

FREE Midweek Brief

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ComedySportz at the Legacy Theater

The Legacy Theater in Carthage is offering fun and laughs to brighten a February afternoon, with ComedySportz presented at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15.

ComedySportz is a family-friendly, improvisational comedy show, suitable for all-ages. This highly interactive show gets the entire audience involved.



Competing as the red team and blue team, these four quick-witted performers use suggestions from the audience to create fun, and draw laughter and approval from the audience.

Ultimately the audience picks the winner in this “afternoon at the improv”, and everyone wins.

ComedySportz has been in the Quad Cities since 1990. Now owned by Bob and Kasey Kelly, it is one of several such franchises in the Midwest.

Performing regularly from the Spotlight Theatre in Moline, ComedySportz is known

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IDPH Celebrates American Heart Month in February

Governor, lieutenant governor join effort to promote heart health

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is announcing a monthlong focus on heart health during American Heart Month in February. The annual observance serves as a reminder to the public about the dangers of cardiovascular disease and the resources that are available to help people maintain heart health. Governor JB Pritzker and Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton joined IDPH Director Dr. Sameer Vohra in urging the public to be aware of, and to take care of, their heart health.

“Heart disease remains the number one cause of death both nationally and right here in Illinois,” said Director Vohra. “But heart disease can be preventable when we are aware

of our own personal risk factors. The first step in prevention is identifying what can make your heart unhealthy, such as untreated high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and high levels of stress. Next, create a heart-healthy action plan. Finally, schedule a check-up with your medical provider and take control of your heart health today.”

“Heart disease remains the leading cause of death in Illinois and across the country, but many risk factors are preventable,” said Governor JB Pritzker. “This Heart Health Month, take charge of your well-being and schedule a screening, make heart-healthy choices, and encourage your loved ones to do the same.

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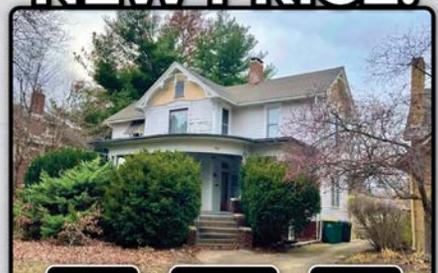
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Q: What happens when a frog's car breaks down?
A: It gets toad!

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Death Notices

Delores A. "Shorty" Barnes

67, of Macomb

Delores A. "Shorty" Barnes, 67, of Macomb passed away at 5:38 a.m. Friday, January 31, 2025 at her residence.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Grave side services and a Celebration of Life to follow will be held at a later date.

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.

Glenda Susan Maggard

74, of Macomb

Glenda Susan Maggard, 74, of Macomb, Illinois passed away at 5:40 am Tuesday Jan. 21, 2025 at the Elms Nursing Home in Macomb.

Cremation has been accorded. There were no services.

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

Roselyn J. Chown

90, of Macomb

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

Services will be held at a later date. Cremation has been accorded. Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign guestbook or leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

Rebecca Lynn "Becky" Watson

59, of Table Grove

Rebecca Lynn "Becky" Watson, 59, of Table Grove, passed away peacefully at her home on January 29, 2025, following a courageous battle with multiple myeloma.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial service was held on February 4, 2025 at Shawgo Memorial Home in Astoria, IL with Pastor Ted Shirly officiating. Private interment will be held in the Temple Cemetery at a later date. Donations in Becky's memory can be made to The American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge in St. Louis, MO and MDH Hospice. May her memory bring comfort to all who knew and loved her.

Barbara Bale Reis

Barbara Bale Reis passed away at age 94 on Friday, January 24, 2025. Her four children were at her bedside.

Private family grave side services will be held at Oakwood Cemetery at a later date. 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.

Randall Allen Bollinger Sr.

