

# FREE Midweek Brief

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## WIU Agriculture Alumni and Students Honored at National FFA Convention

By: University Communications

MACOMB, IL – Western Illinois University Agriculture (Ag) alumni and students were recognized nationally for their leadership, achievements and dedication to advancing agricultural education at the 2024 National FFA Convention. WIU alumni were integral to this year's top awards, with both current agriculture educators and active students receiving significant honors.

The Cambridge FFA Chapter, led by WIU alumnus Trent Taber, received the prestigious National Chapter Award in Growing Leaders, recognizing their exemplary efforts in leadership, personal growth and career success among students. Taber, the current agriculture teacher at Cambridge High School, has made a lasting impact on his chapter and community, showcasing the leadership principles taught within WIU's School of Ag.

WIU alumni were also influential in shaping FFA's national leadership. Thaddeus Bergschneider, from the Franklin FFA Chapter, was elected as the National FFA President for 2024-2025. Bergschneider was mentored by agriculture teachers Brent Nelson and Kaitlyn Kane, both proud WIU graduates, who have inspired and guided him through his journey with FFA.

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## WIU Office of Public Safety Achieves ILEAP Reaccreditation

By: University Communications

MACOMB, IL – The Western Illinois University Office of Public Safety (OPS) has achieved reaccreditation through the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) as of October 2024. This marks the department's first reaccreditation since its initial accreditation in 2019, showcasing commitment to upholding high standards in law enforcement.

ILEAP, established by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP), is the accreditation authority for law enforcement agencies in Illinois. It helps local departments demonstrate compliance with best practices in administration, operations, personnel and training. The reaccreditation process occurs every four years to ensure departments remain aligned with evolving laws and professional standards.

The WIU OPS met or exceeded 69 key standards in the Tier I accreditation process, placing them among an elite group of only 62 accredited agencies statewide. Professional assessors reviewed critical policies, including those related to the use of force, pursuit procedures, record-keeping and community policing, to confirm the depart-

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### McDonough County Sheriff

10/27

Kenneth Henry Dollman, 37, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Terrance Sydney Collins, 19, Chicago, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Jamari Dwayne Gee, 18, Chicago, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Crawford Ancil Taylor, 59, Prairie City, was charged with domestic battery

Casey Lane Dossett, 33, Macomb, was arrested on a foreign body attachment warrant, aggravated battery, resisting a peace officer

10/28

Catherine Marie Connor, 62, Vermont, was arrested on a foreign body attachment warrant

Jackie Ray Hall, 69, Bushnell, was arrested on a foreign warrant

### WIU Office of Public Safety

On Oct. 31 at 8:16 p.m. one student in Corbin Hall was judicially referred for cannabis.

On Oct. 31 at 11:19 p.m. one student in the Thompson Hall lot was judicially referred for alcohol.

On Nov. 1 at 11:23 p.m. OPS and the Macomb Fire Department responded to a fire alarm in Browne Hall. No smoke or fire were found and no injuries were reported.

On Nov. 2 at 2:27 a.m. Jamel Johnson, 18, of 714 Washington Hall, was arrested for driving without a valid Driver's License at the intersection of Adams Street and Ward Street. He was transported to the McDonough County Jail at 2:38 a.m. where he was lodged.

On Nov. 2 5:26 a.m. non-student Elon Bell, 31, of Chicago, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol at 2001 Wigwam Hollow Road. He was transported to the McDonough County Jail at 7:01 a.m. where he was lodged.

On Nov. 4 at 8:50 a.m. an employee reported the theft of a portion of a University barricade, valued at \$150, from the intersection of Western Avenue and Riverview Drive. The incident is under investigation.

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Q: How did the turkey get home from Thanksgiving?  
A: It took the gravy train!

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## FFA

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WIU's contributions to FFA's mission through Steve Sargeant, the agriculture teacher at Bushnell-Prairie City High School and a distinguished WIU alumnus, who was awarded the Honorary American FFA Degree. This honor acknowledges individuals who have provided exceptional service to agricultural education and the National FFA Organization. Under Sargeant's guidance, the Bushnell-Prairie City FFA Alumni Chapter was recognized as one of the top three FFA chapters in the nation this year, a testament to his and WIU's impact in fostering leadership and excellence in agriculture.

