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Free Tax Preparation For Seniors

Tax time is here! The AARP Tax-Aide Program, a free tax preparation service for low- and middle-income taxpayers with special attention to those age 50 and up, will be offered again this year

**2024
AARP Foundation
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at the YMCA Senior Center, 400 East Calhoun Street in Macomb, beginning February 2nd. The service will be available on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings. This program provides IRS certified volunteers who will assist with the preparation of basic, personal federal and Illinois returns. Appointments are required and can be made by calling the YMCA Senior Center at 309-837-5733. We can only deal with returns that are in-scope under the AARP guidelines. It is anticipated that simple returns will be done while you wait. More time-consuming returns will require a return visit. Returns will be filed electronically.

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WIU MCC to Host Spring Open House Jan. 25

Western Illinois University
MULTICULTURAL CENTER

**MULTICULTURAL CENTER
OPEN HOUSE**

JANUARY 25TH | 3PM - 5PM

MACOMB, IL - - The Western Illinois University Multicultural Center (MCC) will host a Spring Open House from 3-5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25 in the Multicultural Center (MCC). Food and refreshments will be provided along with activities, prizes, music and fun for all attendees.

"Within MCC, the individual cultural/identity based centers provide a home away from home for many students. We empower and uplift through intentional programming, legacy events and leadership opportunities in order to support our diverse student populations. We invite all members of the campus community to join us at the open house to meet our staff and students and learn more about resources and upcoming events," WIU MCC Director Katy Valentin said.

At the event, students will gain insights on the centers located

See Open House on page 8

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POLICE REPORTS

Macomb Police Department

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Jamari D. Gee, 18, Chicago, was charged with retail theft/disp merch less than \$300

1/18

Christian A. Townsend, 29, Macomb, was charged with operating an uninsured motor vehicle, improper lane usage/laned rdw

McDonough County Sheriff

1/16

Leilani Marie Bogan, 19, Chicago, was charge with retail theft/disp merch less than \$300

1/8

Kenneth Micheal Marshall, 27, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Ian James Fifer, 18, Macomb, was arrested on a foreign warrant

Andrea Marie Galeggos, 34, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Amon Kevontae Ball, 19, Chicago, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Earl William Harris, 49, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant, operating an uninsured motor vehicle

TODAY'S JOKES

Q: What did the fish say when he posted bail?
A: "I'm off the hook!"

Q: How do trees get online?
A: They log on!

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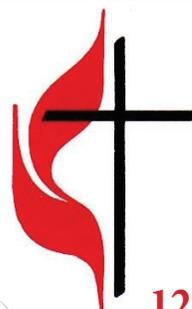
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Death Notices

Scott Reynolds Sullivan

67, of Macomb, formerly of Industry

Scott Reynolds Sullivan, 67, of Macomb, formerly of Industry passed away at 6:35 a.m. Thursday, January 18, 2024 at Grand Prairie Assisted Living Center in Macomb.

He was born in Macomb on May 6, 1956 to Kent and Mary Ann Ward Sullivan.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Grave-side burial of ashes and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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.

Elmer LeRoy "Roy" Kitch Sr.

79, of Prairie City

Elmer LeRoy "Roy" Kitch Sr. 79, of Prairie City, passed away at 11:30 am on Friday January 19, 2024 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Cremation Rites have been accorded by Martin-Hollis Funeral Home. A celebration of life is being planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to the T.J. Pickett Masonic Lodge #307. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

Richard W. Ford

77, of Havana

Richard W. Ford, 77, of Havana, passed away at 9:09 pm on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at Mason District Hospital in Havana.

A graveside service will be held at 10 am on Friday, January 26, 2024 at the Woodland Cemetery in Astoria. Pastor John Vaughn will be officiating. Military Rites will be provided by the Lewistown VFW Post 5001. A visitation will be held from 5 to 7 pm on Thursday, January 25, 2025 at Shawgo Memorial Home in Astoria.

You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at www.shawgomemorial-home.com.