66, of Astoria

Randall Allen Bollinger Sr., age 66, of Astoria, IL, passed at 12:35 am on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

A service was held January 31, 2025 at Shawgo Memorial Home in Astoria with Pastor Mike Shirley officiating. Cremation rites accorded. Burial in the Browning Cemetery at a later date. Memorials in Randy's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society or Astoria Fire and Rescue.

Carina L. "Kiki" Kapraun

38, of Astoria

Carina L. "Kiki" Kapraun, 38, of Astoria, passed away on January 27, 2025.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at Shawgo Memorial Home in Astoria with Pastor Ben Murray officiating. Interment in the Summum Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Norma Jean Forman

67, of Rushville

Norma Jean Forman, 67, of Rushville, passed away at 2:19 am on Saturday, February 1, 2025, at her home.

Funeral services honoring Norma's life will be conducted at 11:00 am on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at the Triplett & Wood Funeral Home of Rushville. Pastor Matt McAnally will preside. Interment will follow at Bethany Cemetery in rural Rushville. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, from 4:00 until 6:00 pm at the funeral home. Memorial contributions in memory of Norma are suggested to the family. You are invited to share your memories of Norma and leave a condolence at www.triplettwood.com.

Greg S. Williams

60, of Colchester

Greg S. Williams, age 60 of Colchester, passed away Sunday, January 26, 2025, at McDonough District Hospital in Macomb.

Visitation was held Thursday, January 30, 2025, at the Jones Funeral Chapel in Colchester.

Memorial is to St. Judes Children's Hospital. Condolences and memories can be expressed to the family at jonesmortuaryfh.com.

Marjorie Ellen Gittings

89, of LaHarpe

Marjorie Ellen Gittings, 89, of LaHarpe, passed away at 11:21 a.m. Monday, January 27, 2025 at the Memorial Hospital in Carthage.

Cremation has been entrusted to Banks & Beals Funeral Home. A memorial service was held February 2, 2025 at the LaHarpe Christian Church with burial held Monday, February 3, 2025 at the Knox City Cemetery, Knox City, MO.

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

Majorie Jean Negley Cox

93, of Macomb (formerly of Vermont)

Majorie Jean Negley Cox was born July 6, 1931 in Canton, IL. She passed away January 26, 2025 in Macomb, IL.

Services were held Saturday, February 1, 2025 at the Vermont Christian Church. Interment in the Vermont Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Vermont Christian Church or MDH Hospice.

Sharon Gail Gray

58, of Colchester

Sharon Gail Gray age 58 of Colchester, passed away Friday, January 31, 2025, at her home in Colchester.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of life service will be held at 4:00 P.M. Saturday, February 15, 2025, at the Jones Funeral Chapel in Colchester, with Rev. Jim Clayton. Friends may sign the register book at the funeral home from 8:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Friday February 14, 2025 and from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Saturday, February 15, 2025. Private burial will take place at Oakwood Cemetery, Macomb.

Memorial is to the McDonough County Animal Shelter. Condolences and memories can be expressed to the family at jonesmortuaryfh.com.

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Death notices (name, death date and services) run free of charge. Families who wish to have a complete obituary published in the Tuesday or Friday Community News Brief newspaper (including picture, family, work history, hobbies and other information) should request the Community News Brief to the funeral home that is handling the services OR submit it directly to commuitybrief@gmail.com. Cost is \$45 and includes a laminated copy of the obituary.

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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 Wed. for 5th-High School students from 4-5:30pm.

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.

SATURDAY, FEB. 8

Bingo Night FFA Fundraiser

The B-PC FFA Alumni will be hosting at the Bushnell VFW. A Steam Burger sandwich meal will be available starting at 5:30, with Bingo scheduled to begin at 7pm. Door prizes will be given to game winners and raffle tickets will be available for ½ a hog. Proceeds from this event will benefit the B-PC FFA Alumni's Scholarship Program. Any donations for door prizes would be greatly appreciated-email Miss Lock at lockr@bpcschools.org or Mr. Sargeant at sargeants@bpcschools.org to donate.

