

FREE Midweek Brief

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Grills Gone Wild 2024 Competition Winners



The "Grills Gone Wild" grill-off fundraiser event returned this year to the Bushnell VFW on Saturday, September 21st to raise money for the Bushnell Swimming Pool.

The 2024 People's Choice overall winner was Danny & Terri Mast. For more categories, winners and pictures and see Friday's edition of The Community News Brief.



Danny & Terri Mast, the 2024 People's Choice overall winning team

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Lincoln Days 2024 Updated Schedule Inside This Edition

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Leatherneck Football Captures First Win



Scott Holland

MACOMB, Ill. – Saturday night, it was a great night to be a Leatherneck as the Western Illinois University football team picked up their first win of the Joe Davis Era and the 2024 season, topping McKendree 49-32 on Hanson Field on Saturday night.

"It's our first win, we set out every single week with a winning mindset, with a victory attitude and our goal is to go 1-0 every week so this week, it happened to be the McKendree game," WIU football coach Joe Davis said. "I'm proud

of our players, I'm proud of our staff, I told the team, 'celebrate this for 24 hours because it is well earned, but we're turning the page quickly as we go into OVC play.'"

The run game shined and the defense was bend but don't break as Western Illinois wrapped the non-conference portion of the schedule at 1-3. The Leathernecks make their Big South-Ohio Valley Conference debut at Charleston Southern next weekend.

Cameren Smith had a career night, rushing for 199 yards and two touchdowns on 23 carries as the Leathernecks ran for 273 yards on 38 attempts.

"Each week, we kept coming back despite losing, we kept our chemistry, we all had our work to do each week," Cameren Smith said. "Getting this dub, we kept going and will keep going, regardless of what's happening. We stay together, this win means everything."

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POLICE REPORTS

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9/23

Ronnie W. Adams, 53, Macomb, was charged with trespassing

Dillon L. Ault, 34, Macomb, was charged with trespassing

Tyler C. Lump, 19, Bushnell, was charged with disorderly conduct

McDonough County Sheriff

9/21

Damion Michael Taber, 45, Camden, was charged with possession of Methamphetamine less than 5 grams, driving while license revoked, operating non highway vehicle on roadway

Benjamin Spencer Staton, 30, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Dawna Renee Walton, 44, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant, drivers license revoked or suspended

9/22

Alexis Rayne Urbana, 22, Macomb, was charged with leaving the scene of crash, property damage

Calvin Charles Chavez, 24, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

9/23

Kenneth Henry Dollmann, 37, Macomb, was charged with burglary, possession of burglary tools, criminal trespass to state property, theft of state property, resisting a peace officer

Carlee Lin Hanger, 34, Raritan, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant, foreign warrant

All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

TODAY'S JOKES

Q: Why don't skeletons like Halloween candy?

A: They don't have the stomach for it!

Q: Who gives Dracula the most candy on Halloween?

A: His fang-club!

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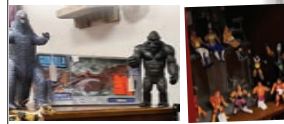
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Death Notices

Van Miller Adkisson

69, of Roseville

Van Miller Adkisson, 69, of Roseville, IL passed away on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at home surrounded by his family.

Mass of the Christian Burial was held on Monday, September 30, 2024 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Monmouth. Burial took place at the Roseville Township Cemetery. Memorials have been established for the Roseville Community Center, Roseville Helping Hands Food Pantry and Roseville Kids Place. For more information or to leave an online condolence please visit, McGuire & Davies Funeral Home, Monmouth, IL.

DeLoyd Edward Nelson

DeLoyd Edward Nelson, 89, passed away at Wesley Village in Macomb, after a brief hospice stay with his family by his side at 7:38 p.m. on Sept. 26, 2024.