In addition, five current WIU agriculture students were awarded the American FFA Degree, the highest level of recognition for active FFA members. This esteemed award celebrates their dedication, skills, and leadership in the field of agriculture. The honored recipients include:

Kendyl Kane – Monmouth-Roseville

Kayla Davis – Macomb

Adam Vail – West Prairie

Madilynn Barry – Payson

Maddison Oliver – Fairfield

Andy Baker, director of WIU's School of Ag, shared his pride in the university's extensive representation and ongoing impact on FFA's legacy.

"I am inspired every year by how impactful a teacher is on their students. This year is no different as several of our Agricultural Education alumni were recognized for their efforts in guiding and facilitating the career path of their students and recognizing the potential in each student. Congratulations to our alumni and their students for their outstanding achievements at the 2024 National FFA Convention," Baker said.

For more information on the WIU School of Ag, visit [wiu.edu/Ag](http://wiu.edu/Ag).




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## Death Notices

### Richard Alan Kerr

84, of Macomb

Richard Alan Kerr, 84, passed away at 6:46 p.m. on Friday, November 1, 2024 at the The Elms Nursing Home in Macomb, IL..

A Celebration of Life service in Washington, Illinois will be announced soon for the summer of 2025.

The family requests in lieu of flowers that memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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.

### Pauline Brown

104, of Cuba, IL, formerly of Ipava

Pauline Brown, 104, of Cuba, IL, formerly of Ipava, IL, passed away at 12:36 pm on Friday, November 1, 2024 at Clayberg Fulton County Nursing Center in Cuba.

Services will be held at 11 am on Saturday, November 9, 2024 at Shawgo Memorial Home in Astoria. Pastor Brant Reed will officiate. A visitation will take place one hour prior to the service on Saturday. Interment will be in the Ipava Cemetery. In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

### George W. Siepel

95, formerly of Plymouth

George W. Siepel, 95, a resident of the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy, IL formerly of Plymouth, IL went to be with his Lord at 12:13 am Monday October 28, 2024 at the Home.

A Funeral Service was held Saturday November 2, 2024 at the Hamilton Funeral Home in Augusta, IL with Pastor Jim Richardson officiating. Burial with Military Honors followed at St. Mary's cemetery near Plymouth, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Illinois Veterans Home.

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

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### James A. "Jim" Martin Sr.

89, of Industry

James A. "Jim" Martin Sr, 89, of Industry passed away at 11 p.m. Sunday, November 3, 2024 at the Elms Nursing Home in Macomb.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Industry Fire House at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Industry Fire Department or MDH Hospice.

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.

### Larry Blaz Svob

84, of Macomb

Larry Blaz Svob, 84, of Macomb passed away at 4:05 a.m. Sunday, November 3, 2024 at Macomb Post Acute Care in Macomb.

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

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.

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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## ILEAP

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ment's compliance with ILEAP standards.

WIU Chief Watts thanks Captain Curt Bilbrey and Officers Tim Harting and Melody Piper for their hard work and commitment to the accreditation program.

WIU OPS has been a central part of campus security since its formation in 1956, growing into a 20-officer department providing 24-hour service. OPS offers a variety of services including routine patrols, security for campus events, traffic control and safety programs for the campus community.

The WIU community appreciates the safety and security OPS brings to campus and the local community.

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## *Blandinsville*

### **SATURDAYS**

#### **Story Hour & 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!

### **EVERY WEDNESDAY**

#### **Youth Program**

Blandinsville First Christian Church Youth Program every Wednesday for 5th through High School students from 4:00 pm until 5:30 pm.

### **EVERY THURSDAY**

#### **After-School Program**

Blandinsville First Christian Church After-School Program every Thursday for Kindergarten through High School students from 4:00 pm until 5:00 pm.

## *Bushnell*

### **SATURDAY, NOV. 16**

#### **Bushnell Police Benefit Music Trivia**

held at the Bushnell VFW, sign in at 6pm and music starts at 7pm. Silent auction, 50/50 raffle (must be present to win), food available from 5-7pm including steamburgers or brat, cole slaw, baked beans & chips \$10. Cost is \$20/person, 8 per team. Proceeds go to the Bushnell Police Department.

