

FREE Midweek Brief

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ISP Preliminary Info on Officer Involved Shooting

MACOMB – The Illinois State Police (ISP) continues its investigation into a Macomb Police Officer involved shooting that occurred March 16, 2024 at approximately 10 p.m. when officers responded to a call of an active domestic disturbance in the 900 block of N. Charles St., Macomb. The Macomb Police Department requested ISP investigate the incident.

After reviewing body worn camera video, evidence, witness interviews, and autopsy reports, preliminary investigative findings indicate officers encountered the subject with a knife. The subject then ducked out of view of officers and emerged holding a 4-year-old child in front of his body while holding a knife around the child's throat and another around

the waist. Evidence shows an officer fired one shot from his firearm and both the subject and the child suffered fatal gunshot injuries. According to the McDonough County Coroner, the adult subject is 57-year-old Anthony T. George. Per the coroner's policy, juveniles' names are not released.

ISP has met with the families of both the child and the subject. Once its investigation is final, ISP will provide all investigative reports and evidence to the McDonough County State's Attorney's Office.

The investigation is ongoing and no additional information is available at this time. The Community News Brief is following this story and will have more information as it becomes available.

Declare WIU: WIU Admissions to Send Yard Signs to Local High School Seniors in Macomb Area

MACOMB - Do you declare WIU? Western Illinois University Undergraduate Admissions will be mailing yard signs to high school seniors who have been admitted to WIU in the local area.

"We want students who are coming to Western to proudly represent their future college," WIU Undergraduate Admissions Director Doug Freed said. "WIU wants to support local students and provide them with a visible way to declare their Leatherneck pride."

Students have been receiving the signs over the past week. Students who display the yard sign and post it to WIU social media platforms will receive a swag kit in the mail.



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- Red Brick School Embodies Community
- Local Real Estate Transactions
- Local High School Sports Updates

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MACOMB AREA CRIME STOPPERS

POLICE REPORTS

MCDONOUGH COUNTY SHERIFF

3/12

James David Maloney, 41, Bushnell, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia

Casey Joann Peltier, 34, Marietta, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of Methamphetamine, obstructing justice

Eason Fredrick Bishop, 38, Macomb, was charged with possession of Methamphetamine with intent to deliver 400 to 900 grams, possession of Methamphetamine 400 to 900 grams, possession of Cannabis with intent to deliver 500 to 2000 grams

Lacy Diane Snowden, 38, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

MACOMB POLICE DEPARTMENT

3/13

Steven L. Bradford, 66, Good Hope, was charged with careless driving, operating an uninsured motor vehicle

Ricky L. Milleson, 67, Smithfield, was charged with careless driving

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MELLIE

This Gorgeous, Sassy Lady
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TODAY'S JOKES

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 A: It lost all its petals!

Q: Why are oak trees forgiving by nature?
 A: Every spring, they get to turn over a new-leaf!

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Death Notices

Donald William Coop

59, of Prairie City

Donald William Coop, 59, of Prairie City, originally of New York, passed away on the morning of Friday, March 8, 2024 at OSF Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.

Per his wishes, cremation rites have been accorded. Donations toward his final expenses can be made to Sedgwick Funeral Homes and Crematory of Canton, Illinois. A celebration of life for family and friends will take place at the Prairie City Community Center on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 11 am.

Ernest "Swig" Claire Horton

93, of Avon

Ernest Claire "Swig" Horton, 93, of Avon, passed away March 11, 2024 at his residence.

Cremation rites have been accorded by Oaks-Hines Funeral Home and Crematory in Canton. Services were held Saturday, March 16, 2024 at University Baptist Church at 315 North Sherman in Macomb. The Rev. David Hamilton officiated. Memorials can be made to his Church, Avon Public Library or McDonough County Animal Shelter. To leave online condolences, please visit www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

Keith Alan Lawson

62, Carthage

Keith Alan Lawson passed away March 10, 2024, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy with his brother-in-law by his side.

A graveside service will be held at Moss Ridge Cemetery in Carthage at 1 p.m., July 6th, Keith's birthday. Printy Funeral Home is handling arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family for Keith's medical expenses.

Mary "Rosie" Markham

99, of Bushnell

Mary "Rosie" Markham, 99, of Bushnell, Illinois passed away peacefully at 9:29 pm on Tuesday March 12, 2024, at Courtyard Estates of Bushnell surrounded by family.

