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Did You Know...

Randolph Street Spa has opened at 219 N. Randolph St in Macomb. Lihua Schonfelder, a 20 year experienced and licensed massage therapist from Florida, will be





offering a variety of massages to reduce stress, increase circulation and range of motion. She also states that by massaging to relax your shoulders and head will reduce the occurrence of cerebral infarction in addition, hair follicles

become active, reducing hair loss, and encouraging hair growth. Massages begin at only \$40 per session. Call +1 (309) 575-4759 to make an appointment. Lihua's Randolph Street Spa hours are 7 days per week 9am - 8:30pm.



Corbin/Olson Commons: Cooling Centers

MACOMB- Due to the extreme summer temperatures and high humidity that will affect the region this week, two Western Illinois University's residence halls are designated as cooling centers for area residents.

Corbin and Olson commons will be open from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. for anyone in need of a place to cool off. Drinking water refilling stations are located on the first floors of Corbin and Olson halls.

The University Union is open from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday. A drinking water refilling station is located near the University Union Bookstore entrance and on the first floor near the Office of Student Engagement. Vending machines are available in the lower level. The Union is closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

By: University Communications



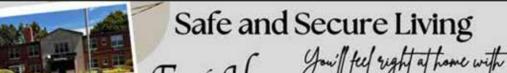
Read in Friday's Community News Brief

- Wilson's Dog Training Plans Expansion to Macomb
- National Night Out



Money will be donated back to athletic programs

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POLICE REPORTS

Devin Mesick, age 36, of Macomb, McDonough County Body Attachment War-

Joshlyn C, Lomax, age 24, of Macomb, Careless Driving (Cell Phone)

Erica D, Todd, age 51, of Macomb, Careless Driving (Cell Phone)

Nathan R, Hoke, age 39, of Colchester, Careless Driving (Cell Phone)

Megan M, Dochtherman, age 19, of Carthage, Misrepresentation of age by a minor/ poss of False ID, Entry age Liquor Establishment, Purchase, Acceptance, Possession, Consumption Alcohol

7/22

Cole, Mitchell, age 25, of Peoria, Domestic Battery, Criminal Damage to Property LT \$500 Maria Lynn, Dalledfeld, age 39, of Macomb, **Domestic Battery**

Derek Edward, Payne, age 33, of Bushnell, Aggravated Battery/Great Bodily Harm

TODAY'S JOKES

Q: What's brown, hairy and wears sunglasses? A: A coconut on vacation!

> Q: What is a cars favorite superhero? A: Super Van!



IS LIVE



Calvin C, Chavez, age 24, of Macomb, Equipment on Bicycles

Tyreanna A, Davis, age 26, of Macomb, Fighting

Kailea D, Hay, age 27, of Macomb, Fighting

Natalia Jones, age 29, of Macomb, McDonough County Warrant

Jason Hicks, age 49, of Macomb, McDonough County Body Attachment War-

WIU OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY

On July 26 at 5:50 a.m. OPS and the Macomb Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at the Beu Health Center. No smoke or fire were found and no injuries were reported.

On July 27 at 3:14 p.m. OPS and the Macomb Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at the Beu Health Center. No smoke or fire were found and no injuries were reported.



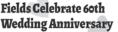
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Attorney for Terrell Miller's Family Holds Press Conference

Keianna Miller's attorney Marleen Suarez told a crowd of about 50 gathered for a press conference Monday afternoon that her office intends to file a federal lawsuit within the next week for the officer-involved shooting that killed four-year-old Terrell Miller of Macomb March 16. MPD Chief Ieff Hamer also released redacted body cam footage. An in-depth story will appear in Friday's issue of The Community News Brief.





Jean Ella Muir from Charlotte, MI and Donald Eugene Fields from Bucklin, KS were married Aug. 14, 1964 in Charlotte, MI. They will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary with a

reception to be held on Saturday, Aug. 10, 2024 at the Maple Avenue Christian Church atrium from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The church is located at 1300 Maple

Avenue in Macomb. Acquaintances are invited to greet them there. They request no gifts please.





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DEATH NOTICES

Peggy Thompson

74 of Macomb formerly of Prairie City,

Peggy Thompson, 74 of Macomb formerly of Prairie City, passed away at 9:00 am Tuesday July 30, 2024 at the Elms Nursing Home in Macomb.

