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ROTC Hosts Blood Drive February 7th

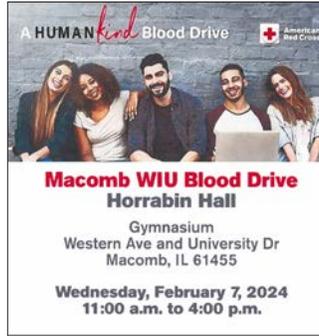
MACOMB, IL - Be a HERO and donate blood! Western Illinois University's Military Science/ ROTC will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7 in Horrabin Hall Gym.

The American Red Cross estimates that every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood. It is crucial for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses and traumatic injuries. Whether a patient receives whole blood, red cells, platelets or plasma, this lifesaving care starts with one person making a bountiful donation.

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Appointments are encouraged and walk-ins are welcome. A photo ID is required to donate. Masks are optional. To schedule an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org/give then type in ZIP code 61455 and schedule your appointment.

Posted By: Kelsey Brown (kl-brown5@wiu.edu)
Office of University Communications & Marketing



WIU to Offer Spring '24 Career Fairs to All Students

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Western Illinois University

MACOMB/MOLINE, IL - This spring, Western Illinois University students will have the opportunity to attend career and internship fairs provided by the WIU Career Center and various academic departments. These fairs are free for job seekers and offer valuable opportunities for students and alumni seeking information about local and regional organizations.

"Western is proud to host multiple opportunities for students and alumni to connect with organizations that are seeking high-quality talent for a variety of roles. The one-on-one interactions that take place at career fairs allow both the employer and job seeker to begin developing a relationship and see if it is a good professional fit," WIU Executive Director of the Career Center and QC Outreach Audrey Adamson said.

See Career Fairs on page 7

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POLICE REPORTS

Office of Public Safety

01/26/2024 - 01/29/2024 Report

On Jan. 27 at 5:10 a.m. Isaiah Dodson, 20, of 314 Olson Hall, was arrested in the Garwood Hall parking lot for driving under the influence of alcohol. He was transported to the McDonough County Jail at 7:44 a.m. where he was lodged pending bond.

TODAY'S JOKES

Q: How did Ben Franklin feel when he discovered electricity?
A: Shocked!

Q: Where do cows go for entertainment?
A: To the moo-vies!

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Death Notices

Paul Edward Vancil

71, of Prairie City

Paul Edward Vancil, 71, of Prairie City, Illinois passed away at 9:16 pm on Monday January 22, 2024 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Cremation rites have been accorded by Martin-Hollis Funeral Home. There will be a Celebration of Life held at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made for his grandchildren, Kade, Eli, and Gretchyn Foster. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

Kenneth "Kenny" Batson

84, formerly of Little Swan Lake

Kenneth E. Batson, 84, formerly of Little Swan Lake, died at 11:35 a.m. Sunday, January 21, 2024, in LaMoine Assisted Living Center in Macomb.

Funeral Mass was held Friday, January 26, 2024, in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Abingdon. Cremation accorded following Mass. Burial in the Abingdon Cemetery, where Military Honors were conveyed. A celebration of Kenny's life continued Friday at the Abingdon American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bushnell Fire and Rescue or the Abingdon American Legion. Hinchliff-Pearson-West Funeral Directors and Cremation Services of Abingdon is honored to serve the family. Online condolences and memories may be left on the funeral home's website at www.h-p-w.com.

Susan Elaine Wanninger

of Macomb

Susan Elaine Wanninger, a resident of Macomb, died peacefully on Jan. 25, 2024.

A Celebration of Life will be scheduled at a later date. Gifts in lieu of flowers may be made in Sue's memory to Planned Parenthood of Illinois (<https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-illinois>).

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.

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Jean McEwen

90, of Colchester

Jean was born on February 27, 1940, and died in service to the community and her family on January 28, 2024.

Visitation will be Saturday February 3, 2024, from 9 until 11 am at Checkrow Community Church, 3564 East Checkrow Road, Avon, IL 61415, followed by a service at 11 am. At the close of the service, graveside services will be held at Prairie City Cemetery. Following burial, a celebration of life with meal will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Checkrow Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education. Martin-Hollis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

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Hazel M. Paul

90, of Colchester

Hazel M. Paul age 90 of Colchester, passed away Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at the Macomb Post Acute Care Center.

Funeral services will be 11:00 A.M. Thursday, February 1, 2024, at the Jones Mortuary in Colchester with Rev. Jim Clayton. Burial will follow the services at Bowen Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be 1 hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Friends may view and sign the register book at the funeral home from 8:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Wednesday. Memorial is to the Donors Choice. Condolences and memories can be expressed to the family at jonesmortuaryfh.com.

Evelyn Hicks

93, of Bushnell

Evelyn Hicks, 93, of Bushnell, IL passed away Friday January 26, 2024 at the Elms Nursing Home in Macomb.

