

FREE Midweek Brief

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Bill Maakestad presents "Nashville's Greatest Storyteller: The Music of Tom T. Hall"

7 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at the Macomb Arts Center
Admission is free with a suggested donation of \$10



Macomb musician and philanthropist Bill Maakestad has researched and created this evening-length show as a benefit concert for the MAC. We are so grateful for Bill's support and hope you will join us!

"Tom T. Hall's songs tell me all I need to know about the character, the world he's in, and how he got there... I greatly admire him as a songwriter, singer, and a friend." -John Prine



WIU's Juried Student Exhibition Review

By Brie Coder

The Macomb Art Center has recently been featuring area Youth Art Exhibits, but halfway across town at the Western Illinois University Art Gallery, former elementary students have progressed in the art world through advanced studies in their education. While many are still in training, others are less than a week away from graduating in their caps and gowns and moving their art careers forward. They hope that their early experiences with crayons, paper, and learning to mix colors have evolved into award-winning artwork. Their pieces were in the hands of the

See Art Exhibit on page 7



WIU School of Music Presents Performances Continued through May 3



By University Communications

MACOMB, IL -- The Western Illinois University School of Music presents a series of performances from Monday, April 28, through Saturday, May 3 in the College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC) Recital Hall.

The schedule of upcoming events includes:

- Wednesday, April 30, 7:30 p.m. - Violin Studio Recital
This recital will feature students of Professor Julieta Mihai.

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4/20

Calvin J. Hughes Jr., 36, Oak Lawn, was charged with careless driving

Daniel A. Moncelli, 41, Macomb, was charged with possession of open alcohol in public

Aylah V. Hopson, 19, Irvington, was charged with careless driving

Jonathan W. Jones, 54, Macomb, was charged with careless driving (cell phone)

Craig T. McDaniels, 48, Macomb, was charged with fighting, disorderly conduct

Ezekiel M. Davis, 24, Macomb, was charged with standing in roadway

4/21

Devonte A. Lewis, 28, Macomb, was charged with forgery/make document/1 UPC, prohibited deposit/depositor

Katherine S. Gravitt, 17, Macomb, was charged with careless driving

Mikki J. Snowden, 48, Macomb, was charged with theft greater than \$300-10,000

Laynettie I Taylor Haney, 60, Macomb, was charged with disorderly conduct

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4/19

Melissa Diane Humphrey, 35, Industry, was charged with DUI/alcohol

Lyrice Lyna Martin, 21, Macomb, was charged with DUI/alcohol

Meagan Marlayna Cooper, 33, Macomb, was charged with DUI/alcohol

Zachary Leigh Schneidermorales, 22, Quincy, was charged with DUI/alcohol, resisting arrest

Lindsay Laine Anderson, 43, Bushnell, was charged with domestic battery

Charity Luv Setser, 36, Gladestone, was arrested on a foreign, body attachment warrant

Tabitha Raeleen Ford, 31, Prairie City, was charged with domestic battery

Angelina Porcia Murray, 18, Macomb, was charged with consumption of alcohol by a minor

4/20

Shawn Michael Dinero, 41, Bushnell, was charged with DUI/alcohol

Dirk Ryan Bacon, 54, Peoria, was charged with battery

Willie A. Jones, 22, Calumet City, was charged with failure to give information after striking unattended vehicle

Karen Elizabeth DeHaven, 46, Blandinsville, was charged with DUI/alcohol, criminal damage to property over \$300, resisting/obstructing a peace officer

4/21

Charles Corey Waters, 44, Macomb, was charged with battery

Torain Topaz Cleggette, 33, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Derrick Eugen Perrine, 42, Bushnell, was charged with driving with suspended license

Ty Brian Duax, 19, Ankeny, IA, was charged with reckless driving

Sierra Dawn Curths, 28, Alton, was arrested on a foreign warrant

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Q: What do you call an emergency in spring?

A: May Day!

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Thank you!

Thank you to the Bushnell-Prairie City School District for allowing the B-PC After Prom event to take over the school for the night – we had over 85 students attend! The event provided numerous activities for the kids to enjoy, including: casino tables, Knockerballs, inflatables, DJ/karaoke, hungry hippos, open gym, and raffles.