Graveside services will be held at 11:30 am on Monday August 5, 2024 at the Prairie City Cemetery with Rev. Bob Miller officiating. Memorial contributions are suggested to the MDH Hospice program or to the Elms Nursing Home. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com

Patricia Rash

78, of Plymouth

Patricia Ann "Pat" Rash, 78, of Plymouth, IL passed away at 1:39 pm Thursday July 25, 2024 in the Golden Good Shepherd Home in Golden, Illinois.

Graveside services was held on Monday, July 29, 2024 at St. Mary's cemetery near Plymouth, by Pastor Mark Gilliland.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Golden Good Shepherd Home.

The Hamilton Funeral Home in Augusta, IL is handling arrangements.

James (Jim) White

James (Jim) White, 76, passed away Saturday July 27, 2024 at Countryview Care Center in Macomb, IL.

A visitation was held at Hamilton Funeral Home in Augusta, IL on Tuesday July 30, 2024. Burial was at Woodlawn Cemetery following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Woodlawn Cemetery Association.

The Hamilton Funeral Home in Augusta, IL is handling arrangements.

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 the obituary.



Mark Alan Aten

66, of Oxford, MS

Mark Alan Aten 66 years old of Oxford, MS passed away comfortably in his home on Friday, July 12, 2024 after a year of battling various health issues.

Everyone who knew Mark understands his naturally pleasant, yet quiet nature was not one to have requested funeral services. Memorials may be made in his honor to Arden Hospice of Oxford, MS. Special memories are heartedly welcome to be shared with Luan anytime via her home address or privately on social media.

David Dale Chambers

89. of Macomb

David Dale Chambers, 89, of Macomb, passed away on Saturday, June 15, 2024 at his residence.

Cremation rites have been accorded through Oaks-Hines Funeral Home and Crematory in Canton. Burial of his ashes along with his wife will be held at the Greenwood Cemetery in Canton on Friday, August 9, 2024 at 10 am with military rites. The family would like to invite everyone to Joe's Place in Canton following the service. Memorials may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation.

To leave online condolences please visit oakshinesfuneralhome.com

J. Maxine Hilton

95, of LaHarpe

J. Maxine Hilton, 95, of LaHarpe, passed away at 8:10 a.m. Friday, July 26, 2024 at The Addington Place of Burlington, IA.

Friends may call after 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, 2024 at the LaHarpe Christian Church where the family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. The funeral service will be held at 11a.m. Friday, Aug. 2, 2024 at the Terre Haute Community Church with Rev. Lee Unger officiating. A luncheon will follow at the church. Private family burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Macomb.

Banks & Beals Funeral Home of LaHarpe is assisting the family. A memorial fund has been established for the Terre Haute Community Church. To leave an online condolence for the family, visit Maxine's obituary at banksandbeals. com.

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Denise L. Bollinger

of Rushville

Denise L. Bollinger, of Rushville, IL, passed away at 7:53 pm on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorials may be made to the Schuyler County Humane Society.

To leave online condolences please visit http://shawgomemorialhome.com/

Shana Lynn Heap

54, of Macomb

Shana Lynn Heap, 54, of Macomb passed away at 4:35 p.m. Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at her home surrounded by her family.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life was held at the Macomb Elks Club in Macomb on Sunday, July 28, 2024.

In lieu of flowers the family would like you to consider that memorials be made to her young children and her final expenses.

Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb is in charge of arrangements. You may leave condolences and sign the guest online at clugston-tibbitts.com.

Katherine E. Keeffer

76, of Macomb

Katherine E. Keeffer, 76, of Macomb, passed away at 8:08 PM Monday July 22, 2024 at the Elms Nursing Home in Macomb.

Cremation has been accorded. There will be no services.

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

Mary Anne Ruth (Gill)

91, of LaHarpe

Mary Anne Ruth (Gill), aged 91, passed away on July 22, 2024, in Fort Myers, FL.

A graveside service will be held at a later date. The family suggests that contributions in memory of Mary Anne be made to the Union Church in La Harpe.

The arrangements are being handled by Banks and Beals Funeral Home, La Harpe.

See additional Death Notices on page 6

PUBLIC NOTICE

Disabled Veterans Homestead Exemption: has expanded the exemption to include veterans of World War II, regardless of their level of disability. These veterans would

receive a 100% reduction in their residential property's assessed value and would not be required to reapply for the exemption each year.

The exemption also expands the Disabled Veteran's Homestead Exemption to remove the requirement of the discharge

Please contact the McDonough County Supervisor of Assessments Office for more information regarding these changes.