Cremation Rites have been accorded. A celebration of life will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday February 6, 2024 at the Martin-Hollis Funeral Home with Pastor Jim Eddy officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made to B-PC Backpack program. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

Robert (Rob) James Gray

47, of Macomb

Robert (Rob) James Gray, 47, of Macomb, IL passed away January 6th, 2024 at 1:30 PM at home surrounded by his family and best friend, Jayson Herrick.

Rob requested that there be no funeral services as he didn't want anyone to dwell in sadness. There will be a benefit to assist his family with medical expenses at Gold Hills Golf Course February 3rd, 2024 from 4 to 7 PM. Everyone is invited and encouraged to share a funny memories of Rob with his family and friends.

Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb is in charge of arrangements.

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See more Death Notices on page 6

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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.

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. 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.

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.

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

Colchester

EVERY MONDAY

Colchester Library Story Hour

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

SATURDAY, FEB. 10

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.

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

THURSDAY, FEB. 1

Environmentally Concerned Citizens

meeting will be on Climate Change. The meeting will be at 7pm in the Macomb City Hall Community Room.

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

Macomb Library Knitting Club

Meets the 1st Saturday of the month 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.

Friends of the Library Specialty Book Sale

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Library Annex, 109 E. Jefferson St. The specialty book sale will feature Fiction, Mysteries, Science Fiction, Children/Youth books as well as CDs, DVDs, and Audio Books. There is a large selection of CD retro music from the 1960 -- 80s. Also accepting donation of good conditioned books at this time for future book sales. Proceeds invested in the Macomb Public Library.

FRIDAY, FEB. 9

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!

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

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The Cafe

We have some great entertainment on Wednesday, January 31 with Mike Murphy & the Murphtones playing for us from 5:30-7:30pm. Don't forget to stop in for some awesome local music on Thursday, February 1 for Open Mic Night starting at 8pm.

Forgottonia Brewing

Just Us will be here on Saturday, February 10 from 7-10pm. JustUs 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.

The Wine Sellers

The Authorized Personnel will be here on Saturday, February 3 playing from 5:30-8:00pm. They have added some new songs that they are excited to try out for the first time.

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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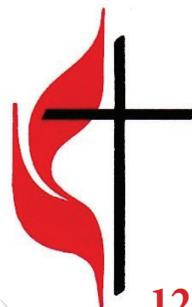
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Death Notices *continued from page 3*

Rosemary J. Neblock

91, of Macomb

Rosemary J. Neblock, 91, of Macomb, Illinois passed away at 3:16 am on Monday January 15, 2024 at the Elms Nursing Home. She was born July 17, 1932 in Potomac, IL to Charles A. and Besse M. (Chapman) McQueen. She married Charles Ernest Neblock on June 5, 1952 in Danville, IL. He preceded her in death on October 26, 2022.

Cremation Rites have been accorded by Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home. Graveside burial of Ashes will be held at a later date in the Broadus Cemetery located in Tuscola, IL. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Macomb or to the McDonough County Humane Society. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

Melvin Jansen

73, of Bushnell

Melvin Jansen, 73, of Bushnell passed away 12:44 p.m. Thursday, January 18, 2024 at his residence.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Grave side services will be at Oakwood Cemetery at 11 a.m. Friday, March 8, 2024.

Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb is in charge of arrangements.

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 Friday, March 1, 3-5 p.m. on Handshake: International Student Virtual Career Fair
 Friday, March 8, 1-3p.m. in Macomb: Education Career Fair
 Wednesday, March 13, 3:30-6 p.m. on Handshake: Virtual Education Career Fair
 Tuesday, March 19, noon-3:30 p.m. in Macomb: All-Majors Career and Internship Fair
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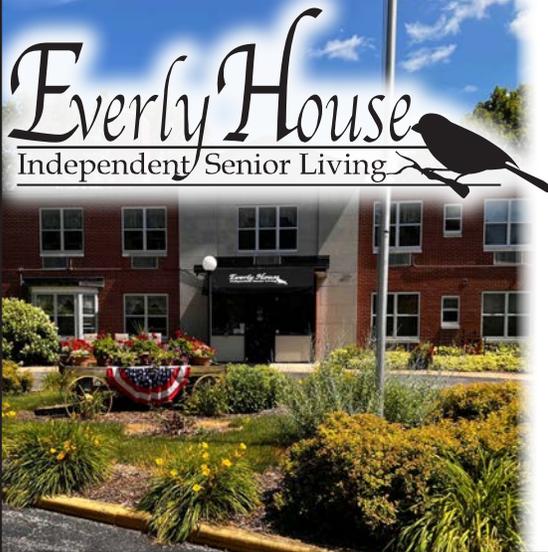
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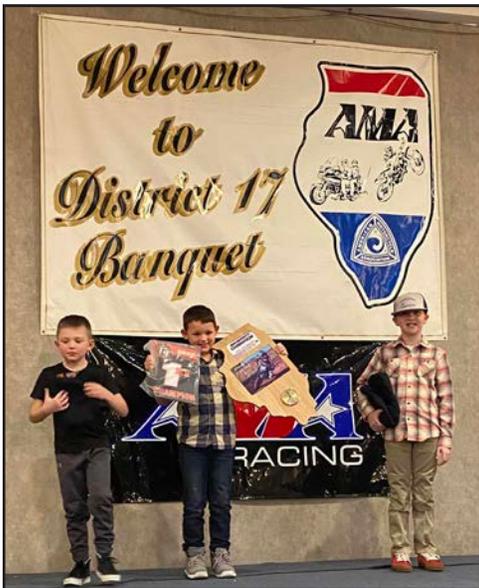
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FEB. 6-11