Thank you to our wonderful community who donated to make this event possible... your generosity never ceases to amaze us!

Thank you to Cole Street Coffee for donating \$1,800 in tips and to Jackson Street Pub for donating 20% of their sales for a day. Thank you to Bushnell Market for providing soda for the students. Thank you Domino's Pizza-Macomb for discounted pizzas for the evening – and to Jason & Kim Upton for picking them up and delivering. Thank you to Duck's Formal Wear for picking up tuxes on Sunday. And a big shoutout to Justin Hood, Brad Beekman, Ty Boden, John Lamm, Sam Huffman, Tug Reimolds, Matt Johnson, Kory Palm, Chris Draughan and Becca Howell for volunteering to work the dealer tables.

Thank you to following for their monetary or prize donation: Allen & Allen Rentals, Blout Farms, Boden Amusements, Billy's Furniture-Macomb, B-PC Booster Club, B-PC Yearbook, Bryan Jones Trucking, Bushnell Banking Center, Bushnell Family Dentistry, Bushnell Food Mart (BP), Bushnell Subway, Bushnell Truck Repair, Bushnell VFW, Bushnell Ladies Auxiliary, Community News Brief, Country Financial-Shelley Postin, Dr. Matt McClure, Dr. Nick Doll, David & Colleen Spangler, Don Swartzbaugh, Elbe Auto Sales, Elks Lodge, English Towing & Salvage, Eric & Sarah Stehl, Farmers & Merchants State Bank, From the Farm Creations, Hardees, Hiel Enterprises, Holland & Holland, Hoyle Law Office, JJ Klinedinst Construction, Ken & Kim Curtis, Kramer Farms, Ladner Orthodontics, M&B Furniture, Macomb VFW, Marshalltown Hammer, Martin Hollis Funeral Home, McDonough County Retired Teachers Association, McDonough District Hospital, Midwest Control Products, MTC Communications, Napier Roofing, Pella Corporation, PZ 41, Ramsey Financial, Riden Farm Supply, S&W Auto Repair, Slater Construction, Spangler Farms, Sports Corner, Test, Inc., The Fix Salon, Tom Conklin State Farm Insurance, United Community Bank, and WIU Fraternal Order of Police.

Thank you to ALL the junior & senior parents who provided food, drinks or helped in any way—especially those who volunteered and stayed the entire night at the school to make it a successful and safe night for all our students.

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Death Notices

Roselyn J. Chown

90, of Macomb

Roselyn J. Chown, 90, of Macomb, Illinois passed away peacefully at 4:16 AM Sunday Jan. 26, 2025 at Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria, IL.

Services will be 11 AM Thursday May 1, 2025 at the Frist Christian Church, where visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Rev. Kelly Ingersoll will officiate.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the First Christian Church, Chown-Himmel Special Education Scholarship, or the Mozelle-Davis Scholarship. Cremation has been accorded. Burial of ashes will be in Oakwood Cemetery at a later date.

Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign guestbook or leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

Velma M. Ferguson

90, of Marietta

Velma M. Ferguson, 90, of Marietta, passed away peacefully at 9:20 p.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at The Villas at Bushnell.

A Celebration of Life service was held on Monday, April 28, 2025, at Checkrow Community Church, with Pastor Brett Fisher and Rev. Earl Beal officiating. Burial was at the Bushnell Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Checkrow Community Church or Joy Baptist Church. Martin-Hollis Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.martinhollisfh.com.

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David "Squeak" Truman Gale

of Ipava

David "Squeak" Truman Gale, aka "Big Fish", of Ipava, IL, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, April 20th, 2025.

A service was held on Sunday, April 27, 2025 at Shawgo Memorial Home in Astoria, IL. Mike Ulmer officiated. Cremation rites were accorded after the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Fulton County Ambulance or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

View the full obituary and leave online condolences at shawgomemorialhome.com.

Karen J. Batterton

84, of London Mills

Karen J. Batterton, 84, of London Mills, passed away at 1:25 am on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at OSF St. Mary's Hospital in Galesburg.

Services were held on Friday, April 25, 2025 at Shawgo Memorial Home in Astoria. Don Ulm officiated. Interment was in the Woodland Cemetery in Astoria.