Billy Joe Troutman

79, of Prairie City

Billy J. Troutman, age 64, passed away at 10:13 pm on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 in the Emergency Room at Culbertson Memorial Hospital in Rushville.

A visitation was held on Saturday, January 20th, 2024 at Shawgo Memorial Home in Astoria. Cremation rites will be accorded following visitation.

You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at www.shawgomemorial-home.com.

Charles M. Surratt, Jr.

66, of Macomb

Charles M. Surratt, Jr. 66, of Macomb passed away at 7:06 p.m. Saturday, January 20, 2024 at Country View Healthcare Center in Macomb.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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.

Timmie Paul Juneman

66, formerly of Bushnell

It is with great sorrow we share the passing of our brother, Timmie Paul Juneman, age 66, on January 10, 2024 in Peoria, Illinois, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, in Peoria, Illinois.

Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be a private graveside service at the Bushnell Township Cemetery. Martin-Hollis Funeral Home in Bushnell is assisting the family. Please leave condolences and sign the guestbook at www.martinhollisfh.com.

Galen Olson

95, of Macomb

Galen Olson, 95, of Macomb passed away Saturday afternoon, January 20, 2024 at The Lamoine in Macomb where he had resided for only a week.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at the Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home. Private graveside services were held in the Good Hope Cemetery. Galen was a founding member of the Good Hope Lions Club. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Colchester Lions Club PO Box 333 Colchester, IL. 62326. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

Janet D. Branson

79, of Marietta

Janet D. Branson, 79, of Marietta, IL passed away at 1:35 pm on Saturday January 20, 2024. She was born on November 15, 1944 in Macomb, Illinois to Donald & Bernita (Allen) Branson.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday January 25, 2024 at the Martin-Hollis Funeral Home. Where visitation will be Wednesday January 24, 2024 from 4:00 until 6:00 pm. Burial will be in the Harris Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to Bushnell Fire & Rescue Squad. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

Clyde Wilbur Meredith, Jr. PhD

95, of Bloomington

Clyde Wilbur Meredith, Jr. PhD age 95, of Bloomington, passed away peacefully January 3, 2024, with family at his side.

Memorial Service will be February 8th at Wooddale Church, Eden Prairie at 11:00 AM, reception to follow. Memorials may be sent to: Bridging.org, Wooddale.org, or donor's choice. Livestream: [wooddale.org/...](http://wooddale.org/) Private inurnment will take place in spring.

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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, JAN. 27

Music Trivia Fundraiser

Come out for a fun night of Music Trivia at the Bushnell VFW at 7pm! All proceeds will go to support the B-PC band.

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

Bushnell VFW Breakfast

Serving from 7-10a.m at the Post 1422 Hall, 181 E. Hail in Bushnell. On-site, takeout, and curb service available - for takeout & curb service call 309-333-9919. Menu: biscuits and gravy, sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes and French Toast.

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.



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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 available 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!

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.

Macomb

TUESDAY, JAN. 23

HSMC Annual Meeting/Election

Humane Society of McDonough County is having their annual meeting/election and membership meeting on January 23 at 5:30 at the American Legion.



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SATURDAY, JAN. 27

Battle of the Brushes Live Art Competition

at the Macomb Arts Center. There will be food, raffles, cash bar, music, silent and live auctions = FUN!! Saturday, January 27. Doors open at 6:30pm, first round starts at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$25 in advance on the MAC website; \$30 at the door.

TUESDAY, JAN. 30

"A Prairie Almanac"

A documentary featuring Illinois' Nachusa Grasslands. Screenings will be held at the WIU Sandburg Theater (located in the university union) at 3 and 7pm. The event is free and open to all. Following the documentary, we will be available for a brief discussion on how we manage our own prairies.

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.

Prairie City

SATURDAY, FEB. 10

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.

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American Legion

The Post 6 Big Band led by John Cooper plays from 7-9pm on Wednesday, January 31 in the American Legion Post 6, 221 E. Washington St., Macomb. No admission but there is a free-will offering during the show.