SUNDAY, FEB. 9

Super Bowl Sunday Fun

Bushnell VFW opens at 3pm. Free pool, darts and shuffle-board from open til close. Drink specials, food & fun!

TUESDAY, FEB. 11

B-PC Prom Fundraiser at Rosy's

at Rosy's, 458 E. Main St, order pick up, delivery or dine in from 4-9pm - a portion of the proceeds will go towards funding B-PC's prom.

FRIDAY, FEB. 14

VFW Valentines Day Dinner

4:30-8pm at the Bushnell VFW. Reservations required by Feb. 7th, call 309-337-8768 or 309-371-7171.

SATURDAY, FEB. 15

Sports Trivia

7pm at the Bushnell VFW. \$10/person, teams up to 8 people. Proceeds benefit B-PC Varsity Club.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

Beginner Crochet

The Bushnell Public Library will host Robyn Olson giving instructions and tips on how to crochet a scarf. Join in the fun every Wednesday at 12:45-1:45pm. What to bring: Size H crochet hook and a large skein of yarn. The Library is located at 455 N Dean St, Bushnell.

Carthage

SATURDAY, FEB. 15

Dave Danielson Benefit

at the Eagles Club in Carthage from 5-11pm. There will be a live auction, 50/50 drawing and DJ music by Peggy Day. Dinner will be served at \$10/plate. Dave is facing significant challenges after a recent diagnosis of diabetic retinopathy. For donations call or text Jennifer at 309-569-2440 or Lacey at 573-719-7377.

Colchester

EVERY MONDAY

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

Industry

SATURDAY, FEB. 15

Trinity Academy Chili Supper

Trinity Academy, 306 E. South Street, Industry, will hold a Chili Supper with live music, good food, children's carnival games, and a silent auction (tables close at 6, 7 & 7:30pm). Food will be served from 4:30-7:30 or until gone. For more information call 309-731-4016.

Macomb

THURSDAY, FEB. 6

Environmentally Concerned Citizens meet

JoAnn Hairston-Jones will speak on the progress of glass recycling being established in McDonough County. Everyone is invited to attend at 7:00 pm in the Macomb City Hall Community Room

SATURDAY, FEB. 8

Winter Farmers Market

Macomb Farmers Market monthly indoor Winter Market inside Macomb's American Legion hall (on E. Washington between Campbell & Randolph) from 8:30 to Noon.

FEB. 8 & FEB 9

WIU Ag Mech Show

Don't miss the Nation's largest student-run agricultural event on Feb. 8 9am-5pm & Feb. 9 10am-4pm at Western Hall on the campus of Western Illinois University. For more information and to register for the show go to: <https://www.wiu.edu/cbt/agriculture/agmechshow.php>

SUNDAY, FEB. 9

Legends & Lattes Adult Book Club

Legends & Lattes is an adult Book Club run by Macomb resident Jaime Webb. The Book Club focuses on books in the following genres: fantasy, sci-fi, and dystopia. The Book Club meets once a month for a discussion of the assigned book on Sundays at Sullivan Taylor Coffee House from 2-3pm. All readers are welcome to attend.

Cupid's Tea at Western Illinois Museum

Valentine-themed crafting from 1:30 to 4:00 pm. Perfect for school-age children and adults alike, especially those who love making handmade gifts, this event has a suggested \$5 donation at the door.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12

Caring and Connections Brunch

The Lamoine will have a monthly brunch on the 2nd Wednesday of each month called Caring and Connections. This will be a monthly overview of a topic that affects the elderly. Our first brunch connection will be held Wednesday, December 11 at 10am. We will be reviewing the services of The Lamoine. Each month will cover a new topic with time for guests to socialize over a light breakfast.

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.