Cremation Rites have been accorded by Martin-Hollis Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life will be held Friday April 5, 2024 from 5:00 to 7:30 PM at the Bushnell VFW Post 1422. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the Bushnell Rescue Squad. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinholllisfh.com

Janice Mae Osborn

84, of Macomb

Janice Mae Osborn, 84, of Macomb, passed away at 11:16 AM Thursday March 14, 2024 at the Elms Nursing Home in Macomb.

Services will be 11:00 AM Wednesday March 20, 2024 at the Macomb Assembly of God Church, where visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Pastor Mike Williams will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Macomb Assembly of God Church. Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign guestbook or leave condolences to www.dodsworthfh.com.

Onnalee Eskridge

93, of Macomb

Onnalee Eskridge, 93, of Macomb, formerly of Industry passed away at 9:57 a.m. Friday, March 15, 2024 at Macomb Post Acute Care in Macomb.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 21, 2024 at Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb with Pastor Randy Burwell officiating. Visitation will be held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, March 21, 2024 at the funeral home. Burial will be in Industry Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Industry Fire and Rescue Squad, Transitions Hospice or the Industry United Methodist Church Scholarship Fund. You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at clugston-tibbitts.com.

David W. Ogle

95, of Macomb formerly of Bushnell

David W. Ogle, 95, of Macomb formerly of Bushnell passed away Saturday, March 16, 2024, at the Elms.

Graveside services were held on Tuesday March 19, 2024 at the Bushnell Township Cemetery with Rev. Dr. Rene Whitaker officiating.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the McDonough District Hospital Hospice Program or to the Elms Activity Fund. Martin-Hollis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinholllisfh.com.

Patricia S. Smith

94, of Macomb

Patricia S. Smith, 94, of Macomb, passed away at 7:10 PM Saturday March 16, 2024 at Lamoine Assisted Living and Memory Care in Macomb.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Visitation will be at 10 AM Monday March 25, 2024 at the Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home. The memorial service will be at 11 AM where Rev. Dr. Rene Whitaker will officiate. Burial of ashes will be in Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church 400 E Carroll, Macomb, IL 61455. Please sign guestbook or leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

Debra A. Mansir

70, of St. Charles, Mo. (formerly of Macomb)

Debra A. Mansir age 70 of St. Charles, Mo., passed away Monday, January 29, 2024, at Delmar Gardens of O'Fallen, Mo.

Private graveside services will be held, 11:00 A.M. Thursday, March 28, 2024, at Good Hope Cemetery, Good Hope, IL. with Pastor Larry Rickard. Friends may sign the register book at the Jones Mortuary from 8:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Wednesday, March 27, 2024. Jones Mortuary in Colchester is handling arrangements.

Memorials may be made to McDonough County Animal Shelter or Donors choice. Condolences and memories can be expressed to the family at jonesmortuaryfh.com.

See additional Death Notices on page 6

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

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Community Calendar

Blandinsville

WEDNESDAYS

Christian Church Youth Program

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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

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

Bushnell Lenten Lunch

12 noon at the Community Christian Center.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

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.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26TH

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.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

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.

Colchester

EVERY MONDAY

Colchester Library Story Hour

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

Industry

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Pork Chop Fundraiser

Industry Pork Chop Fundraiser for Industry Pinhook Days on March 23 from 5-7pm. This is a drive-thru fundraiser and pickup at Industry Fire Department. Tickets must be purchased in advance at State Bank of Industry, Netty Parkers or any board member. Cost is \$12 each and includes pork chop sandwich, green beans, mashed potatoes and dessert.

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/>.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD

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.

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The Cafe

We will have Timothy Smith playing for us on Wednesday, March 20 from 5:30-7:30pm. Stop by for some cold drinks and great music! On Wednesday, March 27 we have Megan Maroney playing for us from 5:30-7:30pm.

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.

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.

Forgottonia Brewing

Get ready to shamrock and roll at our St. Patty's Celebration on Saturday, March 23, 2024 from Noon to 11 pm! Feast on delicious grub from Feeding Forgottonia from noon to 9 pm. Dive into the festive atmosphere with tons of green decorations and good vibes all around! Live fiddle & guitar music by the talented John Lane starts at 7 pm. So grab a pint and get ready to jig the night away!

