

FREE Midweek Brief

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WIU Athletics' Second Annual "Hotcakes for Heroes" to be Held February 15

Western Illinois Athletics

MACOMB – In partnership with the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC), Western Illinois University Athletics is proud to announce the Hoops for Heroes Initiative. Each year, the OVC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) hosts a league-wide community service project tied to the OVC Basketball Championship. Every OVC institution works in its community to raise funds to send a local military veteran/first responder to the OVC basketball championship in Evansville, IN, in March 2025.

Every OVC institution works in its community to raise funds to send a local military veteran, law enforcement, or first responder to the OVC basketball championship in Evansville, IN, March 5-8, 2025. For those interested in nominating a local hero as this year's recipient, please use the online form. The deadline to submit is February 12, 2025. **See WIU on page 8**

MDH Physical Therapist, Lindsey Schafer, PT, DPT, LAT, ATC receives Certificate of Achievement

The MDH Physical Therapist, Lindsey Schafer, PT, DPT, LAT, ATC recently received her Certificate of Achievement in Pelvic Health Physical Therapy.

For more information on Pelvic Floor Physical Therapy talk to your primary care provider or OB/GYN about a referral or visit www.MDH.org.



Decade of Decadence is Back in Bushnell

Decade of Decadence 80's Hair Night on Saturday, April 5 at 6pm at the Bushnell Fire & Rescue Hydrants, Hoses, and Headbangers Spring Concert! Special Salute to the Troops and First Responders! Location will be at the Bushnell Recreation and Cultural Center. Gates will open at 5 PM and show starts at 8pm. The cost is \$15 per person. BBQ & beer for an Army! Rocking the greatest 80s hits including Def Leppard, Journey, Guns N' Roses & more! DON'T MISS IT! Raise your lighters and fists high!



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POLICE REPORTS

MACOMB POLICE DEPARTMENT

1/18

Austin Adjei, 21, Macomb, was charged with restrictions on the general public-Cannabis consumption

Cristina A. Conway, 47, Macomb, was charged with careless driving

Christian J. Gilkey, 5, Chicago, was charged with no insurance-operating under suspension

Kruz R. Decker, 18, Lewistown, was charged with plate/permit display violation

Brent A. Mast, 54, Macomb, was charged with dogs running at large

Neil D. Twidwell, 57, Plymouth, was charged with expired registration

Clayton G. Davis, 256, Granada Hills, CA, was charged with disorderly conduct

1/19

Dawn M. Gray, 55, Macomb, was charged with illegal passing of school bus

Ashley N. Leach, 28, Plymouth, was charged with possession of open alcohol in public

Anthony L. Jones, 20, Arlington, TX, was charged with careless driving

1/20

William M. Murphy, 24, Canton, was charged with drivers license revoked or suspended, expired registration

1/21

Bernice N. Erving, 30, Macomb, was charged with disorderly conduct

Miriah M. Lindsey, 34, Macomb, was charged with disorderly conduct

Misty S. Mclain Clavier, 35, Macomb, was charged with disorderly conduct

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

MCDONOUGH COUNTY SHERIFF

1/16

Dominique Ashay Hughes, 26, Chicago, was charged with criminal damage to state property

Princess Phyllis McCullough, 23, Chicago, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Anthony January, 37, Macomb, was charged with retail theft/disp merch/ less than \$300

Marilyn Marie Handley, 30, Beardstown, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Dominique Dalon Deeonta Walls, 26, Avon, was charged with disorderly conduct, criminal trespass, no valid drivers license, domestic battery

1/17

David Brian Williams, 37, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Ronnie Wayne Adams, 53, Macomb, was charged with presence within prohibited zone (sex offender)

Raphael Demoray Robinson, 34, Chicago, was charged with willful failure to register

Nicholas Matthew Kremer, 28, Carthage, was charged with driving with suspended license

Todd Lamont Jones, 59, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

1/18

Jennifer Lynn Kirksey, 25, Blandinsville, was charged with DUI/alcohol, DUI over .08

Rikki Marie Lawrence, 43, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Jamesha Latrice Gardner, 31, Bushnell, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Jverson Christopher Jenkins, 22, Macomb, was charged with aggravated domestic battery

1/20

Terry Ann Kidd, 44, Canton, was arrested on a Foreign body attachment warrant

Tristan Lee Brines, 29, Blandinsville, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

1/21

Donny Taftlweis Freeman, 41, West Burlington, IA, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Heather Michelle Bemount, 45, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Lester Allen Zeisler, 52, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

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

TODAY'S JOKES

Q: Why shouldn't you fall in love with a pastry chef?
A: They'll dessert you!

Q: What is a gardener's favorite pick-up line?
A: "I dig you!"

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Death Notices

Leo Franklin Harn

83, of Bushnell

Leo Franklin Harn, 83, of Bushnell passed away at 10:52 a.m. Saturday, January 25, 2025 north of Bushnell.

Graveside services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, January 30, 2025 at Oakwood Cemetery in Macomb. Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, January 30, 2025 at Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb.