Memorials in Karen's name may be made to the London Mills Ambulance Service. View the full obituary and leave online condolences at shawgomemorialhome.com.

Mary Anne Johnson

78, of Tuscon, AZ, formerly of Raritan

Mary Anne Johnson, age 78, of Tuscon, Arizona, formerly of Raritan, Illinois, passed away Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at Cascades Of Tuscon.

The Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church near Raritan, with Fr. Tim Hepner as Celebrant. Burial will follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery. A Rosary will be recited at 4:30 p.m. Monday, followed by visitation with the family from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Stronghurst.

A memorial fund has been established for the Alzheimer's Association. Please visit Mary Anne's obituary at banksandbeals.com to leave a condolence.

Dorothy L. Wisslead

91, of LaHarpe

Dorothy L. Wisslead, age 91, of LaHarpe, passed away peacefully Thursday, April 24, 2025 at Oak Lane Nursing & Rehab in Stronghurst, IL.

Friends may call as they desire from 3:00 until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, May 3, 2025 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe. Private burial will be in the Raritan Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to LaMoine Christian Service Camp.

Please visit obituary at banksandbeals.com to leave a condolence.

Gordan David Turner

85, of Good Hope

Gordan David Turner, 85, of Good Hope, IL, died April 27, 2025.

Cremation rights have been accorded. There will be no services per his request.

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.

Beverly J. Waller

80, of Macomb

Beverly J. Waller, 80, of Macomb, Illinois, passed away Friday April 25, 2025 at the Wesley Village Healthcare Center in Macomb, Illinois.

Cremation has been accorded. Private family graveside burial of ashes will be held in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Charity of the donors choice.

Dodsworth-Piper Wallen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign guestbook or leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

Darrel Clinton Gillett

90, of LaHarpe

Darrel Clinton Gillett, 90, of LaHarpe, Illinois, passed away Sunday, April 27, 2025 at the Rushville Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Rushville, Illinois.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 2, 2025 at the LaHarpe Cemetery.

Banks & Beals Funeral Home of LaHarpe is assisting the family.

A memorial fund has been established for the LaHarpe Historical Society. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Darrel's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

See more Death Notices on page 5

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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EVERY THURSDAY

After-School Program

Blandinsville First Christian Church After-School Program every Thurs. for K-High School students from 4-5pm.

Bushnell

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Story Time for Young Learners

Every Wed. from 10:30-11:30 The Bushnell Public Library hosts Story time for young learners. We read, practice nursery rhymes/ finger plays, craft, have a snack and practice social skills.

Beginner Crochet Class

The Bushnell Public Library, 455 N Dean St., is hosting a Crochet class each Wednesday 12:45-1:45. Robyn Olson will be teaching the class. What to bring: Size H crochet hook and a large skein of yarn.

THURSDAY, MAY 1 - SATURDAY, MAY 3

May Play Days

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SATURDAY, MAY 3

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

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WIU Dance & Theatre Presents "Echoes of Dance, Voice Unbound" at 7pm at the Macomb Arts Center, Downtown

THURSDAY, MAY 1

Environmentally Concerned Citizens

meeting held in the Macomb City Hall Community Room at 7 pm. Everyone is invited to hear WIU Professor Dr. Jongnam Choi speak on the "Latest Science on Climate Change "

FRIDAY, MAY 2

The Camerata Nova Quintet performs

Western Illinois Museum Our Front Porch welcomes clarinetist Eric Ginsberg with the Camerata Nova Quintet on Friday, May 2. Doors/bar open at 4:30pm, music at 5:30pm.

SATURDAY, MAY 3

Macomb Farmers Market Opens for Season

from 8:00 a.m. to Noon in Chandler Park. Come join us for our 50th consecutive year of sharing locally grown produce, plants, & fresh flowers; local pasture-raised meat & eggs; ready-to-eat homemade baked goods, honey, flavored popcorn, breakfast sandwiches, & more; personal care products & hand-crafted goods made by local artisans; knife & blade sharpening; and so much more! Plus -- live music at 10 am by local music legend Dan Eilers!

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.

