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The Grand Band Sweepstakes is underway!

Contact any band parent to purchase your raffle tickets for a chance to win \$1000! Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Winner will be announced at the MHS Spring Band Concert on April 30th (need not attend to win).

Big thanks to our sweepstakes sponsors: Haymakers, HyVee, Key Realtors, and Mid-America National Bank!



WIU Ranks in Top Three in College Consensus' 2024 Best Value Colleges and Universities

BEST VALUE COLLEGES

MACOMB/MOLINE, IL - - Western Illinois University ranks in the top three of "The 25 Best Value Colleges & Universities for 2024" by College Consensus.

This achievement is a result of WIU's affordability, academic excellence and student support programs. WIU is dedicated to providing high-quality education that is easily accessible to all students. The University's online programs are competitively priced, enabling students to pursue higher education.

The knowledgeable faculty members at WIU are experts in their fields, ensuring a competitive and engaging learning experience for all students. Additionally, WIU offers robust online support services, including dedicated advisors and technical assistance, to prioritize student success and create an environment that enhances

See Consensus on page 2

Nathan Taylor Trio at Hickory Ridge Concerts

Chris Vallillo welcomes Nathan Taylor and Friends to the Hickory Ridge Concert Series at the historic Ellisville Opera House on Saturday, March the 16th, 2024 at 7:00 pm. This Central Illinois group explodes with the rich sound of finger style guitar, trumpet and clarinet in a pure blend of talent. That talent is expressed in a wide range of vintage American blues and roots music born of the soul of the heartland and the most fortunate front porches of Canton, IL.

From classic roots songs and blues from the delta to early New Orleans jazz and Nathan Taylor originals their audiences sway to soulful spins on the old styles mixed with new music as they are transported to simpler times past and present. The band features Nathan Taylor on guitars, See Hickory Ridge on page 6



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POLICE REPORTS

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Brandy Nicole Fulton, 47, Macomb, was charged with aggravated assault

James Eric Payton, 22, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

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William Isaac Paul, 24, Colchester, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Macomb Police Department

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Alfred M. Rivera III, 35, Macomb, was charged with no valid drivers license

Nicole S. Gillotti, 31, Macomb, was charged with careless driving

Marcus T. Gaines, 33, Chicago, was charged with criminal trespass to state land

David L. Heatherly, 49, Macomb, was charged with standing in roadway

TODAY'S JOKES

Q: How did the pig get to the hogspital? A: In a hambulance!

Q: Why didn't the melons get married? A: Because they cantaloupe!



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Consensus

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academic achievement and personal growth, aligning with the University's core values.

WIU's commitment to affordability and student support has made it the top choice for students seeking a high-value online degree.

College Consensus, an online resource since 2015, ranks based on its unique methodology. It combines the results of the most respected college ranking systems with the averaged ratings of thousands of real student reviews from around the web to create a unique college meta-ranking. This approach offers a comprehensive and holistic perspective missing from other college rankings. For more information on the comprehensive rankings methodology and sources, visit collegeconsensus.com/about.

To learn more about WIU's online degree program, visit wiu.edu/online.

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Death Notices

Gladys L. Lambert

59, of Macomb

Gladys L. Lambert, 59, of Macomb, IL formerly of Plymouth, IL died at 10:45 pm Wednesday March 6, 2024 at her home in Macomb.

Funeral services were held Sunday March 10, 2024 at the Hamilton Funeral Home in Augusta, IL by Rev. Tom Spain. Cremation was accorded following the service. Memorials may be made to her family.

The Hamilton Funeral Home in Augusta, IL is handling arrangements. Visit www.hamiltonfuneralhomes.net to read the full obituary or leave condolences for the family.

Jerry L. Strode

83, of Marietta

Jerry L. Strode, 83, of Marietta, IL, went home to be with his Lord at 2:25 am on Monday, March 4, 2024 at his home in Marietta.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Shawgo Memorial Home in Astoria is in charrge of the arrangements. View the entire obituary or leave condolences for the family online at www.shawgomemorialhome.com.

Ethel L. Brewer

94, of Lewistown

Ethel (Leonard) Brewer, 94, of Lewistown passed away Monday March 4, 2024 at Wesley Village in Macomb where she was a resident.

