorials may be made to the McDonough County Animal Shelter.

You may leave condolences or view the full obituary at shawgomemorialhome.com.



I Love you, Deb

# Community Calendar

## Blandinsville wednesdays

## Christian Church Youth Program

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

## <u>SATURDAYS</u> 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!



## SATURDAY, FEB. 10

Music Trivia Jr. High Baseball Fundraiser

Come out to the Bushnell VFW Post 1422 to support the B-PC Jr. High Baseball program during music trivia at 7pm. Teams of 8, \$10/ person - Must be 21 or older to attend.

## WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14 Bushnell VFW Valentine's Day Dinner

Prime Rib or Roasted Cornish Hen, Reservations Required - 309-313-1183.

## <u>SATURDAY, FEB. 17</u> 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.



*Colchester* EVERY MONDAY Colchester Library Story Hour

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

## <u>SATURDAY, FEB. 10</u> Bingo and Soup Supper

the Colchester Fire Protection District will host a night of BINGO. Soup supper is from 4-6pm and BINGO will be from 630 to 930. Games start immediately following the community soup supper. Planning to play 10 rounds with 2 bonus rounds. Cards will be sold in bundles of 10 for regular rounds. Each regular game remains \$1 so you choose how many \$10 bundles you wish to play. You can bring your own adult beverages.



# 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.

## *Macomb* <u>FRIDAY, FEB. 9</u> Elks Glow in the Dark Bingo

Macomb Elks Lodge #1009 is hosting a Night of Glow in the Dark Bingo at 7pm and donating all proceeds to McDonough County Ag in the Classroom. We are beyond excited and thankful for their generosity! All proceeds will help advance our growing program and provide further education, materials and more to our youth of McDonough County!

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



## <u>WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14</u> The Page Turners Book Club

The Page Turners Book Club meets the second Wednesday of every month from 4:30-5:30pm in the Macomb Public Library Meeting room. The public is invited to attend.

## <u>THURSDAY, FEB. 15</u> Preacher Lawson at the COFAC

WIU's BCA presents Preacher Lawson at the COFAC Recital Hall at 7:30pm, doors open at 7pm. The cost is \$25 for the general public and WIU students are free with ID. Tickets are available at westernpresents. com, WIU Box Office or by calling 309-298-2900.

## <u>SATURDAY, FEB. 17</u> 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!

## <u>SATURDAY, FEB. 17 & SUNDAY, FEB. 18</u> 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.

## 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.

Prairie City

## <u>SATURDAY, FEB. 10</u> Firemen's Breakfast/Dinner

firemen will be cooking up pancakes and sausages at the Prairie City Station serving from 7-10 AM and then again for dinner from 4-7 PM, all for a free will donation.



## <u>SATURDAY, FEB. 17</u> Mardi Gras Party

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





#### American Legion

Dixieland Band led by John Cooper plays from 7-9pm in the American Legion Post 6, 221 E. Washington St.in Macomb on Tuesday, February 20. No admission, but there is a free-will offering during the show.

#### The Cafe

We will have Open Mic Night on Thursday, February 8 starting at 8pm. It will be a great night of music, friends and drinks!

#### **Forgottonia Brewing**

Just Us will be here on Saturday, February 10 from 7-10pm. Just Us is a father/daughter cover duet from Macomb, IL that keeps music fun and straightforward. You're bound to recognize many songs but played differently, from country, blues, and rock.

#### **Vermont American Legion**

Come and party with us for Mardi Gras on Saturday, February 17 at 8pm. We will have DJ/Karaoke, jell-o shots, hurricane punch and shot specials.

Send calendar events to communitybrief@gmail.com

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## **Heart Month**

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get it to a healthy range. During the month of February MCHD is offering a discounted lipid panel (cholesterol levels) for just \$40. Call (309) 837-9951 ext 2270 to schedule an appointment. MCHD also offers FREE blood pressure checks with no appointment necessary.

• Choose heart-healthy foods. Limit sodium, saturated fats, added sugars and alcohol. Vegetables, fruits, whole grains, fat-free and protein rich foods are the foundation of a heart-healthy eating plan. • Get regular physical activity. Regular physical activity can help you lose weight, improve physical fitness, lower many heart disease risk factors, lower stress and lower your risk for other conditions such as Type 2 diabetes, depression and cancer. Consult with your healthcare provider about starting a new exercise plan.

• Manage stress levels. Research suggests that stress can contribute to high blood pressure and other heart disease risk factors. Consider stress reducing activities such as: talking to someone, participating in a stress management program, meditating, being physically active and using relaxation techniques.

• Quit smoking. Smoking raises other heart risk factors, your risk of heart disease, heart attack, and cancer. Talk to your doctor or reach out to the Illinois Tobacco Quitline at 866-QUIT-YES for tobacco cessation counseling and nicotine replacement therapy.

The McDonough County Health Department urges residents to take the right steps to get their heart healthy.







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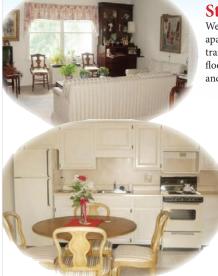
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#### Find the following words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally and backwards.

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After Hours 309-837-2631

## STRANGE BUT TRUE By Lucie Winborne

\* A UCLA study determined that football players with lower jersey numbers are perceived as slimmer and faster than their teammates with higher jersey digits.

The Sullivan Ordinance of 1908 in New York City aimed to prohibit women from smoking in public places, sparking not just widespread debate about women's rights, but marking a symbolic battleground for female activists dedicated to gender equality. The law was vetoed by Mayor George B. McClellan Jr. just two weeks later.

\* A study of over 10 million births revealed that children are 4.6% more likely to be born in the same month as their mothers.

\* When Kentucky Fried Chicken expanded its operations to China in the 1980s, the food chain's iconic slogan -- "It's finger-lickin' good!" -- was mistakenly, if amusingly, translated in Mandarin to "Eat your fingers off."

\* King Charles III was the first British royal to go to a traditional school.

\* During the Napoleonic campaigns in the early 19th century, French soldiers observed an odd condition among many local Egyptian men, who reported blood in their urine, leading to the misnomer label "the land of the menstruating men." The actual cause was the parasitic disease schistosomiasis.

\* Some scientists make a habit of consuming the organisms they study, a practice that dates to Charles Darwin's sampling of exotic animals such as pumas and iguanas during his voyages.

\* The word "gymnastics" comes from the ancient Greek "gymnazein," meaning "to exercise naked."

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