## *Colchester*

### **EVERY MONDAY**

#### **Move & Groove and Story Hour**

Move and Groove is held from 9:45-10:45am Music & physical literacy skills help prepare early learners. Story Hour is held from 10:45-11:45 with stories, songs, crafts and fingerplays.

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

#### **Spreadz Charcuterie Class**

at Colchester City Hall from 6-7pm. Join us for an amazing experience as you create your own charcuterie masterpiece! This time we're embracing a delightful fall food theme. Register and prepay at the library or online @spreadz by October 31, cost is \$20.

### **FRIDAY, NOV. 14 & SATURDAY, NOV. 15**

#### **Craft, Jewelry, Puzzles, Games, Seeds & Plants Swap**

Colchester District Library Craft, Jewelry, Puzzles, Games, Seeds & Plants Swap Meet on Friday, Nov 14, from 1-5pm and Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9am-1pm. A fantastic way to turn your unwanted stuff into treasures and score some cool new gems! Donations are needed. Donated items will be collected through Nov. 13 (if you donate you will receive a pass to come swap early that day!).

## *Macomb*

### **NOW THRU NOV. 7**

#### **Food and Toys for Christmas**

The Salvation Army will once again be providing Toys and Christmas Food Boxes - sign up Oct. 7-Nov. 7 at 505 N Randolph St. Those interested in participating should call us at (309) 837-4824 for an appointment.

### **NOW THRU NOV. 13**

#### **Maple Ave. Church Thanksgiving Baskets**

Call 309-837-9318 to reserve your basket, no orders will be taken after Nov. 13. Basket includes: 1 frozen turkey, 2 cans corn, 2 cans green beans, 2 boxes stuffing mix, 1 box instant potatoes, and 2 boxes cornbread mix. Bags will be distributed Sunday, Nov. 24 and must be picked up in person at 1300 Maple Avenue from 1- 3:00 p.m. unless delivery is requested. Deliveries will only be made by request within Macomb city limits.

### **WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6**

#### **Writing Experience at the MAC**

at 6pm at the Macomb Arts Center that joins visual art and the written word. All levels of writing are welcome. This event is geared towards generating new writing and connecting with local writers. You will have the option to share your writing if you would like.

### **THURSDAY, NOV. 7**

#### **Environmentally Concerned Citizens Meet**

Environmentally Concerned Citizens will meet at 7 pm in the Macomb City Hall Community Room discussing the Future of the Environment. Everyone invited.

### **SATURDAY, NOV. 9**

#### **Annual Altrusa Holiday Bazaar**

from 9am - 3pm at the Macomb High School, 1525 S Johnson St, Macomb, IL 61455. There will be lots of amazing crafts, one-of-a-kind gifts and a large variety of vendors! Free Admission, Raffle Baskets, 50/50 Raffle, and Food Trucks! For more info email altrusa@macomb.com, or on Facebook MacombAltrusa or <https://macombaltrusa.com>.

#### **Macomb Park District Pumpkin Smash**

Green your Halloween on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 10am-1pm at Veterans Park. Bring your pumpkins or jack-o-lanterns for a smashing good time! All pumpkins must be contaminant free. NO candles, stickers, googly eyes, plastic, non-water based paints or non-biodegradable materials! Don't trash it, Smash it! This is a rain or shine event.

#### **Community Scavenger Hunt**

at the Macomb Wine Sellers from 11am-4m with registration starting at 10:30am. Cost is \$50 per team (cash or check) and 1 car per team. Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. Teams will compete to solve riddles which will guide them to find items or take them to business locations. teams will also be tasked to find landmarks and take pictures to gain points. the three teams with the most points gained and at the quickest time will win. Proceeds go to the cat community project.

#### **Backin' The Blue & Gold Auction**

Scholarship & Benefit auction held at the Spoon River College Outreach Center. Dinner and silent auction from 5-6:30pm (free will donation accepted), live auction starts at 6:30pm.

### **TUESDAY, NOV. 12**

#### **First Baptist Church Blood Drive**

First Baptist Church of Macomb, 1515 S. Candy Lane, will be holding a blood drive on Tuesday, November 12, from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. To schedule, contact Pastor Jon Lobos at 309-833-2479 or [fbcfmacomb@gmail.com](mailto:fbcfmacomb@gmail.com).