Funeral services were held Monday March 11th at the Henry-Lange Memorial Home in Lewistown with Pastor Caleb Sparrow officiating Burial followed at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lewistown.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Lewistown Alumni Association, First Baptist Church of Colchester, Wesley Village of Macomb, and MDH Hospice of Macomb. To send online condolences visit henrylange.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 commutivbrief@gmail.com. Cost is \$45 and includes a laminated copy of the obituary.



Marvin D. Tracey

68, of Ellisville

Marvin D. Tracey, 68, of Ellisville, passed away at 6:44 p.m. Friday, March 8, 2024 in his home.

Cremation rites have been accorded with a graveside service to be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ellisville Christian Church and left in the care of the funeral home. Moore Memorial Home, Avon, is handling the arrangements.

Jody Glynn Patrick

71, of Jacksonville, FL, formerly of Bushnell

Jody Glynn Patrick, age 71, of Jacksonville, Florida, formerly of Bushnell, passed away on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. Jody was born in Macomb.

Larry G. Brooks

67, of Smithfield

Larry G. Brooks, 67, of Smithfield passed away at 8:19 PM Monday March 4, 2024 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Cremation will be accorded. A visitation will be held Saturday March 16, 2024 from 1-3 PM at the Henry-Lange Memorial Home in Cuba. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude. Online condolences may be made at henrylange. com.



Jov E. Kline

68, of Macomb

Joy E. Kline, 68, of Macomb, Illinois, passed away at 10:52 PM Saturday March 9, 2024 at her home.

Services will be at 11:00 AM Saturday March 16, 2024 at the Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home, where visitation will be one hour prior to services. Rev. A. Lee Unger will officiate. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the ALS United Greater Chicago 5315 N. Clark St. #650 Chicago, IL. 60640. Please sign guestbook or leave condolences at www. dodsworthfh.com



In Memory of Robert Pace Patrick

Robert's family expresses heartfelt gratitude to all who attended his visitation and celebration of life. The outpouring of love from the community is a testament to the special friendships he cultivated.

To those who sent flowers and memorial gifts, your kindness is appreciated. These offerings will be dedicated to Trinity Academy, in Industry, IL.

Once again, thank you.

The Robert Patrick Family





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Community Calendar

Blandinsville <u>WEDNESDAYS</u> Christian Church Youth Pi

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 <u>saturday, march 16</u>

Checkrow Church Trivia Bowl

Checkrow Community Church Trivia Bowl from 5:30-9:00 pm at the Checkrow Community Church.

<u>SATURDAY, MARCH 23</u> Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

at Rosemary & Rust, 135 E Hurst, Bushnell, from 9-11am.

Pool Bingo at the VFW

doors open at 6pm, game starts at 6:30pm. \$5/ card, \$10/3 cards, \$15/6 cards. There will be a 50/50 raffle, Silent auction of baked goods, prizes for all ages and family friendly. All proceeds benefit the Bushnell Community Swimming Pool. Donations are needed for the auction, reach out to the VFW if you would like to donate a baked item.

<u>TUESDAY, MARCH 26TH</u> Friends Feeding Friends

Friends Feeding Friends meal from 4:30 -6:30PM at the Community Christian Center in Bushnell. Free will offering accepted, but not expected.

<u>SATURDAY, APRIL 6</u> Second Chance Prom at Tellers

"Let's Dance Through The Decades" at Tellers, 408 E. Main, from 7:30-11pm. There will be a DJ and dancing, photo booth, sweet treats and we will crown a king and queen. \$30 per couple or \$15 for single. Must be 21 to attend.

olchester **EVERY MONDAY Colchester Library Story Hour**

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 16 Colchester Sr. Center Fundraiser

from 11am-2pm at the Sr. Center. Menu includes Ham N Beans, Cornbread, Steamburgers, Pie, tea and coffee. There is a free will donation.

Macomb

FRIDAYS DURING LENT Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

4:30-6:30pm in the St. Paul Gym, 322 W. Washington St. Carry out or Dine-in options. Order online at https://knights-of-columbus- 682.square.site/.