MONDAY, FEB. 17

County Genealogical Society's meeting

at the Western Illinois Museum at 6 p.m.. Julie Terstriep will be presenting about Camp Ellis, a U.S. Army Camp based in Fulton County, Illinois from 1942-1953. She will share unique stories of individuals who worked there, served there, and were affected by the 50,000 soldiers and 5,000 German POWs housed there. The public is invited to attend.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Casino Night

The Humane Society of McDonough County CASINO NIGHT will be held at Macomb's Park Place, 127 E. Carroll St. on March 1, 2025 from 7-10pm. All funds raised go towards the construction of a new animal shelter for McDonough County. We're rolling out important details about this year's event on our Facebook page!

Fountain Green

SATURDAY, FEB. 8

Fire Department Soup Supper

Soup supper serving: chill, oyster, chicken noodle soups plus steamburgers and desserts. Beginning at 5pm at the Fountain Green Fire Station located at 1921 NCR 2770, Fountain Green, IL.

Plymouth

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

90's Music Trivia

at Pop A Top Again! We did the 80's now it's time for the 90's! Dress up your teams in your best 90's costumes for a chance to win cash! Teams of 8 \$100 (You can up to 2 additional players for \$15 each) Team of 9- \$115, Team of 10- \$130. No cell phones or smart watch's at the table. 100% payback

Prairie City

SATURDAY, FEB. 8TH

Firemen's Pancake and Sausage Day

at the Prairie City Fire station from 7-10 am for a free will donation. Can't make it for breakfast? Don't worry they will also be serving pancakes & sausage for dinner from 4-7pm.

Table Grove

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast

from 6am-10am at the Table Grove Community Center serving Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Biscuits and Gravy.

Death Notices *continued from page 3*

Larry Dean Robinson

88, of Roseville

Larry Dean Robinson, 88, of Roseville, Illinois, passed away at 5:33 p.m., Sunday, February 2, 2025, in his home surrounded by his family.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 6, 2025, at the funeral home. A time of visitation will be held from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at the funeral home. Interment with military honors will be in the Roseville Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family and left in the care of the funeral home. Moore Memorial Home, Roseville, is handling the arrangements. For more information or to leave an online condolence, please visit our website at www.moorememorial.com.

Sherry Wike

73, of Macomb

Sherry Wike, 73, of Macomb passed away at 9:58 p.m. Sunday, February 2, 2025 at her home with all of her family members at her side after a three month battle with cancer.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Private burial of ashes will be held at a later date at Oakwood Cemetery in Macomb.

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.



The Café

Stop by for some great music this week starting on Wed. Feb. 5 with Dan Eilers playing from 5:30-7:30pm and again on Sat. Feb. 8 with Dan's Karaoke & Rockstar Bingo from 8-12pm.

Hickory Ridge Concerts

Bill Maakestad takes the stage Sat. Feb. 8th at 7pm to perform the Songs and Stories of Hank and Johnny at the historic Ellisville Opera House in Ellisville, IL.

Let the Sparks Fly Fundraiser

Live music by Captain Quirk at 7pm on Sat. Feb. 15 at the Bushnell Recreation Center, doors open at 5. Dinner by Rolling Smoke. Cover: \$15 single, \$25 couple. Meal ticket \$10ea. Proceeds help fund City of Bushnell's 4th of July fireworks display.

J&B's Windmill Pub

Late Start's debut at J&B's Windmill pub in Industry Sat. Feb. 15 at 7pm. Come out and bring your sweetheart. Celebrate Valentine's Day with some 90's-2000's rock, grunge and alternative music. See you there!