Phone: (309)833-5305

Email: DeborahC@assessor.mcdonough.il.us

Deborah Cousins Supervisor of Assessments Office

Community Calendar

Blandinsville SATURDAYS

Story Hour and Crafts

Saturdays at The Blandinsville-Hire Library at 10 AM. Snacks will be available. Check out the many new kids and young adult books. Spend some time at the library and take a book home to read!

SUNDAY, AUG. 4 First Christian Church 175th Anniversary

with services beginning at 9:30 am. There will be special music, a choir, pictures and a memory booklet, and a catered meal following services. Please join us for services and a meal. We want to gather at least 175 family and friends to help us celebrate!

Bushnell

THURSDAY, AUG. 1 BPCE Information Night/Open House

from 6-7pm at Bushnell Prairie City Elementary - a chance to families to learn about all things B-PCE including registration, Parents communication app, arrival/drop off procedures and much more!

SATURDAY, AUG. 3 Bushnell VFW Breakfast

from 7 -10:a.m at the Post 1422 Hall, 181 E. Hail. Providing on-site, takeout, and curb service - for takeout & curb service call 3093339919. Menu includes biscuits and gravy, sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes and French Toast. Please help us to recognize and honor our veterans and enjoy a hearty breakfast. Proceeds go towards the Honor Flight fund - sending local veterans to Washington, DC



Stop by Tellers at 408 E Main St., Bushnell on Friday, Aug. 2 from 5-8:30PM

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AUG. 21-24

Town & Country Fall Festival

Live entertainment in the park, Arts and Craft Show, Pie & cake auction & much more! The Parade will be held on Thursday. Boden Amusements will provide carnival food and rides.

FRIDAY, AUG. 23 Bushnell Class of 1969 Reunion

at the Bushnell VFW. Doors open at 5:30, please bring snack or appetizer, but if you can't there will be plenty. Come and enjoy a night of fellowship and memories. Hope to see you there!

Colchester

SATURDAY, AUG. 10

Prairieland Conservancy Tour

Conservation Tour-Cindy Owsley Prairie & Wetland Tour in Colchester from 9-11am. For questions or driving instructions email Cindy Owsley at owsely1953@yahoo.com

Macomb

EVERY TUESDAY

Al-Anon meeting

AlAnon will meet at 3 pm on Tuesdays at the University Baptist Mission house 309 North Sherman. AlAnon is a 12 step meeting for family and friends of alcoholics and drug addiction.

EVERY WEDNESDAY Weekly Bible School

Held every Wednesday from 7-8pm at Victory Baptist of Macomb. This is for ages 4 through adult. REFLECT youth group meets each Wednesday from 6-8. Location: 10460 N.1200th Road in Macomb.

THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS Macomb Farmers Market

The Macomb Farmers Market will be along the Lafayette & Carroll sides of Chandler Park this Thursday, August 1 & Saturday, August 3, from 8 a.m. to Noon, with fresh, locally grown produce; locally raised beef, pork, lamb, & chicken; breads, pies, cookies, & other baked goods; grilled cheese sandwiches, brats, flavored popcorn, & soft drinks; honey & syrup; live plants & fresh flowers; & hand-crafted goods of all sorts.

FRIDAY, AUG. 2 Wesley Village Ice Cream Social

6-8pm at 1200 E. Grant St. Featuring a kids zone with bouncy houses, face painting & photo ops. Different flavors of ice cream & pies and a pie auction. Live entertainment by King Graffiti Band. Admission \$10/adults & \$5 for kids 12 & under

SATURDAY, AUG. 3 Back to School Bash

10am-noon at Macomb Assembly, 112 Robin Rd., Macomb. Free backpacks, school supplies, lunch, games and prizes. While supplies last - child must be present

Macomb Library Knitting Club

Meets on the first 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.

TUESDAY, AUG. 6 2nd Annual National Night Out

Get involved in Macomb's National Night Out campaign to promote police-community partnerships by attending this community-building event from 5-7pm at the Macomb Police Department, 120 S. McArthur St.

FRIDAY, AUG, 9

Youth for Christ Ice Cream Social

Free ice cream with every donation, served from 6 to 9 pm. at the YFC Building, 1224 Maple Ave., Macomb, (First come, first serve!) Indoor or outdoor seating available. Come enjoy a cold treat, warm fellowship, and some delightful music provided by local artist Aaron Lee! All are welcome! All proceeds benefit Macomb youth program. Ice Cream provided by The Full Scoop of Colchester.

WIU Women's Football Clinic

at Western Hall & Hanson Field on August 9 from 5:30-7:30pm. Single ticket \$20/2 for \$40.

