

FREE Midweek Brief

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Protect Your Family From the Second Leading Cause of Lung Cancer in the United States: Radon

Macomb, IL– October 17-24, 2024, is National Radon Action Week. Radon is a naturally occurring, invisible, odorless gas that is harmlessly dispersed in outdoor air, but when trapped in buildings, it can be harmful at elevated levels.

Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. for non-smokers and the second leading cause for smokers. According to the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health, there are 15,000 to 22,000 lung cancer deaths in the United States each year related to radon. In Illinois alone, nearly 1,200 radon-related lung cancer deaths occur annually.

In a study released by the Illinois Emergency Agency, 42% of homes tested in Illinois had elevated levels of radon. In McDonough County, the average indoor radon levels, as determined by radon test results, are 5.3 pCi/L which is above the 4pCi/L action level. Testing homes for elevated levels of radon is simple and inexpensive. And, if discovered, a radon problem can be fixed with a mitigation system. Radon test kits that meet EPA guidelines are available at the McDonough County Health Department at the reduced price of \$7.50 (regularly \$15) during the month of October.

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Early Voting to be Held in WIU University Union

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MACOMB, IL - Early voting for the 2024 General Election will be held at Western Illinois University in the University Union from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, October 28-31.

Voting will be held in the Union Concourse on the ground floor of the University Union and is open to the public.

Those looking to get registered can visit tinyurl.com/register tovotetil for questions about voter registration in Illinois. Voter registration will also be available at the time of the voting sessions. To register onsite at Early Voting, individuals will need a photo ID and a piece of mail addressed to their McDonough County address.

For more information, visit tinyurl.com/graceperiodregistration.



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The University Union is hosting early voting
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for the General Election

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IDOT, IDNR advise public to watch out for amorous deer during peak mating season

SPRINGFIELD – Scenic drives are a must in Illinois in autumn and with the height of fall colors, people will be spending a lot of time on the road. The Illinois Department of Transportation and Illinois Department of Natural Resources are reminding the public to be alert for deer, which are entering their peak mating season, especially at dawn and dusk now

through December.

“While your instinct is to veer when you hit a deer, don’t do it because you might lose control and injure yourself or others. Try to glance your vehicle off the deer and avoid swerving into the opposite lanes of traffic or off the road,” said Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer

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Radon

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The McDonough County Health Department urges residents to act during this year's National Radon Action Week by testing their homes for elevated levels of radon to celebrate Radon Action Week! It is a serious public health hazard with a straightforward solution. For more information on radon, call the McDonough County Health Department at (309) 837-9951.

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TODAY'S JOKES

Q: How can you tell a vampire has a cold?
A: He starts coffin!

Q: What's a witch's favorite school subject?
A: Spelling!

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Death Notices

Dannie Joe Lester

85, of Macomb

Dannie Joe Lester, 85, of Macomb, passed away at 11:51 AM Tuesday Oct. 15, 2024 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, after a brief illness.

Graveside Services will be at 11 AM Friday Oct. 25, 2024 at Good Hope Cemetery. Rev. A. Lee Unger will officiate. Cremation has been accorded. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Humane Society of McDonough County - Building Fund. Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign guestbook or leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

Eugene G. "Boom" Jones

62, of Marietta

Marietta- Eugene G. "Boom" Jones, 62 of Marietta, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family at 4:55 PM on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at his residence.

Per Boom's wishes, cremation rites will be accorded, and a celebration of life gathering will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2024 at the Cuba American Legion. (Times- TBD) Memorials can be made to Boom's family to help with funeral expenses. To leave online condolences please visit www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com.

Michael "Buck" Sharon

68, of Bushnell

Buck Sharon passed away on Sunday October 13, 2024 at University of Iowa Hospital, surrounded by his immediate family.

Cremation rites were accorded after the visitation. A private family service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the University of Iowa Home Dialysis Unit. 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.

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Allison Beth McEwen

52, of Prairie City

Allison Beth McEwen of Prairie City went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday Oct. 14th, 2024.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday October 19, 2024 at the Checkrow Community Church with pastor Brett Fisher officiating. Visitation will be from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm Friday October 18, 2024 at the Checkrow Community Church. Burial of ashes will be in the Prairie City Cemetery. Allison wished that any memorial donations made in her memory be given to the Trinity Academy. Martin-Hollis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

Christy Lynn Keith

66, of Bushnell

Christy Lynn Keith, 66, of Bushnell, Illinois passed away at 9:10 am on Tuesday October 15, 2024 at Springfield Memorial Hospital.