<u>SATURDAY, MARCH 16</u> The Giving Gardens Seed Swap

The Giving Gardens will be hosting its second annual seed swap from 10 am.-noon, Saturday, March 16 in the basement of First Presbyterian Church, 400 E. Carroll St. and free to the public. Participants are not required to bring seeds to participate as The Giving Gardens will supply seed packets. For more information, contact The Giving Gardens at givinggardensforall@gmail.com or visit on Facebook and Instagram at GivingGardensForAll.

A Faith Journey: Dorothea Jewell at 2:00 pm Dorothea Jewell, age 90, will share a short presentation at Trinity Lutheran Church of Macomb about her faith journey. Dorothea and her late husband lived for many decades in intentional Christian communities, before she settled in Macomb. Join us for conversation with Dorothea and one another about diverse expressions of Christian faith. Light refreshments will be provided. Trinity Lutheran is located at 123 S. Campbell Street.

Destination 6 Pro Wrestling

presents When the Dust Settles at 136 W. Carroll St., Macomb. Doors open at 5:15pm for VIP and 5:30pm for General Admission, show starts at 6pm. Tickets \$30 VIP, front row \$25, general admission \$20 and kids \$10. Tickets available online through cash app oir at the Destination 6 Arena.

MONDAY, MARCH 18 Genealogical Society's Meeting

McDonough County Genealogical Society's meeting will be held at 6pm at the Western Illinois Museum. Julie Terstriep will be presenting the program on "What are Census Non-Population Schedules and How Can You Use Them?". Everyone is welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH Antiques & Collectibles Club Meeting

Antiques & Collectibles Club of West Central Illinois upcoming monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, March 20th from 7 to 9 pm in the Community Room at City Hall in Macomb. The Program will be on "Stoneware Pottery" Joyce Steiner, an antique collector and owner of Plymouth Rock Antiques will be the presenter. Joyce will talk about Macomb pottery, with an emphasis on Buckeye Pottery. The Meetings are open to the public. We hope you will join us. For more information contact: brenstarr12@gmail.com

<u>SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD</u> Racecar Car Show

dirt cars, drag cars, and drag bikes all welcome to the parking lot in front of Billy's Furniture parking lot from 12-4pm. Unloading and set-up begins at 10:30am. This is a family event, let's try and get the community back into racing and get the grandstands filled this season! If you want to show your car, please reach out to Brandon L. Hughes on Facebook.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 Jobapalooza

at the Spoon River College Outreach Center from 1-4pm. Find a new and exciting career at the McDonough County Jobapalooza! Dozens of employers from throughout the county will be available to answer your questions, accept applications and resumes, and some will even be able to interview and hire on the spot! It's never been easier to find employment! Find more information at bit.ly/jobapalooza24.



The Cafe

We have Austin Lang playing on Wednesday, March 13 from 5:30-7:30pm. Stop in for some great music. Don't forget about Open Mic Night on Thursday, March 14 starting at 8pm.

Forgottonia Brewing

Dan Eilers will be here performing on Saturday, March 16 from 7-9pm. Dan sings and finger-picks many genres of music including folk, Americana, country, and blues.

The Wine Sellers

Join The Deneckes for an intimate evening of folk music on Friday, March 22nd from 5:30-7:30pm. On Saturday, March 23 come hang out with JustUs...Macomb's Dad/ Daughter acoustic cover duo! Bring a friend, grab a drink, and kick back and relax! This is a part of The Wine Sellers Women's History Month concert series.

Netty Parkers Windmill Pub-Industry

As luck would have it, we have Workin' Man Sam playing on St. Patty's Day, March 16 starting at 8pm. Don't forget your green!

The Forum

You don't want to miss this-Brushville will be here playing on Friday, March 22 at 10pm. Brushville blends four extremely talented musicians, with incredible harmonies, an explosive stage show and a fresh, dynamic sound produced by an array of instruments to create an unforgettable experience for the audience.

American Legion

The Post 6 Big Band led by John Cooper plays from 7-9pm on Wednesday, March 27 in the American Legion Post 6, 221 E. Washington St., Macomb. No admission but there is a free-will offering during the show.

Macomb Elks Lodge

Save the date: We have Sequoia Drive playing for us on Friday, March 29. You don't want to miss this hard working and hard partying top 40 country and rock band, grown from the black dirt of Western Illinois. Music starts at 7pm!