SATURDAY, AUG. 10

3 on 3 No Take Backs Tournament

on the Downtown Square-rain location will be the YMCA. No take backs, no checking the ball... it's full on once the ball is live! 4 players per team, boys and girls division. Grades 1-2; 3-4; 5-6; 7-8; 9-10; 11-12.

FRIDAY, AUG. 23 Prairieland Conservancy Tour

-Alice Henry & Prairieland Conservancy Thistle Hills Tour from 4:30-6:30pm. For questions or driving instructions email Cindy Owsley at owsely1953@yahoo.com

Table Grove SATURDAY, AUG. 3

TGFD Summer Jamboree

Bags tournament - Sign up by 3:30pm, bags fly at 4pm. Pre-register online at Scoreholio. \$10 buy in and a 70% buy out. Live music by Late Start at 6 & Captain Geech at 8

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The Cafe

Wednesday, July 31 JT Doubet will take the stage from 5:30-7:30pm

Chandler Park-Summer Concert Series

We are happy to announce that this year, we are keeping the tunes going all summer long, thanks to our partnership with the Western Illinois Museum which will be hosting us during afternoons when there is inclement weather. On July 31 we will have Bluegrass Ensemble. Plan to stop by Wednesdays at noon and enjoy music from local musicians!

Downtown Macomb-Park N Cruise

Join us for Park N' Cruise in Chandler Park from 5-8pm this Friday, August 3rd for classic cars, food and music by American Pie.

TGFD Summer Jamboree

Table Grove Fire and Rescue invites everyone out the Table Grove this Saturday for live music by Late Start at 6pm & Captain Geech at 8pm

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DEATH NOTICES

Pamela S. Rittenhouse

72, of Industry

Pamela S. Rittenhouse, 72, of Industry, passed away Monday July 22, 2024 in Cass County, Illinois.

Funeral services will be at 11 AM Monday July 29, 2024 at the Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home, where visitation will be Sunday July 28, from 2-4 PM. Pastor Jim Eddy will officiate. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Honor Flight Program. Please sign guestbook or leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com

James "Jim" Paul Simpson 82, recently of Jane, MO

James "Jim" Paul Simpson, 82, recently of Jane, MO and formerly of Gravette, AR passed away on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, MO.

Cremation Rites have been accorded. Graveside services will be 10:00 A.M. Monday, July 29, 2024. at Pennington Point Cemetery, with Rev. Patsy Spratt. Jones Mortuary in Colchester is handling arrangements for the family.

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

Terry A. Schindel

77, of Macomb

Terry A. Schindel, 77, of Macomb passed away at 2 a.m. Monday, July 22, 2024 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m.. Friday, August 2, 2024 at Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb with Pastor A. Lee Unger officiating. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, August 1, 2024 at the funeral home. Full military rites will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, August 2, 2024 at the funeral home by the Macomb American Legion and Macomb VFW.

Memorials may be made to the HSMC New Animal Shelter.

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Those interested in improving balance, flexibility, and strength as

well as anyone who has fallen in the past or is concerned about falls should consider registering. Class size is limited and participants are encouraged to attend all classes!

Class will be held at the YMCA of McDonough County Senior Center on Tuesday/Thursdays from 9-11am, August 27 through September 19. This program is made possible through the Illinois Extension, YMCA of McDonough County Senior Center and WIAAA. Matter of Balance is available for those 60 and older living in Illinois. Pre-registration is required and those interested can call the YMCA Senior Center at 309-837-5733.











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Termite Troubles: Three Tips for Preventing Infestations

MACOMB - Finding interesting insects is fun! At least for me. I enjoy observing the intricacies of most insects. However, there are a few creepy crawlies I do not want to see, especially in my house. What insect has been on my "Most Un-Wanted" list? Termites.

When we bought our house a few years ago we were told there was termite damage, but the termites had been eliminated. My wife and I decided we could deal with a little termite damage and moved into our new house. Well, it was a bit more than "a little" damage. Pretty much every portion of the house except the roof, had seen some form of termite damage. It has been a slow process of removing 2x4s that are more tunnels than wood, but we are back to

solid walls again.

Fortunately, the termites have not made a reappearance, but I am constantly scouting. Checking and rechecking along the basement walls and piping coming out of the foundation where the termites previously made their way into our house.

But what can we do to keep termites out of the house? There are insecticide options, which will vary based on the company. I recommend reaching out to a few different exterminators to get separate quotes. Verify information using university-based websites. In addition to chemicals, there are options homeowners can

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Termites

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take to actively prevent termites from accessing a home. The following are some ani-termite tips.