You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at clugston-tibbitts.com.

Gary W. Statler

84, of Macomb

Gary W. Statler, 84, of Macomb passed away at 3:15 a.m. Tuesday, January 21,, 2025 at his residence in Macomb.

Graveside services were held January 24, 2025 at St. Marys Cemetery in St. Marys with Pastor A. Lee Unger officiating. Full military rites accorded by the Macomb American Legion and Macomb VFW at the cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the MDH Hospice Program. You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at clugston-tibbitts.com.

Lisa T. Tingley

61, of Plymouth

Lisa T. Tingley 61 of Plymouth, Illinois passed away at her home on November 14, 2024.

Cremation Rites accorded by Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home. Services will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to the McDonough County Humane Society. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

Janet R. Murphy

82, of Abilene, TX (formerly of Carman, IL)

Janet R. Murphy, age 82, of Abilene, Texas, formerly of the Carman, Illinois area, passed away at 9:45 a.m. Monday, January 20, 2025 in Abilene.

The funeral service was held Monday, January 27, 2025 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Stronghurst, with Pastor Karen Martin officiating. Burial followed in the Carman Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established for the Rebekah Lodge of Good Hope, Illinois. Please visit Janet's obituary at banksandbeals.com to leave a condolence.

Bob E. Housewright

91, of Burlington, IA

Robert E. "Bob" Housewright, 91, of Burlington, Iowa, passed away Monday, January 20, 2025 at his home.

Cremation has been entrusted to Banks & Beals Funeral Home.

A memorial service was held Saturday, January 25, 2025 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe. Burial with Military Rites held at LaHarpe Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established for the West Burlington Lions Club. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Bob's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

Sandra Sue "Sandy" Cox

82, of rural LaHarpe

Sandra Sue "Sandy" Cox, 82, of rural LaHarpe, passed away Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at Oak Lane Nursing and Rehab Center in Stronghurst.

A visitation was held Sunday, January 26 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe. A private family funeral was held the following Monday with burial in the Terre Haute Cemetery. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established for the Terre Haute Community Church, Oak Lane Nursing and Rehab Center or a charity of the donor's choice. To leave a condolence, please visit Sandra's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

Carol Ann Clover

84, of LaHarpe

Carol Ann Clover, 84, of LaHarpe, Illinois, passed away Saturday, January 25, 2025, at her home.

Cremation has been entrusted to Banks & Beals Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 1, 2025, at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe with Rev. Rick Goettsche officiating. No visitation or burial service is planned at this time.

A memorial fund has been established for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Union Church of LaHarpe, IL. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Carol's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

Sara B. Semonis

89, of Macomb

Sara B. Semonis, 89, of Macomb, Illinois passed away at 10:18 AM Sunday Jan. 26, 2025 at McDonough District Hospital in Macomb, IL.

Cremation has been accorded. Private family services will be held at a later date.

Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Jude Children Research Hospital.

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

Lane Champion Hardisty

26, of Bushnell

Lane Champion Hardisty, 26, of Bushnell, Illinois, formerly of LaHarpe, Illinois, passed away peacefully at 2:30 a.m. Sunday, January 26, 2025 in Bushnell, after a courageous 5 year battle with cancer.

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

The funeral service for Lane will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 1, 2025 at the LaHarpe Christian Church with Rev. Jim Clayton officiating. Burial will follow in LaHarpe Cemetery.

A visitation with the family will be from 10:00 a.m. until time of services Saturday at the church.

A memorial fund has been established for Aubrey's Education Fund or St. Jude's Affiliate Clinic in Peoria. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Lane's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

Gary R. Sigler

82, of Auburn

Gary R. Sigler, 82 of Auburn passed away Monday, January 20, 2025 at his home.

Cremation rites were accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00pm Saturday, March 1, 2025 at Rocki's in Auburn. Military graveside services will be held on a later date at the Harris Cemetery in Table Grove, IL.

Memorials may be made to St. Louis County Police Welfare Association, 7900 Forsyth Blvd, Clayton, MO 63105.



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

Community Calendar

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 1

VFW Breakfast

Serving from 7-10 a.m at the Post 1422 Hall located at 181 E. Hail in Bushnell. We provide on-site, takeout, and curb service. For takeout and curb service please call 309-333-9919. We are serving biscuits and gravy, sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes and French Toast.

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.

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.

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

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.

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

SATURDAY, FEB. 1

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. 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.

Friends of the Library Specialty Book Sale

from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Library Annex, 109 E. Jefferson St. is featuring Fiction, Mysteries/Action Adventure, Science Fiction, and media (CDs, DVDs, audio books) as well as all oversized books. Proceeds invested in the public library.

St. Paul Music Trivia Night

at 6:30pm at St. Paul School Gym. \$20/person, 8 player teams. \$250 for corporate table with perks. Call 309-833-2470 for more information. Register online at <https://form.jotform.com/243166494805160>

MONDAY, FEB 3

Sip & Paint with Jen Cordell

Guided painting on canvas with local artist, Jen Cordell at 5:30pm at The Wine Sellers. Space is limited. Register today! \$15 plus online convenience fee of \$2.95. Or, pay in person at TWS. Cost covers your supplies and one glass of wine.