Cremation Rites have been accorded by Martin-Hollis Funeral Home. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Private burial of ashes will be in the Bushnell Township Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to the family of Christy Keith. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.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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Blandinsville

SATURDAYS

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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 2

VFW Breakfast

The VFW will be serving biscuits and gravy, sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes and French Toast from 7:00 to 10:am at the Post 1422 Hall, 181 E. Hail. Providing on-site, takeout, and curb service - for takeout & curb service call 309-333-9919.

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.

4TH THURSDAY OF MONTH (OCT. 24)

Colchester Lions Club Meetings

New Illinois meetings will take place at 7pm at the Colchester Lions Club on the 4th Thursday of the month.

FRIDAY, OCT. 25

Stargazing at the Park

from 6:30-8:30pm with retired WIU astronomy instructor Tom Van Heuklon and hobby astronomist Larry Knick. We will have the opportunity to observe planets and the Moon. This program will be held at the parking lot near the park's Sunset shelter (1st left turn upon entering the park). For your comfort, bring a chair or blanket, insect repellent, and a flashlight. In the event of inclement weather or poor visibility, this program may be canceled, so please check the Friends of Argyle Lake State Park Facebook page for updates before driving out. For more information, please call (309)776-3422 or email Bridget.Hinchee@illinois.gov.

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

Tour of the Atkinson/McCord Cemetery

Join staff at Argyle Lake State Park for a historical walking tour of the cemetery located on the park's property. Participants should be able to walk ½ mile on moderate terrain to access the cemetery. Meet at the park visitor center to follow park staff or at the trap range area if you know its location. For more information, please call (309)776-3422 or email Bridget.Hinchee@illinois.gov.

Macomb

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.

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.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

Moon Over Macomb

Bring the family to the Macomb Downtown Square for Moon Over Macomb from 10am-12pm for a fall celebration including a Halloween costume parade, horse drawn trolley rides, crafts, activities, and more!

FRIDAY, NOV. 1

"Killinois" Screening at Park Place

Macomb based dark comedy horror movie "Killinois" will be on screen at Park Place in Macomb IL. Cube of Justice L.L.C.'s horror movie extravaganza! Free entry (first come first served) Screening & Costume Contest must be 18 or over to enter. A brief questionnaire will be requested after the film. Your feedback is welcome! Help us shape the future of this film. The bar will be open on the main floor for liquid courage.

SATURDAY, NOV. 2

Fallen Soldiers 5K Run/Walk

to raise money for the WIU Fallen Soldiers Scholarship Fund, which supports veterans and service members currently enrolled at Western. More information at www.wiu.edu/fallensoldiers/.

Holiday Pie and Cake Auction

Heritage Days 2025 Holiday Pie and Cake Auction Fundraiser at the American Legion in Macomb at 2pm. We need your homemade pie and cake donations, please call 309-833-1315. All proceeds benefit Heritage Days 2025.

SATURDAY, NOV. 9

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.

SATURDAY, NOV. 16

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.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30-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.

Table Grove

MONDAY, OCT. 25

Fall All Town Clean Up



The Café

We have great music playing this week starting on Wednesday, October 23 with Megan Maroney playing from 5:30-7:30pm and again on Saturday, October 25 with Dick Marcott playing for us from 7-9pm.

Forgottonia Brewing

Get ready for some Blues on Friday, October 25 at 7pm with the King Neptune Blues Band playing some Piedmont Blues and Early Jazz with a Twist: Soulful, Groovy and Happy!

Macomb Elks Lodge

The Elks Lodge is throwing a Halloween Prom Night Costume Party on Saturday, October 26 from 6-11pm. This is an adult prom themed costume party. There will be appetizers and prizes for the King and Queen. Cost is \$15/ea. or \$25/couple, all proceeds go to Building Fund. Rockstar Bingo/karaoke will be going on from 6-10pm.

The Forum

Don't be a scaredy cat! Come out for one spooktacular Halloween party happening on Saturday, October 26.