The family would like to thank his friends at Knox County Nursing Home for being there for him the last five years- thank you for putting on his John Deere hat and making sure he had his tractor magazine close-by. We would also like to thank MDH Hospice and Wesley Village in Macomb for their excellent care and compassion. Memorials may be made to Messiah Lutheran Church, Henderson Grove or Knox County 4H.

Hinchliff-Pearson-West Funeral Directors and Cremation Services Galesburg Chapel is assisting his family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.h-p-w.com

Gerald Lee Shoemate

70, of Blandinsville

Gerald Lee Shoemate, 70, of Blandinsville passed away at 10:25 a.m. Sunday, September 22, 2024 at his home.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Private burial of ashes will be in the LaHarpe Cemetery.

Memorials may be made the Blandinsville Veteran's Memorial.

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

Helen Louise Lung Caldwell Koester

95, of Macomb

Helen Louise Lung Caldwell Koester, 95, of Macomb, passed away at 9:40 AM on Tuesday September 24, 2024 at Wesley Village in Macomb, Illinois.

Private graveside services will be held. If you wish to honor Helen, please do so by donating to Wesley Village or your favorite charity. Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

John W. Sargeant

83, of Avon

John W. Sargeant, 83, of Avon, Illinois, passed away at 2:58 p.m., Saturday, September 28, 2024 at the OSF St. Mary Medical Center, Galesburg, Illinois.

Cremation rites have been accorded with a celebration of John's life to be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family to aid with funeral expenses and left in the care of the funeral home. Moore Memorial Home, Avon, is handling the arrangements.

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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!

Bushnell

SATURDAY, OCT. 5

Bushnell VFW Breakfast

The VFW in Bushnell will be serving biscuits and gravy, sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes and French Toast from 7-10a.m at the Post 1422 Hall, 181 E. Hail. Providing on-site, takeout, and curb service - for takeout & curb service please call 3093339919.

B-PC FFA Grills Pork Burgers

at the Bushnell Banking Center parking lot in Bushnell on Saturday, October 5th from 11 am to 1 pm. Selling grilled pork burgers, chips and drinks. Frozen patties will also be available for purchase. All proceeds from this event go to help fund the members' upcoming trip to the 2024 National FFA Convention.

TUESDAY, OCT. 8

Paint the Gym Pink

B-PC Athletic Booster Club's annual fundraiser for the fight against breast cancer during the HS volleyball game. Silent auction with lots of great items available to bid on. All profits are donated to Illinois Cancer Care Foundation. Come out to support a great cause and cheer on our lady Spartans as they battle Illinois West.

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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.

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.

THURSDAY & SATURDAY

Macomb Farmers Market

You can find your Macomb Farmers Market every Thursday & Saturday morning, from 8 a.m. to Noon, in Chandler Park. Pick up ready-to-eat breakfast, lunch, & snack foods; locally grown produce; locally raised beef, pork, lamb, & chicken; homemade baked goods of all sorts; locally produced honey, jam, & syrup; locally made personal care products; locally grown live plants & fresh flowers; & many different kinds of locally produced hand-crafted goods.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2

2024 Angel Dash Memorial Walk

for babies gone too soon in Chandler Park at 10am. We will have a memorial service and balloon release to honor those that wish to have their babies recognized. Right after the ceremony we will begin the walk.

Environmentally Concerned Citizens

at 7 pm Environmental Concerned Citizens invites everyone to hear Ben Petropoulos talk in the Macomb City Hall Community Room.

SATURDAY, OCT. 5

Macomb Lions Club Candy Days

at the 9-mile (136/41) between 8am-2pm.

Macomb Library Knitting Club

Meets 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.

SUNDAY, OCT. 6

Pro-Life & Pro-Choice Conversation

at 3 pm, the Lutheran Student Center (303 N Clay St) will host a conversation about pro-life and pro-choice Christian perspectives on abortion. Rev. Chris Hull of Immanuel Lutheran Church and Dr. Amy Carr will offer opening remarks, followed by Q&A and an opportunity for further conversation and fellowship. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact amyreneecarr@gmail.com.