Illinois State Police Investigating Fatal School Bus Crash In Rushville

RUSHVILLE – The Illinois State Police (ISP) is investigating a fatal crash involving a school bus in Rushville, IL. On March 11, 2024, at approximately 11:30 a.m., a school bus and a truck tractor semi-trailer crashed on Route 24 just west of Parkview Road. There was a total of five fatalities, which include the school bus driver, three children who were passengers on the bus, and the semi-truck tractor driver.

Preliminary reports indicate the school bus was traveling east on Route 24 and for an unknown reason crossed over into the west bound lanes in front of the semi-truck. The semitruck struck the school bus and both vehicles became engulfed in flames.

The following identifications have been confirmed by the Schuyler County coroner:

David Coufal, 72-year-old male from Browning, IL Angela Spiker, 57-year-old female from Rushville, IL Maria Miller, 5-year-old female from Rushville, IL Andrew Miller, 3-year-old male from Rushville, IL Noah Driscoll, 3-year-old male from Rushville, IL

ISP thanks first responder personnel from the Rushville Fire Department, Rushville Police Department, Schuyler County Fire Protection District, Schuyler Ambulance, and the Schuyler County Sheriff's Department who responded to the incident and provided critical assistance during this tragic incident.





LOCAL SUPPORT GROUP INFO

Caring Hearts Caregiver Support Group YMCA Senior Center, 400 E Calhoun, Macomb On the second Monday each month at 2pm

Stroke Survivor Caregiver Support Group University Baptist Church, 315 N Sherman Ave, Macomb On the third Tuesday each month at 4pm

Stroke Support Group

Culbertson Gardens, 400 Logan St, Rushville On the third Wednesday of each month at 3pm

Parkinson's Disease Support Group

YMCA Community Child Care Center, 520 W Piper, Macomb On the second Friday each month at 1:15pm

Anger Management Group McDonough District Hospital, 525 E Grant, Macomb

On Tuesday each week at 3:30pm Chronic Pain Management

McDonough District Hospital, 525 E Grant, Macomb On Monday each week at 1pm

AA Originals Meeting (Meeting Room) University Baptist Church, 315 N Sherman, Macomb On Thursday each week at 6pm

AA Midday Meeting (Fellowship Hall) University Baptist Church, 315 N Sherman, Macomb On Monday, Wednesday, Friday each week at 12:10pm

ACA Meeting (Church Library) University Baptist Church, 315 N Sherman, Macomb On Thursday each week at 6pm

Al-Anon Meeting (Meeting Room) University Baptist Church, 315 N Sherman, Macomb On Wednesday each week at 7pm

NA Meeting (Meeting Room) University Baptist Church, 315 N Sherman, Macomb On Tuesday & Friday each week at 6pm

Sisters In Sobriety (Women Only) University Baptist Church, 315 N Sherman, Macomb On Tuesdays each week at 12:10pm

Mental Health, Suicide Prevention and Treatment American Foundation for Suicide Prevention 1-800-273-8255 or Text TALK to 741741

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Macomb Mental Wellness 210 S Randolph, Macomb; 1-866-364-1950

North Central Behavioral Health Systems 301 E Jefferson, Macomb; 309-833-2191

Hope Counseling 810 E Jackson, Macomb; 309-421-0634

Lakeview Medical and Psychiatric Healthcare 1601 W Jackson, Macomb; 309-575-3222

Bridgeway 900 S Deere Rd, Macomb 309-837-4876 or 1-800-475-4226

WIRC 133 W. Jackson, Macomb; 309-837-6622 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline Call 988 or visit 988lifeline.org

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vocals and harmonica, Tom Stoner on Trumpet, and Larry Harms on Clarinet and Saxophone and remain one of the overall favorites at the Hickory Ridge Concert Series

The Hickory Ridge Concert Series is hosted by Illinois singer-songwriter Chris Vallillo. Concerts are usually held on the 3rd Saturday of the month and begin at 7:00 p.m. with the doors opening at 6:00 p.m. The Ellisville Opera House is a second story venue (as were most IL Opera Houses) which now has an elevator. Coffee, drinks, and a variety of desserts are available during intermission. There is an admission charge of \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 for children under 12.

For more information, call Chris Vallillo at 309-224-8210.