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.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

Nostalgia Decor + Gifts: Ghouls Night Out-get ready for a spook-tacular evening filled with samplings, promos, and tons of Halloween fun on Thursday, Oct. 24 from 4-6pm! Join us for a chillingly good time as we celebrate the spooky season. Bring your best ghouls-friends and enjoy: Delicious tastings, Exciting special offers and a hauntingly festive atmosphere.

First Christian Church Disciples of Christ: Join us for lots of fall fun on Thursday, Oct. 24 from 5-7pm for Trunk or Treat! We will have a picture booth, carnival ride, food, a bounce house, singing pumpkins, and so much more! Please invite your friends and family for a fun night out! All are welcome and invited to attend! This event is co-sponsored by Mt. Calvary Church of God in Christ and FCC.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, OCT. 25-26.

WIU Delta Upsilon Fraternity: The Western Illinois University chapter of Delta Upsilon Fraternity, will host its annual Haunted Trail philanthropy event from 7-10 p.m. (adult only 8-10pm) on Friday-Saturday, Oct. 25-26. The event will be held on the fraternity house property at 620 W. Elting St., in Macomb IL. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door, and can be purchased through the chapter's Venmo account: du_wiu, or from a member of the chapter. Chapter members will be selling tickets at select times in the University Union and in the community. All proceeds and donations from the event go towards our fraternity's international philanthropy Global Service Initiative (GSI).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

Bushnell VFW Trunk or Treat: The Bushnell VFW Auxiliary is having Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct. 26. The parade line-up will be at the Depot at 5:30pm and the parade starts at 6pm. Trick or treaters will parade to the East Park where candy will be handed out until 8pm. The parade will make its way back to the VFW where the Auxiliary will serve a free meal.

Rosemary & Rust/BPC Drama Club: Get ready for a spooky night on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 6:30-9pm. It will be filled with eerie performances, chilling decorations, and a macabre atmosphere at Night of the Macabre! Rosemary & Rust is located at 135 Hurst St., in Bushnell.

Forgottonia Brewing: Join us for a spooktacular night of brews, brain-teasers, and boos at Forgottonia Brewing on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 7pm! Get into the Halloween spirit and dust off your favorite costumes because our special monthly Saturday trivia event is going all-out creepy! Whether you're a vampire, a witch, or just a beer-loving zombie, costumes are encouraged but not required - everyone's welcome!

Hy-Vee: Trick or Treat with Hy-Vee! Join us from 10am-1pm on Saturday, Oct. 26, for fun Halloween activities for the whole family. Costumes are encouraged!

McDonald's West: Trunk or Treat at McDonald's West in Macomb on Oct. 26 from 1-3pm. There will be games, prizes and music!

Colchester Fire Protection District: Join us for a spooky night on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 6:30-9pm. Grab your friends, dress up in a fun costume, and come play BINGO! Prizes awarded for best costume and best group costume. Cost is \$5 at the door and must be 21+ to attend. Entry includes one free beverage and free popcorn.

Moon Over Macomb: Bring the family to the Macomb Downtown Square for a fall celebration including a Halloween costume parade, horse drawn trolley rides, crafts, activities, and more on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 10am-12pm!

Argyle Lake State Park: This is the 2nd annual trick or treat at Argyle state park in Colchester Illinois at the Twisted Oak Campground on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 5-7pm. We had a great turn out last year and would love to see the campground PACKED this year. You can reserve a spot online or grab a first come first served site. We ask that you bring

some sort of sign or decoration so kids know where to go. This is open to the public, not just campground kids, so bring the kids out even if you're not camping! Have a safe and happy Halloween!!!

West Prairie Junior-Senior High School: West Prairie Junior/Senior High will hold its eighth annual Spooktacular 5K Run/Walk Saturday, Oct. 26 starting at the WPJSHS, 600 S. Hun St. The obstacle course fun run is open to adults and students in grades pre-K through 12 (note: students in grades K-6 must be accompanied by an adult). Strollers are welcome, and costumes are encouraged. Check-in and on-site registration begin at 9 a.m. at the junior-senior high, with the event kicking off at 10:30 a.m. The entry fee is \$35 (adults) and \$25 (students). Proceeds from the Oct. 26 event will go toward celebrating students' academic growth, attendance and positive behavior. To register in advance, visit bit.ly/481VCs0.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

Hornfield Campus Haunted Trail: Are you ready for a Halloween scare? The annual Haunted Trail event is back at Western Illinois University's Horn Field Campus (HFC) in Macomb on Sunday, Oct. 27. The family friendly trail is from 5-6:30pm and the scary trail from 7-9pm. Entry is \$5/person all ages, minors must be accompanied by an adult.