MONDAY, OCT. 7

Prairieland Chorus – Guest Night

Like to sing? We've got a place for you with the Prairieland Chorus. All individuals are invited to sing a cappella style with as we prepare for casual Christmas presentations throughout McDonough County. Rehearsal start every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Macomb First Presbyterian Church, corner of Dudley and Carroll streets. Use the alley way entrance.

TUESDAY, OCT. 8

Audubon Society Welcomes Clay Steele

Our local Illinois Audubon Society chapter, Western Prairie Audubon Society, will feature Clay Steele on October 8 at 7 PM at Macomb City Hall. Guests are welcome. Clay Steele is lead naturalist at the Lee County Conservation Center in southeast Iowa. After graduating from the University of Iowa in 2003 he left his hometown of Iowa City, eventually putting roots down in Fort Madison in 2014 with his wife Emily and daughter Neva.

Submit your calendar item or photo to
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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9

Writing experience at the MAC

at 6pm join 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.

Table Grove

SATURDAY, OCT. 5

Benefit Fundraiser for White & Skien

Benefit Fundraiser for volunteer firemen, Mark White and Jeremy Skien. The benefit will be held at the Table Grove Community Center at 1pm. They have been diagnosed with some life altering health conditions and are unable to work. The money raised is for their medical bills and living expenses.

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Al Sears Music Fest 2024

The WIU Jazz Combo will be performing Thursday, Oct. 3rd at the Wine Sellers, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. The Western Illinois Museum, in partnership with the Western Illinois University (WIU) School of Music, is excited to welcome saxophonist Carlos Vega to perform with the HAT Trio on Friday, Oct. 4th, as part of the Al Sears Music Fest. The event will be held at the Museum. Doors and the bar open at 4:30 p.m., with two sets of music scheduled for 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. To close out the evening, WIU students will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. A \$5 suggested donation will be collected at the door.

The music returns to The Wine Sellers on Saturday, Oct. 5th with Pippi & Daniel performing from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

The Macomb Elks Club

You don't want to miss this! Rockstar Bingo Karaoke on Friday, October 11 from 6-10pm.

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MHS Court photo by Andrea Ratermann

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- 9:00 AM-9:00 PM -Explore Macombopoly: The World's Largest Monopoly Game
- 4:00 - 5:00 PM – Opening Reception for Journey For Freedom: Illinois Underground Railroad Exhibit – Macomb Carnegie Public Library (On display through November) & Official announcement of Macomb & McDonough County's new National Parks status as an Underground Rail Road Network To Freedom Area
- 5:30 PM – The Al Sears Music Fest presents Carlos Vega w/ Hat Trio at Western Illinois Museum

Saturday, October 5

- 9:00 AM- 9:00 PM- Enjoy 10 site Looking For Lincoln Self-Guided Tour / Scavenger Hunt & the World's only Living Lincoln Topiary Monument
- 9:00 AM-9:00 PM -Explore Macombopoly: The World's Largest Monopoly Game
- 3:00 – 4:00 PM Elisha Szyjka presents - Pathways To Freedom: The Underground Railroad in McDonough County– Macomb Carnegie Public Library
- 4:00 – 6:00 PM – Meet & Greet Abraham Lincoln & Chris Vallillo – Strolling hosts on the Square
- 4:00 – 7:00 PM – Free Horse-drawn Trolley Rides on the Square
- 5:30 – 7:30 PM – Dr. Tim Robert's original play When Macomb Hosted Lincoln: Devising The Freeport Question
- 7:00 – 8:00 PM – Al Sears Music Fest presents Pippi & Daniel at The Wine Sellers



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Football

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to be part of history and closing down this losing record, but we know we're going to keep getting it done on Saturdays."

Defensively, WIU allowed 402 yards, but when the Bearcats drove into deep Leatherneck territory, the group bowed and forced field goals instead of allowing touchdowns.