**Submit your calendar item or photo to  
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### **WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13**

#### **Page Turners Book Club**

The Page Turners Book Club meets the second Wednesday of every month from 4:30-5:30pm in the Macomb Public Library Meeting room. The public is invited to attend.

### **SATURDAY, NOV. 16**

#### **All You Can Eat Chili Supper**

Macomb Boy Scouts Troop 315 30th Annual All You Can Eat Chili Supper from 4:30-7:30pm at the Wesley United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall-lower level. Featuring regular & vegetarian chili with choice of toppings, hot dogs & desserts. \$8/person or \$25/family of 4, kids 5 and under eat free. Carry-Out available.

#### **After Prom Fundraiser Trivia Night**

Prom Through the Ages Trivia Night at 7pm (doors open at 6) at the Macomb VFW. Dress in your favorite prom era! There will be a silent dessert auction, 50/50 raffle and a large prize auction! The cost is \$20/person or \$150/table of 8. Register on Macomb After Prom Facebook page.



## **Veterans Day Events**

### **Macomb Hy-Vee**

In honor of Veterans Day, Hy-Vee will host a free dine-in breakfast on Monday, November 11, from 6 to 10 a.m. for all veterans and active-duty military members. Additionally, veterans and service members will receive 15% off grocery purchases all day on November 11. Our Veterans Day Breakfast is just one of the many ways we honor our country's heroes.

### **Macomb Elks Lodge**

The Macomb Elks Lodge will host a Veterans Day Breakfast on Sunday, November 10 from 9am-12pm. Cost is \$10 per meal, all Veterans eat Free! Please RSVP by calling 309-837-1009 or email [bpoe1009s-ecretary@gmail.com](mailto:bpoe1009s-ecretary@gmail.com).

### **Macomb American Legion**

The Macomb American invites current members and their spouses to an Appreciation Dinner on Monday, November 11 at 5:30pm followed by an award ceremony for 50, 60 & 70 year members. For questions call the American Legion after 2pm at 309-833-2951.

### **Bushnell VFW**

Veterans Day Celebration Soup Supper at the Bushnell VFW on Saturday, November 9 at 5pm. They will be serving chili, vegetable soup, broccoli/cheese soup, steamburgers, peanut butter sandwiches, desserts. Free will donation accepted.

### **The Bushnell Woman's Club**

The Bushnell Woman's club is Hosting a Veteran's Day Salute to Veterans on November 11 from 7:3-8:30pm at the Bushnell Public Library featuring guest speaker retired Chief Warrant Officer Harry R Waddell. This event is open to the public. Please come and hear about Harry's life and experiences in the military.



# COMMUNITY LIVE

## The Café

It's another great week at the Café! We have Dan Eilers here on Wednesday, November 6 from 5:30-7:30pm and Dan's DJ & Karaoke will be here on Friday, November 8 from 8pm-midnight.

## Ice House

We have Not Quite Brothers playing Friday, November 8 from 7-10pm. Not Quite Brothers is an upbeat and energetic band looking to entertain and interact with the crowd! Be ready for an exciting night of live music and drinks with friends! Tickets are available through the link provided on their Facebook page for \$10 / General Admission and \$40 / VIP. Tickets will also be available at the door.

## New Copperfield's Book Service

The Western Ramblers will be performing on Wednesday, November 9 at 1pm. The Western Ramblers, a musical group of Western Illinois University faculty, students and area community members performing folk, traditional and fiddle music, the group's members include, Istvan Szabo, Cassandra Froelich, Jennifer Jones and Matt Hughes, Reagan Lough, Randy Smith and Jacque Wilson. The event is free and everyone is invited.

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# 4,057 Deer Harvested During Youth Season in Illinois Oct. 12-14

SPRINGFIELD – Youth hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 4,057 deer during the youth deer hunting season Oct. 12-14. Comparatively, youth hunters took 4,576 deer during the season in 2023.

Youth hunters with an unfilled, valid youth deer permit may still hunt with the permit during the upcoming first firearm deer season Nov. 24-24.

A table of local preliminary Illinois firearm deer harvest totals by county for the 2024 youth deer hunting season and comparable

totals for the 2022 and 2023 seasons follows.