The Cafe

Stop in for some great music from one of our favorites, Dennis Devolder, on Wednesday, January 24, he will be playing from 5:30-7:30pm.

Music with Maakestad Rescheduled

Join Bill Maakestad Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 12:30 pm for a fun-filled time in the Senior Center! Come for lunch (optional) and stay for the show. If you would like lunch please make your reservation by 1pm on Tuesday Jan. 23, 2024. Call 309-837-5733 to reserve your lunch spot or just come for the show.

The Icehouse

Come join us to drink, rock, and socialize at the Ice House on Friday, January 26 to celebrate the new record release, "He Shot More Than Birds" by Duke and The American Dream! Doors open at 7pm, Kalen Mxrcus starts at 8pm & Duke takes the stage at 9pm! Check out the Facebook event for more information on VIP tickets and how to purchase.

Forgottonia Brewing

We will have We Two here on Saturday, January 27 from 7-9pm. We Two are a husband and wife duo playing 2000's hits and alternative favorites. Sandra's Authentic Mexican Food Truck will be outside our beer garden serving tacos, tamales, burritos, tostadas, and other authentic Mexican food from noon until 9pm.

The Forum

WELCOME BACK LEATHERNECKS, We missed you, we will be back open this week and let's not forget our first big event of the month! AROUND THE WORLD on Saturday, Jan. 27.

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.

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Tax Prep

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What is new this year? The Residential Energy Credit is more generous. If you had improvements to your home that meet energy efficient standards, such as adding insulation, new doors/windows, heat pumps, hot water heater, you may be eligible for a nonrefundable federal tax credit. Taxpayers who are over age 64 and worked may now be eligible for an earned income tax credit from the state.

Before your appointment you need to stop by the Senior Center to pick up an intake form and a set of instructions. You need to bring identification and the filled-out intake form with you to your appointment. Bring all relevant documents you received including those that come in envelopes stating "important tax return document enclosed", information on any other income, and a copy of last year's return, if available. If you paid property tax, bring that bill.

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within the MCC which include the Casa Latina Cultural Center, Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center, LGBT*QA Resource Center and the Women's Center. Additionally, there will be the opportunity to chat with members of the MCC student organizations and receive information on how to get involved with upcoming events and programs.

"The open house is a great opportunity to invite students to the MCC to experience an atmosphere of belonging," WIU MCC Associate Director LeRon Williams said. "We welcome all students to experience this and we look to educate them on the great organizations we house within the centers of the MCC."

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* Ever wonder why your kitty tries to play or even fight with its own reflection in a mirror? Animal specialists believe felines don't realize that their image isn't another animal because it has no scent.

* And speaking of scent, the Odeuropa research project has created an online encyclopedia dedicated to the history of smells.

* Vomitoriums in ancient Rome weren't actually spaces for gastronomic feasting and purging, but an architectural feature in stadiums that allowed for more efficient crowd exits.

* Null Island gets its curious moniker from its coordinates: zero degrees latitude and zero degrees longitude. It also doesn't exist, but is the result of a common error in GIS data.

* ChatGPT can easily be convinced it's wrong, even when it's right.

* Irving Berlin dedicated all royalties from "God Bless America" to a fund of the same name, specifically for the benefit of such youth organizations as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in New York City. To date, more than \$10 million has been raised.

* Researchers at Dublin City University found that soccer goalkeepers process both visual and auditory cues more efficiently than other players, as well as non-players, which could be the clue to their speedy reactions during games.

* By 2027, Sweden plans to boast a city made entirely of wood.

* The last U.S. conviction for blasphemy went to atheist activist Charles Lee Smith in 1928, after he rented a Little Rock, Arkansas, storefront and put a sign in the window reading: "Evolution Is True. The Bible's a Lie. God's a Ghost." Because, as an atheist, he couldn't swear the court's usual oath to tell the truth, he also couldn't testify in his own defense.

Thought for the Day: "If people are doubting how far you can go, go so far that you can't hear them anymore." --Michele Ruiz

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