"We came out calm and composed, the sideline was different, it was not the same as previous years," defensive lineman Brian Bruce said. "Guys would turn on each other, blame each other, and point fingers, but everyone had their head on the right way. Guys were in the right lane, when we were doing those things, I knew it would be good."

After McKendree made a field goal on the game's opening possession, the Leathernecks responded, marching 82 yards on 11 players and 5:02. Nathan Lamb (14-19, 193 yards, one touchdown; 10 carries 34 yards, one touchdown) gave Western Illinois a lead on a two-yard run.

McKendree answered with another short field goal on its next possession to cut the WIU lead to 7-6, but the Leathernecks answered right back as Lamb hit Demari Davis (two catches, 85 yards) for a 74-yard catch and run that extended WIU's lead to 14-6.

Davis was just getting started, as the wide receiver found himself in the end zone for the second time on the night, taking a handoff 17 yards for a score to put WIU up 21-6.

"The first one, that's a play we call a lot, it seems to be open," Demari Davis said. "I saw I was open, I got the opportunity and Nate gave me a great ball. As soon as I caught it, I'm taught to catch and go, get vertical. I saw the corner had leverage on me, so I thought if I cut in, I'd get good yards, I saw daylight and had the speed to get outside."

"The second one, that was a reverse, we caught the defense with some misdirection and it got wide open for me. I did not have to make too many moves, I was able to trust my blocks and go."

McKendree tacked on a field goal before the break to cut WIU's lead to 21-9 at the half, but the Leathernecks were able to get those points back in a hurry as freshmen Avery Knight broke multiple tackles, going 20 yards for a 28-9 Leatherneck lead.

After another Bearcat field goal, Western Illinois again traded three for seven as backup quarterback Chris Irvin checked in for a play and hit Eli Aragon on a 20-yard pass and a 35-12 lead.

From there, McKendree hung around, scoring two touchdowns to cut the Leatherneck advantage to 35-25. From there, Cameren Smith iced the game, scoring on touchdown runs of seven and 47 yards, putting the exclamation point on his, and Western Illinois' big night.

Defensively, Ryan Crandall led the Leathernecks, registering a team-high 14 tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss. Michael Newman added nine tackles, as well as a sack.

Tre Henry and KJ Coleman each added six tackles and in his first appearance of the season, Juan De La Cruz added five stops.

McDonough County Republican Party



Alert regarding questions on the 2024 Ballot!

Please be advised that the following questions will be on the Illinois ballots during this election. Please note the language and what is not stated in the question but is implied by the way it is stated. These questions are advisory, non-binding and we encourage voters to vote NO on each one.

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Illinois Assisted Reproductive Healthcare Advisory Question (2024)

Should all medically appropriate assisted reproductive treatments, including, but not limited to, in vitro fertilization, be covered by any health insurance plan in Illinois that provides coverage for pregnancy benefits, without limitation on the number of treatments?

Comment: A yes vote on this could raise insurance prices, force insurances to pay for abortions and increase funding to support out of state abortions that are performed in Illinois.

Illinois Income Tax Advisory Question (2024)

Should the Illinois Constitution be amended to create an additional 3% tax on income greater than \$1,000,000 for the purpose of dedicating funds raised to property tax relief?

Comment: This tax would affect almost every farmer. Farmers already struggle with prices of fuel, equipment, grain, pesticides, taxes etc. We need our farmers. This may also affect small businesses who already struggle. Rather than increasing taxes, bringing spending under control would be effective.

Illinois Penalties for Candidate Interference with Election Worker's Duties Advisory Question (2024)

Should any candidate appearing on the Illinois ballot for federal, State, or local office be subject to civil penalties if the candidate interferes or attempts to interfere with an election worker's official duties?

Comment: This is vague. It seems that this question may relate to all of the issues that President Trump has had regarding the elections. It appears as though this is to ensure that no one can question/interfere when the outcome of the elections are questionable or if there are issues going on during the elections.