Macomb VFW Trunk or Treat: Come enjoy our Trunk or Treat on Sunday, Oct. 27 from 2-4pm in the West parking lot. All children come dressed in costumes (so we can enjoy seeing them). Any adults who would enjoy decorating their trunk, back hatch or the back of your truck come and join us to hand out goodies to provide a safe and happy Halloween outing. Adults dress up too, it's fun for all.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

Immanuel Lutheran Church Trunk or Treat: Come out for a fun night of Trunk or Treating with treats, books and games at Immanuel Lutheran Church parking lot, 906 Grant St. on Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 6-7pm.

Macomb High School: Trick or Treat the haunted halls of Macomb High School on Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 5:30-7pm. Enter if you dare through the doors by the office entrance. There will also be a kid friendly haunted hall.

Grand Prairie: Come trick or treat with our residents on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 5pm! Enter through the south patio entrance and parade down the hall to show off your scariest costumes. Our residents enjoy seeing everyone all dressed up.

Wesley Village: Bring the kiddo's out to Trick or Treat on Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 4:30-6:30pm it will be a Spooktacular time! We are also accepting candy donations if anyone would like to donate candy for our big trick or treat night!

Bickford Cottage: Join us for an "early-bird" Trick or Treat event before it gets dark! We will have a good crowd of trunks on Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 3pm to 6pm. Add some hot chocolate and many photo opportunities! This will be a great family event!

The Small Townner Event Venue: Pumpkin Carving Contest and Trick or Treat, Oct. 30 from 5-8pm! We're lighting up the square Halloween Eve with carved pumpkins inside the Small Townner. Interested in participating?! The Pumpkin Glow/Carving Contest will be taking submissions on October 29 from 4-6pm and October 30 from 4-5pm. You don't need to be an expert to show us what you got! Make a family fun night of it, and carve your pumpkins the weekend before! Drop off your already carved pumpkins, and we'll light them up and display them! Then stop by October 30 from 5-8 pm, trick or treat, walk through our indoor pumpkin glow, and vote for your favorite!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

Village of Table Grove: Trick-or-Treat will be Oct. 31st from 5:30-7:30. We will have Trunk-or-Treat from 4:30-5:30 on the west side of the square. If you wish to participate please be set up by 4:15.

The Elms: The Elms would like to invite you to Trick or Treat with our residents on Thursday, Oct. 31 from 5:30-7pm. Come out and put a smile on our residents faces, residents will be handing out candy in a safe environment. For questions contact Jane Hasley, Elms Director of Activities at 309-421-3243.

Maple Avenue Christian Church: Kids be sure to bring an adult with you and head to Maple Avenue Christian Church on Thursday, Oct. 31, from 5 - 7 PM for GLOW! This community event will have FREE games, inflatables, and CANDY! We will also have FREE hot dogs, chips and bottled water! Don't forget to wear your costume! See you then!

Nomad Tattoo: Stop by Thursday, Oct. 31 from 5-9pm for free temporary tattoos, candy and more for trick-or-treaters! We have a \$200 tattoo giveaway for adults!

The Colchester Methodist Church: Is hosting a Trunk or Treat at 218 W McLean in Colchester on Thursday, Oct. 31 from 5:30-7:30 pm.

Blandinsville Trunk or Treat: The Blandinsville First Christian Church will be holding a Trunk or Treat on Oct. 31, 2024, from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm. Hot dogs, chips, hot chocolate, coffee, water, and treats will be available. There will be a fall photo backdrop for pictures. Anyone wishing to decorate a trunk and participate is welcome to set-up at 3:30 pm. Come for some good treats and great fun!

Tri Sigma House-626 W. Murray St.: Halloween Book Drive at the Tri Sigma House. Come and Trick or Treat from 5:30-7:30pm on Thursday, Oct. 31 and get books and candy!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Park Place: Macomb based dark comedy horror movie "Killinois" Screening & Costume Contest (must be 18+ to enter) will be on screen at Park Place in Macomb on Friday, Nov. 1 from 7-9pm. Cube of Justice L.L.C.'s horror movie extravaganza! Free entry (first come first served). A brief questionnaire will be requested after the film. Your feedback is welcome! Help us shape the future of this film. The bar will be open on the main floor for liquid courage.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

McDonough County YMCA: The YMCA will hold a Post Halloween Party on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 6-8pm, costume contest at 7:30pm. This event is free for members and the public! There will be a costume contest, games and more! Pizza will be provided, pre-packaged food/drink to share is encouraged. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Macomb Park District Pumpkin Smash: The Macomb Park District invites you to 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.