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.

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.

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.

Submit your calendar item to: communitybrief@gmail.com



The American Legion

The Post 6 Big Band led by John Cooper plays from 7-9pm on Wednesday, Jan. 29 in the American Legion Post 6, No admission but there is a free-will offering during the shows.

The Café

We have a favorite of ours, JT Doubet, playing for us on Wednesday, January 29 from 5:30-7:30 and on Friday, January 31 we have Dan's DJ & Karaoke from 8-12. Come and check it out!

Let the Sparks Fly Fundraiser

Live music by Captain Quirk at 7pm on Saturday, 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.

The Legacy Theater-Carthage

As the daughter of Country Music Royalty, Pam Tillis was determined from a young age to find her own way in music as a singer and songwriter. Don't miss Pam with her trio for one night only on Friday, February 28 from 7-10pm.

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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 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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"We are excited to bring back the "Hotcakes for Heroes" fundraiser again this year," said Director of Athletics Paul A. Bubb. "It's a unique opportunity for our community to come together and show gratitude to the brave men and women who have served our nation and our local community. We invite everyone to join us as we rally to send a local hero to the OVC Tournament!"

On Saturday, February 15, WIU Athletics will host "Hotcakes for Heroes" from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in the East Gym of Western Hall. This breakfast will raise funds to send a deserving honoree from the Greater Macomb Area to the OVC Basketball Championship Tournament. Attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy a pancake breakfast while contributing to a meaningful cause. Supplies needed for this event are being donated by Sodexo. Therefore, all proceeds will go directly towards covering the expenses for a local veteran or first responder to attend the OVC Tournament.

Details of the Event:

What: Hotcakes for Heroes Fundraiser

When: February 15, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Prior to Women's Basketball vs. Morehead State at 11:00 am

Men's Basketball vs. Morehead State to follow at 1:30 pm

Where: East Arena of Western Hall

Price: \$10/each for pancakes and a ticket to the games;

\$5/each for just pancakes



An inside look at last year's successful event in 2024

Photos courtesy of the official Western Illinois Athletics Facebook page

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* There is a Guinness World Record for "most matchsticks extinguished with the tongue."

* Jimi Hendrix served as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army's elite 101st Airborne division, though an ankle injury allowed him to leave the service with a welcomed honorable discharge after one year of the three he'd signed up for.

* Medical students in 18th-century Scotland could pay their tuition fees in corpses.

* A statement in the end credits of the movie "Frozen" claims that Disney does not support the consumption of boogers.

* After Playboy founder Hugh Hefner funded some research in the 1980s that identified a subspecies of rabbit living in the Florida Keys, it was named for him: *sylvilagus palustris hefneri*.

* An IKEA in the Netherlands had to cancel its one-euro breakfast special because it attracted too many customers and caused highway traffic jams.

* Thomas Edison invented the tattoo pen.

* Rolex replaced, without charge, all the watches that had been seized by the Germans from shot-down Allied pilots during World War II.

* In its lifetime, the International Space Station will be hit by 100,000 meteoroids.

* During the Columbine High School massacre in 1999, two 20-pound propane bombs that were planted in the cafeteria failed to detonate. If they had, it is estimated that up to 488 students would have been seriously injured or killed.

* Every year, Iceland gets wider by 2 centimeters.

* The U.S. Embassy in Kathmandu, Nepal, has guidelines on what to do if you should stumble across a yeti (and no, we are not talking about the cup!).

Thought for the Day: "In everyone's life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit." -- Albert Schweitzer

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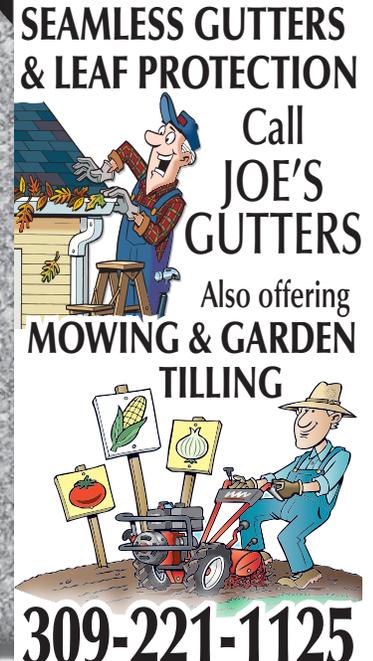
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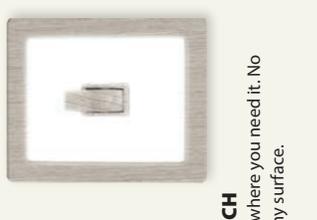
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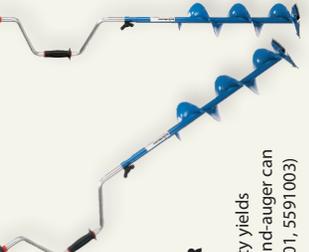
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