The Legacy Theater-Carthage

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We will even give you the edition date, all you need to do is find the letter! On the form below, fill in the business name of the ad in which it was hiding, along with your name, address and phone number. The contest goes for 4 weeks, beginning January 24th. Each edition of Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday will have a letter hidden in a sponsor's ad for the next 4 weeks, ending February 19th. Once you have found all the letters and the form is filled out, drop it off or mail it to **Community News & Market, 13 E Side Square, Macomb**. We will announce the winners in the February 29th Community News Brief newspaper. Did you notice we said **WINNERS? YES!** We will randomly draw 2 winners out of the entries we receive...so you have twice the chance to win! Must be 18 to enter and only one entry per household, please. No purchase necessary. Must present February utility bill to receive credit. You may find a hidden letter in one of the following businesses; some will have more than one hidden letter on multiple days, others may not have any:

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“So often as women, we take care of everyone around us before ourselves. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in women, who are especially vulnerable during high stress phases of life,” said Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton. “February 7th is Wear Red Day, and a great reminder to take care of you. Your heart

and your health matters!”

Among the events planned to promote heart health during February are a blood drive on Thursday, Feb. 6, from 10:30am to 2pm at the IDPH Springfield headquarters, 535 W. Jefferson St. The next day, Friday, Feb. 7, is “Wear Red for Women Day,” in which everyone is encouraged to wear red as a reminder to women to have regular checkups and to talk with their physician about warning signs of heart trouble.

IDPH’s men’s health program will also have targeted messaging during the month, with an emphasis on disproportionate rates

of early-onset heart disease in young males generally, and specifically among young Black males.

IDPH social media channels will also be busy during the month, with frequent messaging about heart disease risks and prevention strategies, including

- The benefits of regular checkups and frequent monitoring of blood pressure and cholesterol levels
- The symptoms of a heart attack
- The heart benefits of adequate sleep, proper diet, physical activity, and giving up smoking
- And more.

You can connect with IDPH social media on Facebook, X, Instagram, Bluesky, Threads, and LinkedIn.

IDPH has also made radio public service announcements on heart health available once again to radio stations across the state. Those audio PSAs can be found at Public Service Announcements.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* It is illegal to publish photographs of handcuffed suspects in France, as they're not to appear guilty until actually proved so.

* The word "king" in a snake's name indicates that it preys on other snakes.

* St. Lucia is the only country in the world named after a woman. Originally called the Island of the Iguanas by early Carib settlers, the name was later changed after French seamen were shipwrecked there on Dec. 13, the feast day of St. Lucy.

* Studies have shown that spending only a few minutes every day in the New York City subway system can ultimately result in hearing loss.

* When you snap your finger, it moves at about 20 mph.

* Pope Gregory I decreed that rabbit fetuses were marine mammals and they could therefore be eaten during Lent.

* A bobsled is so named because early racers bobbed their heads back and forth in an attempt to gain speed. (It didn't work.)

* The annual World's Biggest Liar competition in Cumbria, England invites entrants from around the world to tell the biggest and most convincing lie they can muster in five minutes. No props or scripts are allowed, nor are politicians or lawyers permitted to compete, as "they are judged to be too skilled at telling porkies."

* More than four tons of old U.S. paper money is mulched into compost every day.

* Cockroaches are so repulsed by humans that if they're touched by a human, not only do they run away, but they wash themselves. (Personal to cockroaches: The feeling is mutual!)

* Bananas are curved because they grow towards the sun, in a process called "negative geotropism."

Thought for the Day: "Let us be grateful to people who make us happy, they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." -- Marcel Proust

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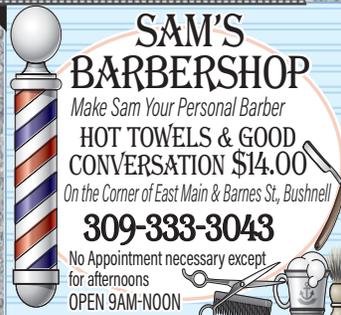
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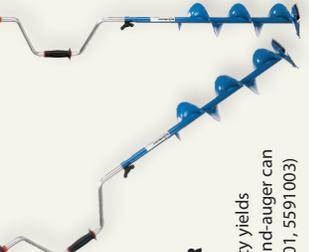


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