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>Lunch Special Reuben, Potato Wedges & Chocolate Pudding</p> <p>Dinner Special Any Large Pizza with Free Pitcher of Beer or Soda</p>	<p>Lunch Special ½ Tenderloin Sandwich & French Fries</p> <p>Dinner Special Hamburger Steak w/ 2 sides</p>	<p>Lunch Special Meatloaf & Mashed Potato, Peas</p> <p>Dinner Special ½ Fried Chicken w/ 2 sides</p>	<p>Lunch Special Buffalo, American Fries & Baked Beans</p> <p>Dinner Special 2 Catfish Fillet or w/ 2 sides</p>	<p>Lunch Special Steamburger & Chili \$2 off Whole Tenderloin Shoe</p> <p>Dinner Special 14oz Marinated Ribeye or 11oz Marinated Sirloin w/2 sides</p>	<p>SUPER BOWL OPEN 4pm - 9pm Combo Basket, Pulled Pork Nachos, Wings & Pizza's only!</p>

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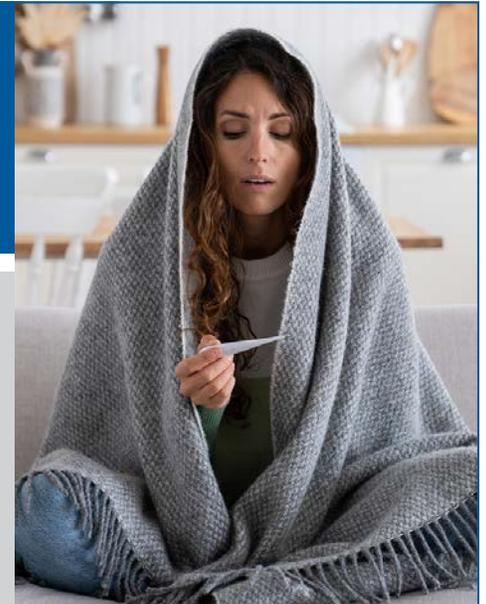
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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* In 2012, a 90-year-old Baltimore woman named Venus Green locked a police officer in her basement when he tried searching her home without a warrant. Afterward, she brought a civil rights lawsuit and won a \$95,000 settlement.

* "Jeopardy!" contestants stand on adjustable platforms so that they all appear to be the same height on camera.

* Chess is a required school subject in Armenia.
* Before the modern glass versions we use today became commonplace, mirrors were made from bronze and were prized possessions of rich households in Egypt, Greece, Rome, China and Japan.

* The Statue of Liberty's full name is Liberty Enlightening the World.

* A study conducted at the University of Montreal showed that young people who played the 1996 game Super Mario 64 for only two months increased their spatial and episodic memory, which improves brain capacity and helps to ward off dementia.

* More than 20% of all the world's freshwater is in the Great Lakes.

* While humans and giraffes obviously have vastly different neck lengths, they still have the exact same number (seven) of neck vertebrae.

* Ever wonder why some cocktails are shaken while others are stirred? Chalk it up to the level of dilution and texture required: The longer the shake or stir, the more diluted and cold the beverage gets. Hence cocktails made with spirits, tonics and bitters should be stirred, while those featuring fruit juices, egg whites, cream or cream-based liqueurs should be shaken.

* Folks used to say "prunes" rather than "cheese" when having their pictures taken.

Thought for the Day: "It is not by muscle, speed or physical dexterity that great things are achieved, but by reflection, force of character and judgment, and in these qualities old age is usually not only not poorer, but is even richer." -- Cicero

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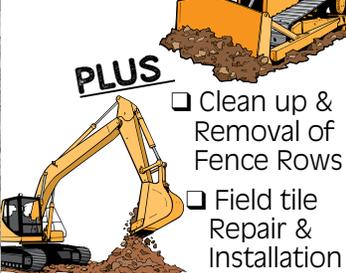


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