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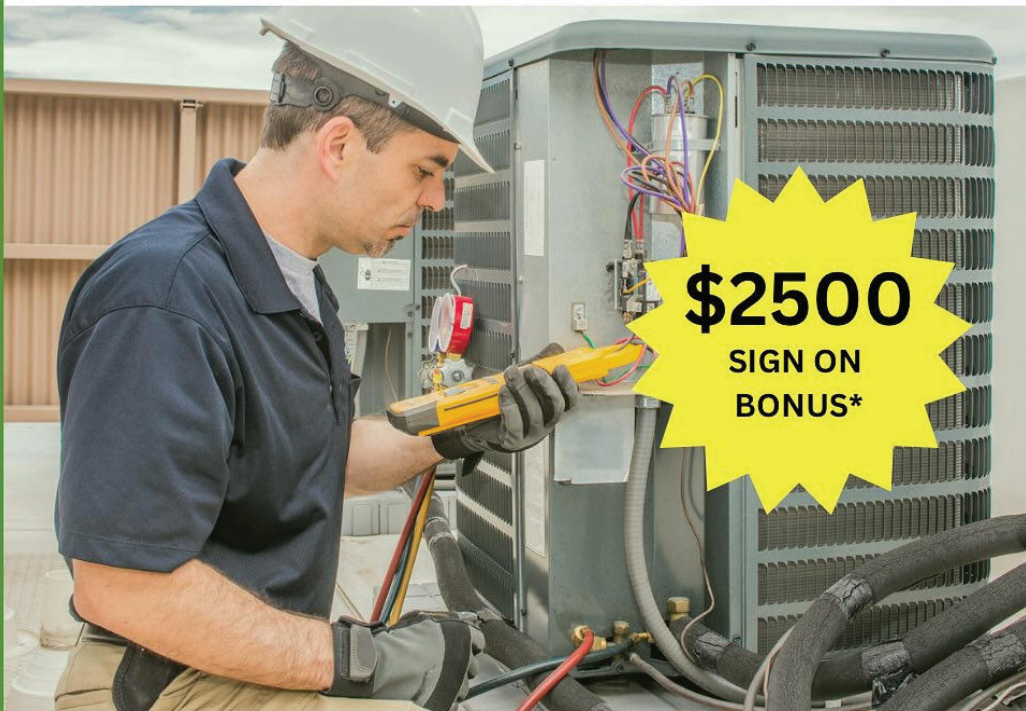
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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* There's a surgical procedure called selective amygdalohippocampectomy that removes half of the brain's amygdala -- and with it, much of the patient's sense of fear.

* Obituary writers have their own awards, which are called The Grimmys.

* Londoners in the 1600s were advised to keep "fart jars" -- consisting of trapped fart odors -- on hand to combat bubonic plague. The idea was that the potent smell would somehow purify the air!

* During World War II, the term "security blanket" was slang for measures meant to keep military information secret, or covered up.

* Future Martians might marvel at the Valles Marineris (a.k.a. Mariner Valley) the same way Earthlings marvel at the Grand Canyon. The huge rift is more than eight times the length of the Grand Canyon, and four times as deep.

* The Eiffel Tower leans slightly toward the shade on sunny days.

* Forbes estimates that Barbie's Dream House would be worth around \$16 million if it were real. The three-story house has seven rooms, an elevator, a garage and a pool.

* In 1897, Indiana state legislators tried to pass a bill that would have legally redefined the value of pi as 3.2.

* A game show in Japan featured one item in a room that was replaced with a look-alike item made of chocolate or other candy. Contestants would try to find it by biting into various objects.

* The ancient Greeks believed that pearls were the hardened tears of joy from Aphrodite, the goddess of love.

* Elton John has pianos named after Aretha Franklin, Nina Simone and Diana Krall.

* There's a five-story, blood-red waterfall in Antarctica.

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