TRUNK OR TREAT

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Deer

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Osman. "Whether you're in an urban, suburban or rural area, pay extra attention to your surroundings, especially in spots where there have been previous deer sightings."

In 2023, there were 14,862 crashes involving deer in Illinois. Of those, 14,192 resulted in damage to property or vehicles, while 663 caused injuries. Seven of the crashes resulted in fatalities.

Although a collision with a deer can happen any time, Illinois is approaching the time of year when the most crashes with them occur. Last year, 41% of crashes involving deer in Illinois occurred in October, November and December, with November being the highest-risk month. Rural areas were the site of 69% of crashes involving deer, with 72% occurring at twilight or nighttime.

Safe driving tips for deer-mating season:

Be aware of your surroundings, especially in areas with deer crossing signs.

Scan the sides of the road for eye shine – the reflection of headlights in their eyes.

Slow down if you see a deer and anticipate that others could be following.

Prepare for the unexpected. Deer may stop in the middle of the road and not move for oncoming vehicles.

If a collision is inevitable, don't veer. Try to glance your vehicle off the deer and avoid swerving into the opposite lanes of traffic or off the road.

Deer can often appear suddenly in some surprising environments, so be on alert and slow down in areas where they are known to travel.

The top 10 Illinois counties for crashes involving deer in 2023:

Cook	598
Madison	396
Kane	384
Will	381
McHenry	344
Lake	341
La Salle	340
Sangamon	338
Fulton	300
Peoria	286

"Be extra vigilant on Illinois highways this time of year, especially at dawn and dusk, when deer are particularly active for the fall mating season," said Illinois Department of Natural Resources Director Natalie Phelps Finnie. "Deer are a part of the Illinois landscape, and drivers should always be mindful of their presence to minimize the risk of accidents."

If you hit a deer, pull off to the shoulder, turn on your hazard lights and call 911. Do not exit the vehicle to check on an injured deer or pull it from the road.

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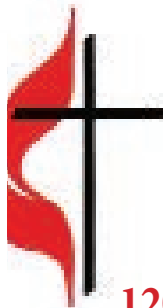
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JACK LOWDERMAN - DISTRICT 3

Jack and his wife Sherry have been married for 58 years and are blessed with family members; Monte, Carrie, Rhett; Brent, Kris, Blake, Caley, Scotty and Morgan; Cody, Abby, Nash and Tuck; and Cory always in our hearts. Jack and Sherry founded Lowderman Auction Company in 1968 which handles everything from livestock to real estate (nationwide). A second division of the family business is Lowderman Cattle Company which raises purebred Hereford cattle. Jack is a member of the Scotland Trinity Presbyterian Church and has served as an elder, deacon and trustee.

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RYAN LITCHFIELD - DISTRICT 3

Ryan is a Macomb area farmer, husband to Blaire, and father to Mason. He and his wife both went to school in Macomb. They got their first jobs here, and spent their pocket change at Ball Fore and the cinema. Ryan and Blaire left for a few years for new careers and to experience the world from a different perspective, but this area has always been home. In 2020 they moved back to McDonough County permanently.

"By serving on our McDonough County Board, I hope to support our community so that the next generation may have the same positive experiences my wife and I have shared here. I truly appreciate your support now, just as many of you have supported me in the past."

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CLAYTON COOK - DISTRICT 2

Clayton lives outside of Good Hope with his wife Sarah and son Oliver. He was raised in the Good Hope/Sciota area and returned to his family's corn and soybean farm after obtaining a degree in Agribusiness Economics from SIU-Carbondale. He also operates a generational seed dealership. Clayton likes to hunt, work on inventive projects, and also do some computer aided drafting.

"I believe in focusing on connecting with our community and hearing opinions on the issues at hand. Our county board has been great about providing direction when needed and not micromanaging everything else. My values are fiscally and socially conservative, and I appreciate tradition and understanding our history to better guide our future."