Macomb FOP #189 Blue Line Ball

at the Park Place in Macomb. Proceeds benefit Shop with a Cop, Collegiate Scholarships and the Scott Jennings Memorial Fishing Contest.

SUNDAY MAY 4TH

Legends & Lattes Book Club

at Sullivan Taylor Coffeehouse from 2-3pm. We will be reading Ahsoka by E.K. Johnston.



Sullivan Taylor Coffee House

Open Mic Nights are back at Sullivan Taylor. Anyone with musical talent is welcome to perform Tuesday nights from 5-8pm. Not performing? That's okay! Anyone is welcome to stop by and check out some music, do some homework, hang out with friends, or just grab a late night treat!

The Café

We have one of our favorites, Dan Eilers, playing on Wednesday, April 30 from 5:30-7:30pm. You don't wanna miss it!

American Legion

The Post 6 Big Band led by John Cooper plays from 7-9pm on Wednesday, April 30 in the American Legion Post 6, 221 E. Washington St., Macomb. No admission but there is a free-will offering during the show.

Chandler Park

Park N' Cruise is back for its 22nd season. Come out on May 2 for live music from M&S Light and Sound from 5-8pm, classic cars and a \$100 cash prize.

Our Front Porch Western Illinois Museum

We will have clarinetist Eric Ginsberg with the Camerata Nova Quintet on Friday, May 2. Doors and bar open at 4:30pm and music starts at 5:30pm.

The Forum

Cinco de My Oh My, do we have a great party planned for Cinco De Mayo at the Forum on Saturday, May 3. Bring your friends and make it a night to remember.

Submit live event info to: communitybrief@gmail.com

Graduation TIME

2025 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

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Our family will never be able to express our appreciation for all the love & support we received. Our heartfelt "Thanks" to all the people who sent flowers and cards, visited, prayed, made donations or sent food during this difficult time.

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Judy A. Walton

86, of Paloma, IL

Mrs. Judy A. Walton, 86, of Paloma, IL, passed away at 4:48 p.m. Monday (April 28, 2025) at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL.

Arrangements are pending at the Lummis Hamilton Funeral Home in Camp Point, IL.

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juror as part of this year's "Juried Student Exhibition," which showcases students fulfilling their childhood dreams—an inspiration for those at the Macomb Arts Center to pursue their own artistic aspirations later in life.

Having their work evaluated by Juror Tyanna Buie (Associate Professor/Graduate Program Director in Printmaking at the Rhode Island School of Design), students Brooke Baker, Madison Brewer, Jae Florence Corales, Ana Davis, Claire DeGraaf, Lily Dunsworth, Delaney Egan, Vanessa Ellis, Noah Epley, Leslie Eutsler, Carolyn Foster, Kendra Hallberg, Mary Hammond, Melaina Hawblitzel, Mallory Houk, Austin Lagesse, Maggie Long, Francesca Magalang, Bailey McKean, Alexis Miller, Kieara Morey, Kayla Smith, Jade Stone, Andrew Tomlinson, Keeara Virag, Ruby Warner, Kaeden Wiersma and Autumn Wilson, all waited with bated breath to see who Buie would pick as the top mentions and winners of this year.

Dunsworth's "Fleeting Harmony," crafted from stoneware, won this year's "Best of Show" category among 38 pieces. In the realm of art, subjectivity and objectivity often interact, but this piece embodies both. While I may be mistaken, the two clay characters evoked a profound sense of awe in me, reminiscent of Art Spiegelman's beautifully yet painfully depicted "Maus," which reflects a hope for a future filled with solidarity. Wilson should take immense pride in eliciting such deep emotions; after all, if you can't feel what you're seeing in art, you might be in the wrong venue.

There are many other marvelous pieces on display, including beautiful stoneware of cups and plates from Egan's "Dinner For One" and Epley's depiction of a rabbit and a duck, which will be more prominent now that warm weather is upon us. Additionally, there are other images that may appear simple at first glance but hold deeper meanings than what is framed. For example, Degraaf's "Rinse & Repeat" (serigraph) is an intriguing piece: the image is split in two, featuring a rainbow sweater hung up and, in the following image, back in the laundry basket waiting to be rewashed. Let's hope the colors don't fade!