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.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Farmer's Market Meeting

at 6:00 p.m. at the Macomb City Hall for ANYONE who is interested in becoming a vendor. Whether you were a vendor 5 years ago, last year or never been a vendor, this meeting is for YOU. We look forward to meeting everyone!

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.

Pie in the Sky After-Prom Fundraiser

at the Macomb High School Commons on March 27, 2024 from 5:30 - 8 PM. Come buy a pie for \$15! Would you like to donate a pie? Contact: karen-mtrusley@gmail.com.



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Easter Fun Finder

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Saturday, March 23

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GOOD HOPE

Good Hope Church and Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Good Hope Park on **Wednesday, March 27th** at 5 pm. There will be 4 divisions - 0 - 6th Grade.

BLANDINSVILLE

The annual Blandinsville Easter Egg Hunt will take place in the Blandinsville-Hire Park on **Saturday, March 30, 2024**. Activities will be offered from 12:30 to 2:00 pm with the egg hunt at 1:00 pm. There will be water and popcorn served free to kids and adults, and a coffee wagon will be on site. Activities will include a bouncy house and obstacle course for pre-school through 5th graders, games, face painting, small petting animals, a visit from the Easter bunny, and the Easter egg hunt. In case of inclement weather, activities will be moved into the fire house. This event is organized by the Blandinsville First Christian Church with help from community organizations, businesses, and individuals. Please come and enjoy the fun!

BUSHNELL

Mon., March 18 - Sat., March 23

Easter Around-town Scavenger Hunt March 18-March 23. Pick up a playing card at one of the participating businesses (visit the Bushnell Park District Facebook page for full listing of participating businesses). The goal is to collect stickers from as many businesses as you can. If you collect 15 + stickers, and bring your card to the Bushnell Park District annual Easter egg hunt, your name will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a prize from local businesses. This could be completed as a family or on your own.

Saturday, March 23

Rosemary & Rust, 135 E. Hurst, St., Bushnell will have Breakfast with the Easter Bunny from 9-11am.

Saturday, March 23

Bushnell Park District and Bushnell Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt at the Baseball diamonds on Saturday, March 23 at 2pm. There will be an Easter Egg hunt, age group prize/basket raffle, scavenger hunt drawing and more! Rain date will be March 30 at 2pm.

Wednesday March, 27

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spring '24

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Death Notices

Patricia Ann Huston

82, of Macomb

Patricia Ann Huston, 82, of Macomb, passed away at 11:30 PM Monday March 11, 2024 at the Lamoine Retirement Center in Macomb, IL.

Graveside Services were held Monday March 18, 2024 at Oakwood Cemetery. Elder Allen Henderson officiated.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the McDonough County Animal Shelter. Please sign guestbook or leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com

William "Scot" Johnson

60, Moline

William "Scot" Johnson, 60, of Moline, Illinois, passed away peacefully on March 12th, 2024, at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 16th, at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Rock Island. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery, Moline.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the CJD Foundation or to St. George Greek Orthodox Church in his honor.

Richard L Garlick

89, of Plymouth

Richard L. Garlick, 89, of Plymouth, IL died at 4:10 am Monday March 11, 2024 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, IL.

Graveside services were held Friday, March 15, 2024 at Rosemont cemetery in Plymouth, IL. Burial with Military rites were in Rosemont cemetery in Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the Plymouth American Legion.

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

Jeanette Whitney

90, of Galesburg

Jeanette Whitney, 90, of Galesburg, formerly of Industry passed away at 5:10 a.m. Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at Marigold Rehab and Health Care Center in Galesburg.

Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be no services.

Memorials may be made to Vitas Service-Hospice in Peoria.

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United Methodist Church, 390 North Crafford Street, Bushnell, Wednesday March 27 from 2:30-4:00 PM. Children grades K-5th grade are invited to participate in an event titled "Easter--It's not just about the bunny, It's all about the LAMB!" Children will do crafts, watch a video, and have a snack, all designed to explain the Christian meaning of Easter. This event is under the direction of Christian women of Bushnell area churches. There is no charge to attend. Pre-registration is preferred by March 22 so adequate supplies are available. Registration papers are available at the various churches, Bushnell-PC Elementary School, and Axline Pharmacy. Also a message can be left at 309-772-9407, the Methodist Church office. Please leave a contact number and name. Parents and guardians are invited to attend with their children.