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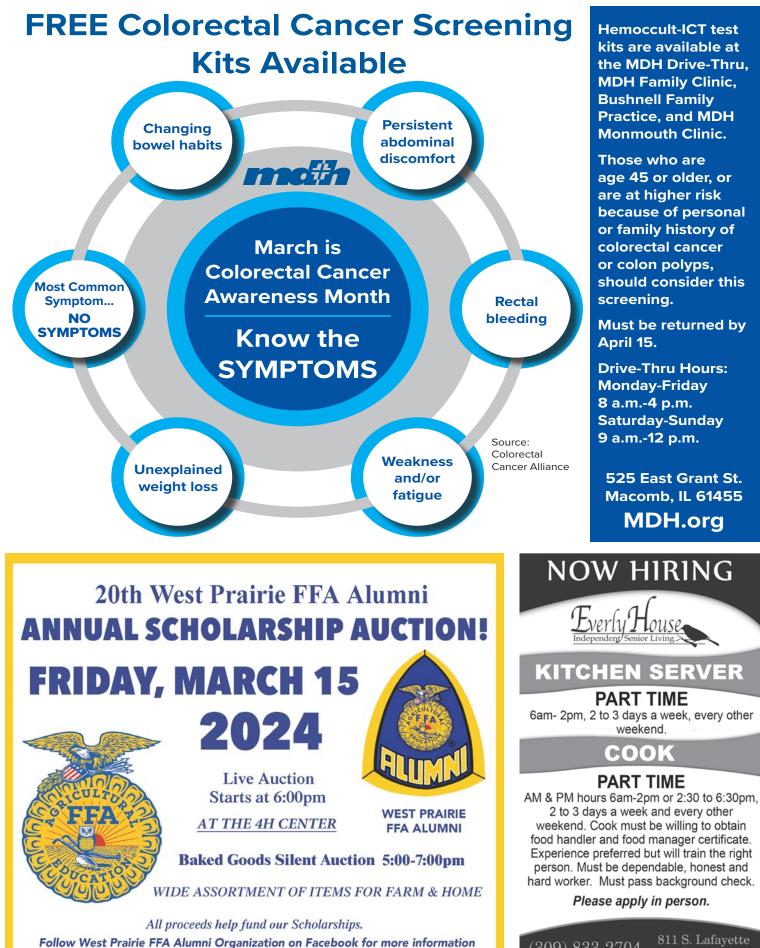


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ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP AT OAKWOOD CEMETRY

Beginning on Monday March 18,2024 crews will begin the annual Spring clean up of all Cemetery grounds. Holiday decorations, flowers, and any other materials left on the GROUND at grave sites will be collected and disposed of. This work is done in preparation for the upcoming mowing season and Memorial Day weekend.

Persons wishing to save any of these items should be sure to pick them up prior to March 18, 2024. Anyone with questions should contact the Oakwood Cemetery office at 833-5100 between the hours of 7:00A.M. and 3:30P.M, Monday- Friday.





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STRANGE BUT TRUE By Lucie Winborne

* In a process called rice-fish culture, Indonesian farmers introduce fish into their rice fields so the fish droppings will act as fertilizer. In turn, the fish also eat harmful insects and improve oxygen circulation, increasing crop yields by up to 10%.

* Anuptaphobia is the fear of being single forever.

* The people who falsely claimed the copyright to the "Happy Birthday to You" song made \$2 million a year for decades, until the song was ruled to be in the public domain.

* A man who had received the transplanted heart of a suicide victim married the donor's widow and took his own life in the exact same way as the donor did.

* After two thieves in England broke into a man's house and made off with his laptop, they found child abuse material on the device and took it to the police. The pedophile received a sentence of three years in prison, while the thieves were given 12 months of community service in light of their "good deed."

* During his presidency, John F. Kennedy refused to take his salary of \$150,000 per year, instead donating the entire amount to charity.

* Hundreds of people die each year from shoveling snow.

* Who says cats don't care? After one feline owner survived a series of strokes, he tried to train the animal to dial 911. While he wasn't sure at first that the attempt would pay off, after he fell from his wheelchair following a seizure, police received a silent emergency call from his home and arrived to find him incapacitated and his cat next to the phone.

* Loneliness poses a greater risk to one's health than obesity.

Thought for the Day: "He who has a why to live can bear almost any how." -- Friedrich Nietzsche

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