As I said in my previous piece on the "Young Artists II" showcase at the MAC, young minds are manifesting and capturing their times in beautiful illustrations. They explore themes such as growing pains, the quest for self-identity, and their relationship with societal expectations. Everyone has a story to tell, and each time these personal expressions are shared, the art becomes even more tantalizing. As viewers, we are witnessing the rough drafts of their lives, eagerly anticipating the masterpieces they will eventually become.

The "Juried Student Exhibition" will remain on display until Saturday, May 3. The University Art Gallery (located at 1 University Circle in Macomb) is open from 9 a.m. to noon, then 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. Admission is free and open to the public. Some of these pieces are available to purchase upon request.



"Excursion"
Keeara Virag



"Dinner For One"
Delaney Egan



"Pretty Bones"
Kayla Smith



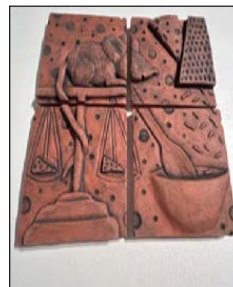
"Fox Pas"
Maggie Long



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- Thursday, May 1, 7:30 p.m. - WIU Student Chamber Music Gala
- Friday, May 2, 10 a.m. - School of Music New Student Celebration Faculty Performance
- *Friday, May 2, 7:30 p.m. - WIU Symphony Orchestra Concert
This concert will feature Professor and Director of Music Education Rich Cangro, conductor with guest soloist Eric Ginsberg, clarinet.
- Saturday, May 3 p.m. - WIU Steel Band 40th Anniversary Concert
This concert will feature Director of Percussion Studies Rick Kurasz, director with special guest of honor Dr. Richard Cheadle and Alumni.
- Saturday, May 5:30 p.m. - Senior Recital
This recital will feature junior student Joao Rocha, viola.
- Saturday, May 7:30 p.m. - WIU Trumpet Studio Recital
This recital will feature students of Professor Nicole Gillotti.

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*Indicates a performance that will be live-streamed on the School of Music's YouTube channel.

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FOUND: Cell Phone found in the flower box at the Macomb Train Depot. It is an older style of phone. Please call 309-776-3087 to claim.

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FOUND: Precious ring found at Macomb Assembly of God Church. Call the office to describe your lost ring-if it fits the description, you can claim it. Office phone 309-575-4505.

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By Lucie Winborne

* In 2010, a group of 15 monkeys escaped from a Japanese research institute by using trees to catapult themselves over a 17-foot-high electrical fence.

* Potato aphids will not mate if they detect a drop in air pressure.

* Casting for Quentin Tarantino's "Jackie Brown" was partly done by Jaki Brown, and Lee Daniels' "The Butler" was cast by Leah Daniels-Butler.

* It would only cost you in the neighborhood of \$140 per year to eat ramen for every meal.

* France is the most visited country in the world.

* Neurologists claim that every time you resist acting on your anger, you are actually rewiring your brain to be calmer and more loving.

* LEOnardo da Vinci was the first person to observe the curvature of the human spine.

* During WWII, Winston Churchill wore a specially designed onesie that he called his "siren suit."

* Don Gorske earned a spot in the Guinness World Records in 2016 for the gastric feat of consuming his 28,788th Big Mac.

* While most parents do what they can to prevent or stop their babies from crying, in Japan a 400-year-old tradition holds that if a sumo wrestler can make your baby cry, it will live a healthy life. During a special ceremony, parents hand over their infants to wrestlers who bounce the tots and sometimes even roar in their faces to get the tears going.

* In 1923, a jockey suffered a fatal heart attack but his horse finished and won the race, making him the first and only jockey to win a race after death.

* Mike Tyson would KO sparring partners quickly so he could get home in time to watch "Tom & Jerry."

Thought for the Day: "Not all paths offer a vista. But every path offers a lesson."

-- Toni Sorenson

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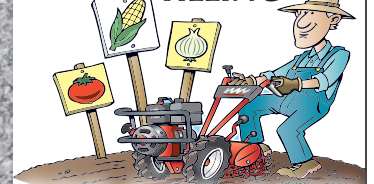
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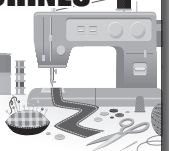
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