	2022	2023	2024
Adams	88	153	145
Fulton	90	92	77
Hancock	57	68	67
Henderson	15	14	9
Knox	34	37	35
McDonough	30	47	34
Schuyler	62	86	50
Warren	11	16	8

# IDNR Reminds Hunters of 2024-2025 Chronic Wasting Disease Sampling Locations

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is reminding deer hunters about locations where deer can be tested for chronic wasting disease (CWD) free of charge.

Chronic wasting disease is a fatal disease of the central nervous system in deer and elk. It was first detected in a suspect adult female deer from northwest Boone County in 2002. Since then, 173,486 wild deer have been sampled statewide, and 2,188 individual deer have tested positive for CWD. The disease is currently confined to a 21-county area in the northern third of Illinois.

Wildlife biologists monitor the geographic distribution and intensity of CWD primarily through testing of hunter-harvested deer. CWD is not known to be transmissible to humans; however, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization do not recommend consuming CWD-positive venison (deer meat).

ing procedures will not damage the deer skull. Hunters not using a cooperating taxidermist can take the caped-out head to an IDNR sample drop-off site.

Firearm deer hunters in CWD counties can get a voluntary sample taken by a biologist when they bring harvested deer to mandatory physical check stations during the 2024 regular firearm seasons Nov. 22-24 and Dec. 5-8. Go online for the locations of check stations.

Hunters in non-CWD counties can use sample drop-off barrels or sampling vendors to have samples submitted for testing.

Hunters can view the results of their CWD tests online. Please allow two to four weeks for results to post. Priority is given to samples from counties with known CWD cases. Hunters will be contacted by an IDNR wildlife biologist if their deer tests positive for CWD.

Between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024, IDNR's Wildlife Disease Program identified 459 CWD-positive deer in 21 Illinois counties, including Boone, Bureau, Carroll, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Ford, Grundy, Jo Daviess, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle, Lee, Livingston, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Will, and Winnebago.

Visit <https://dnr.illinois.gov/programs/cwd.html> for more information about CWD management in Illinois.

Hunters can visit participating vendors, including taxidermists and meat processors, or leave deer heads at self-serve drop-off sites. Search for locations online, on the Hunt Illinois app, or at IDNR's interactive map.

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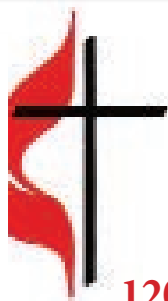
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Find the following words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally and backwards.

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CHRISTMAS  
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EASTER  
EXCITEMENT

FEAST  
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FOOD  
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GAMES

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INVITATION  
KWANZAA

NEW YEAR'S DAY  
PASSOVER  
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THANKSGIVING  
TOGETHER  
VACATION

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- \* The term "lawn mullet" means having a neatly manicured front yard and an unmowed mess in the back.
- \* Weird Al Yankovic wrote his parody song "The Saga Begins" before "Star Wars: Episode I" was released. Lucasfilm denied his request to see the film early, so he relied on internet spoilers for plot details.
- \* The human stomach can dissolve razor blades.
- \* In 1987, Steve Rothstein paid \$250,000 for a lifetime unlimited first class American Airlines ticket. He even hopped on planes to get a sandwich or to go to a baseball game in other cities. It cost American Airlines around \$21 million, and they ended his contract in 2008.
- \* In Italy, it's considered bad luck to lay bread upside down -- either on a table or in a basket.
- \* Thanksgiving Eve is the biggest drinking and pizza night of the year.
- \* When the Italian writer Umberto Eco visited Paris for the first time, he only walked down streets surviving from the Middle Ages. He was studying medieval history at the University of Turin at the time and was obsessed with the era.
- \* In an emergency, coconut water can be used for blood plasma, due to its high levels of sodium and low levels of potassium.
- \* There are beaches in the Maldives that glow in the dark.
- \* When pencils went into mass production in the 1890s, the finest available graphite to fill them came from China. Pencil manufacturers wanted everyone to know that they used only the best Chinese graphite, so they painted their pencils yellow, the traditional Chinese color of royalty.
- Thought for the Day: "Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years. We grow old by deserting our ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul." -- Samuel Ullman

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