Caulk and seal cracks in the foundation. As I mentioned, termites gained access to our house via plumbing pipes. In two locations of our foundation, drainpipes had developed a small gap between the PVC pipe and the concrete. The termites constructed their mud tubes along this gap into the walls of our home. Termites need constant moisture, so dark, wet areas will be ideal for their route into your home. Cracks in foundation walls are another common entry point and may extend from the top to the bottom of a foundation. For homes with a basement that may be ten feet or more down and would require a lot of digging to seal! I recommend contacting a foundation repair company.

Maintain a bare area around your home's foundation. Retired Illinois Extension entomologist Phil Nixon would often suggest a 12 to 18-inch bare dirt area surrounding the foundation is the best defense against most insects looking at your house for shelter, including termites. This is where having a deeper overhang or eave is useful as it diverts rainfall away from the base of the foundation minimizing rain splash and keeping that area dry. Additionally, having exposed concrete where the foundation meets the soil also helps to monitor termite activity. Remember termites need moisture and will build mud tubes to travel and create a microenvironment with high humidity. Scout along the exposed concrete of your foundation wall for termite mud tubes.

Watch for termite swarms. Yes, the everyday subterranean termite in Illinois needs higher humidity and will avoid exposure to open air at all costs. However, large colonies will often produce winged termites that can fly and create new colonies elsewhere. While this is common to see in the spring, termite swarms can happen during most warm months of the year in Illinois. Ants will also produce winged ants and swarm, creating confusion for homeowners who think they have found termites. It is important to properly identify

whether you have swarming ants or swarming termites. Reach out to your local Extension for help. Often a physical specimen is needed to observe with a hand lens or microscope.

While these three tips are not a guarantee for a termite-free house, they are all useful steps in your larger termite defense. As someone who

has had to deal with the effects of termites, the most important thing we can do is to routinely scout for termite signs inside and outside our home

Good Growing Tip of the Week: Install access panels in walls to monitor areas that are at elevated risk for termite invasion or have had termites in the past.



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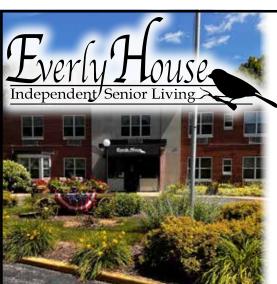
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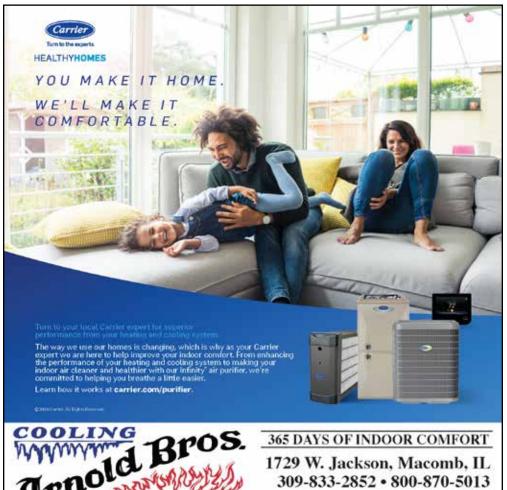
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By Lucie Winborne

- * In some Inuit (Eskimo) languages, a noun can have over 1,000 forms.
- * Oxford University once had rules forbidding students from bringing bows and arrows to class.
- * King Mithridates VI of Pontus took small doses of poison throughout his life to develop a resistance in case an attempt was made to kill him. He built up such a strong immunity that when he attempted suicide to escape capture by the Romans, the poison had no effect and he had to order a slave to dispatch him with a sword.
- * Isaac Asimov's first bestseller was his 262nd published book.
- * The record for spinning a basketball on a toothbrush is 1 minute and 8.15 seconds. (No, we never thought of spinning a basketball on a toothbrush, either.)
- * Velociraptor noises in the film "Jurassic Park" were made by mating tortoises.
- * In 1984, a Chihuahua named Percy was seemingly killed by a car while accompanying his owner, Christine, on a visit to her parents. Christine's father buried the dog in his garden, but a terrier named Mick, who belonged to her parents, dug up the grave, dragged Percy to the house, and licked him until a faint heartbeat could be detected. While Percy recovered, it's worth noting that the two dogs had always hated each other, and continued to do so after Percy's rescue!
- * Historically, on Father's Day, more collect calls were made than on any other day of the year.
- * China has more people who have learned English than the United States.
- * In ancient Egypt, slaves were murdered to accompany their deceased owners to the afterlife.

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