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CRAIG FOSTER - DISTRICT 2

Craig lives in Bushnell with his wife Mary. They have 3 children. He is a lifelong resident of McDonough County, and retired from IDOT in 2017 after 31 years of service. He currently owns & operates Foster Construction with his brother Scott, working full-time as a carpenter.

Craig has served on the county board since 2020 and is currently Vice Chair of the Road & Bridge Committee and is a member of the ESDA/Claims committee. He is running for re-election because of his interest in the infrastructure of the roads and bridges throughout the county, and also the renovation work being performed to the courthouse.

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JOE ERLANDSON - DISTRICT 2

Joe lives northeast of Macomb with his wife Nancy, and has been a McDonough County resident for 40 years. He is a University of Illinois graduate, holding a Bachelors Degree in Agriculture Economics. Joe served as the County Executive Director for the USDA McDonough County Farm Service Agency for 33 years. He is a member and Treasurer of Trinity Lutheran Church and the McDonough County 708 Mental Health Board, and currently helps his brother Jerry in the spring/fall with his farming operation.

Joe has served on the county board for 6 years, and is currently Chairman of the Law & Legal Committee. He is also member of the Finance and ESDA/Claims committees. He is seeking reelection because he has an interest in the financial stability of the county.

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TERRA LITCHFIELD - DISTRICT 3

Terra was born and raised in McDonough County. She was married to Randy Litchfield (deceased), and has two children: Derek Litchfield and Kristen Terry. Both Derek & Kristen live and work in McDonough County.

Terra has served on the county board for 6 years, and would like to continue serving to see through the courthouse renovations and improve efficiency for the county. "I believe most offices do a great job handling our taxpayer's money but know there can be some improvements. I am very blessed to call McDonough County my home and strive to do the best for our residents."

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JERRY RABY - DISTRICT 1

Jerry was raised and attended school in Bushnell. He and his wife Shelley have lived in Macomb for 32 years, where they raised their family. He works in the MDH cardiopulmonary department, having been there for over 30 years.

"My reason for running for county board is to help improve our community for the present and future generations of McDonough County. I look forward to continue serving you on the County Board in District #1."

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TERRY THOMPSON - DISTRICT 3

Terry and his wife Stacy live southwest of Macomb, and are the parents of 2 married sons and 4 grandchildren. He is a lifelong resident of McDonough County, apart from his service in a commercial refrigeration apprenticeship. Previously, he owned a plumbing, heating, and air conditioning business for 14 years in Macomb. Currently, Terry is a commercial refrigeration technician for the Hy-Vee Corporation.

Terry has served on the Chalmers Township Board of Trustees for the past 5 years. "My principles are being fiscally responsible and using common sense resulting in responsible solutions for our county while ensuring future growth and opportunities."



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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.

The questions are as follows:

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 of if there are issues going on during the elections.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* Golf legend Jack Nicklaus earned his nickname, the "Golden Bear," thanks to his size and blond hair. Conveniently, it was also the name of his high school mascot.

* The Statue of Liberty wears a size 879 shoe.

* When Americans moved out of one house and into another in the early 20th century, they would burn all their old dishcloths so that none of the bad energy that had been wiped up in the old house would move with them into their new abode.

* "Horizontal refreshment" was a 19th-century slang term for sex.

* The term "mortician" was invented as part of a PR campaign by the funeral industry, which felt it was more customer-friendly than "undertaker." The term was chosen after a call for ideas in Embalmer's Monthly.

* It would take 76 workdays (if you work an eight-hour day) to read every online privacy policy you agree to in an average year.

* Sorry, Scotland: Persians invented bagpipes.

* Walt Disney World is the second-largest buyer of explosives in America, following only the U.S. Department of Defense, but don't worry -- most of them are in the form of fireworks.

* A Canadian police officer named Ward Clapham created a program giving "positive tickets" to people who do good deeds.

* Harriet Tubman was the first woman to lead a U.S. military raid.

* Great white sharks rarely survive in captivity. Experts suspect the electricity in buildings interferes with the animals' electro-sensory systems, though that hasn't stopped some aquariums from trying, and failing, to display them.

* Marie Curie remains the only person to earn Nobel Prizes in two different sciences.

* Instead of mowing the lawn, Google rents goats to eat the grass at its headquarters.

Thought for the Day: "A good example has twice the value of good advice." -- Albert Schweitzer

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