Saturday, March 30

Come and have Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at the Bushnell VFW from 7-10am. Breakfast

includes biscuits & gravy, sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes and French toast. You can eat in, takeout or stay in the car and we can bring out. For takeout and curb service call 309-333-9919.

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Saturday, March 30

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Saturday, March 23

YMCA Easter Eggstravaganza at 2:30pm. Activities include egg hunt (crawling-12 years), goodie bags, prizes and the Easter Bunny! For more information contact the YMCA at 309-833-2129. Parents/guardians must be present with children at all times. Participants will need to sign a waiver

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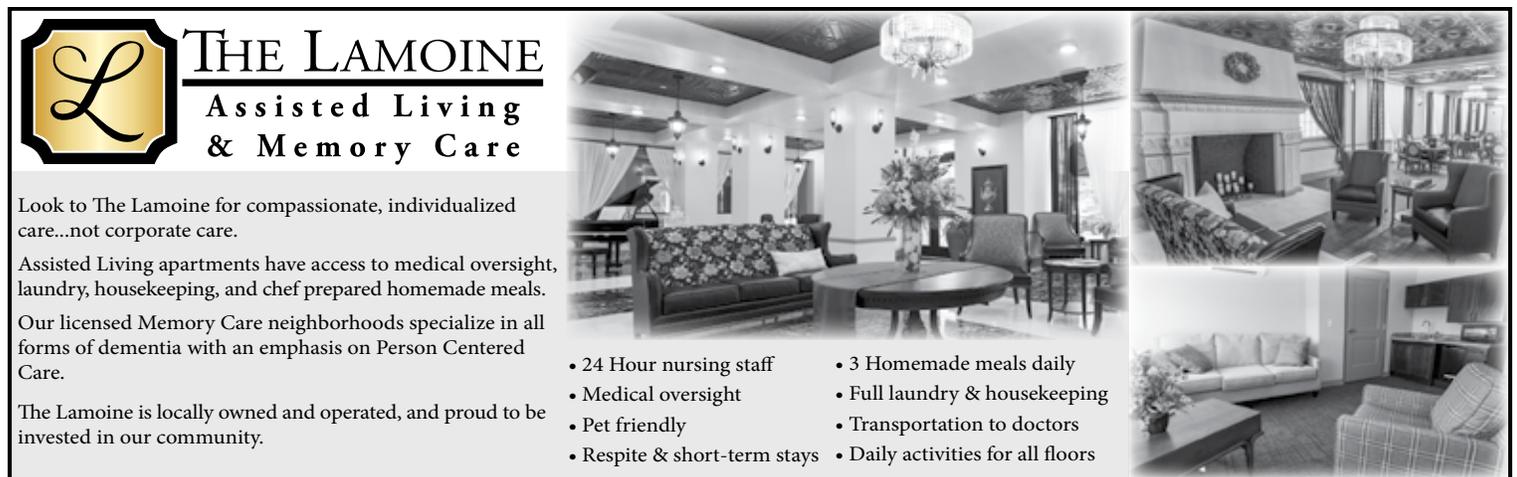
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Saturday, March 23

Macomb VFW Easter Egg Hunt will be held on the VFW Post lawn on Saturday, March 23 at 11am for children ages walking to 10 years. Children must be accompanied by a parent. Free to all who want to participate. Bring your own basket to gather eggs. Congregate at West Banquet Room Door. See you there!

Friday, March 29

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By Lucie Winborne

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* A piano's frame is made of iron.

* Though T-shirts have existed since the late 1800s, the plain white version gained popularity as a wear-alone garment thanks to Marlon Brando's portrayal of Stanley Kowalski in the movie "A Streetcar Named Desire."

* One out of every seven American jobs is related to transportation.

* Some architectural structures, known as whispering galleries, have unique acoustics allowing a whisper at one end of the gallery to be heard clearly at the other end, due to sound waves following the curved surfaces.

* The "United States Postal Service Anthem," a unique song composed by (appropriately) Jack Stamp, is an official musical salute to the USPS, its employees, and its role in American life.

* In some WWII POW camps, the Nazis would allow Allied soldiers to play board games like Monopoly, even providing the games. The British exploited this opportunity by using compasses, banknotes, and real-world maps in place of standard boards and pieces, as a means of helping prisoners to escape.

Thought for the Day: "If no one ever took risks, Michelangelo would have painted the Sistine floor." -- Neil Simon

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