

# Our County

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## WEATHER

**Today**  
 HIGH 58  
 LOW 45

**Friday**  
 HIGH 68  
 LOW 58

**Saturday**  
 HIGH 78  
 LOW 65

## HOPE

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For this meal, Dot Foods of Mt. Sterling sent five volunteers to help. A.J. McDowell, Dot's food pantry coordinator, said Project H.O.P.E. is just one of the 27 food pantries that Dot supports. The St. Paul Knights of Columbus also barbecued hamburgers and supplied condiments for Sunday's event. It is the first time Dot Foods and the St. Paul Knights of Columbus have been involved with Project H.O.P.E.

In addition to a hot meal, the group's Pack-A-Sack table allows participants to take canned groceries home. The food comes from the Midwest Food Bank in Peoria and the Riverbend Food Bank in Rock Island as well as from donations from the community.

The group has a gift table where participants can choose a special something. Stuffed animals, toys, books, vases and other knickknacks have been donated by community members.

During the dinners, Daryl Best, the program's entertainment coordinator, schedules musical performances. This month's meal featured Mark Wheeler, guitar and Nolan Smith, drums. Daryl said various folk, country and jazz artists have participated and that anyone is welcome to perform.

Transportation coordinator, Patricia Friday organizes rides to and from the dinner for locals who want to eat. She says about 20 people use the service



RYAN HAGAN/THE VOICE

John Sutor, Kathie Brasel, Karen Stauffer, Pam Seckman and A.J. McDowell volunteer for Project H.O.P.E. with Dot Foods' employee volunteer program.

every month. She also coordinates food deliveries to residents in Macomb, including the Jefferson House.

Project H.O.P.E. has seen rapid growth since its beginning in August 2010.

They are now serving, on average, 100 more people per meal than they did just eight months ago, and they maintain a regular group of 50 volunteers. The group has received numerous financial support, including a VIBE (Volunteers Interested In Benefiting Everyone) grant.

Katrina Best, the group's media coordinator, designed and distributed surveys at this month's meal. She, along with her brother, Brendan, shot video during the meal for use on the group's website. She also ran a competition on Facebook for the group to find a logo for Project

H.O.P.E.

Philippe Moore, a Macomb resident and an Illinois State University graduate student, designed the group's dove and olive branch design and won the competition. Katrina is also planning to make bracelets for the group to sell.

According to the group's Facebook page, Project H.O.P.E.'s goal is, "In God's love, to help meet the food insecurity needs of families and individuals by providing a hot meal on a regular basis at the same time desiring to build relationships to encourage them with hope in Jesus Christ." While the event is not specifically a religious one, Christian reading materials and prayer sessions are available.

Several workers said they feel the program has been led by the Holy Spirit.

Currently, Project

H.O.P.E. is having thrift sales in Bay 14 of the Shady Lane Storage buildings, next to Skateland.

Rhonda Brown coordinates the rummage sale and thrift store efforts for Project H.O.P.E.

The group intends to develop this concept as a means to generate ongoing income for future dinners.

The group is currently searching for a permanent location in Macomb for the thrift store. The next sale at Bay 14 will be Friday, June 10 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday, June 11 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Project H.O.P.E.'s meals are the fourth Sunday of the month from 4-6 p.m.

To make a donation or find out how you can help, check the group's Facebook page or e-mail macombprojecthope@gmail.com.

## CALENDAR

### Saturday

#### MACOMB

**Historic Oakwood Cemetery tours lead by local author and historian John Hallwas, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.** Meet at the Oakwood Cemetery's sexton's building. Proceeds support the Macomb Woman's Club social service memorial committee. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the Western Illinois Museum.

#### COLCHESTER

**Friends of Argyle Lake State Park - Spring Exotic Plant Removal Workday: 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Help Friends of Argyle and park staff remove nonnative plants from the woods at Argyle. Litter collecting is an option for younger volunteers. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy a picnic after your work. Tools and gloves will be provided or bring your own. Meet at the park visitor center.

#### LAHARPE

**Walk with Me - Walk in the fight against ALS:** Registration is from 9-10 a.m. at the Annex in LaHarpe. The 2.5 mile walk will begin at 10 a.m. Cost \$25. T-Shirt & light lunch following walk included. Strollers and wagons welcome.

### May 29

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### June 11

#### MACOMB

**The Social Service Memorial Committee of the Macomb Woman's Club will host a Garden Walk** from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and are available at the Western Illinois Museum, Citizens Bank, MidAmerica National Bank and Vintage Accents.

#### COLCHESTER

**Friends of Argyle Lake State Park - Lake Litter Clean Up: 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Help Friends of Argyle and park staff for this volunteer opportunity to help beautify Lake Argyle. Volunteers will be helping to clean the litter from the lake using canoes and jon boats. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy a picnic after your work. Dress appropriately for the weather. Meet at the parking area near the bait shop.

### June 27

#### MACOMB

**McDonough County Democratic Central Committee, 6:30 p.m., City Hall community room.**

## Print Exclusives



Below is a list of stories you will find today only in the printed edition of The McDonough County Voice:

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## Spoon River College offering foodservice classes

Spoon River College is offering two foodservice sanitation certification classes during the month of June.

There will be no Food Service classes during the month of July, so we are asking those seeking certification to please plan accordingly.

A class in Canton will be held Monday, June 6 and Tuesday, June 7 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Spoon River College Community Outreach Center in Canton.

A class in Macomb will be held on Wednesday, June 15 and Thursday, June 16 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Spoon River College Community Outreach Center in Macomb.

The Illinois State Department of Public Health Food Service Sanitation Code requires that all food service establishments that prepare and serve food shall be under operational supervision of a certified manager.

One certified person

must be on the premises at all times. All establishments which serve food must complete 15 hours of instruction from a licensed Sanitation instructor and then successfully pass the Illinois State Food Service Sanitation exam.

This course covers up-to-date information on safe food handling, preparation, food storage, personal hygiene, and the prevention of food borne illnesses.

The Illinois State Food

Service Sanitation exam will be given at the end of this course.

Those seeking the five-hour refresher can sign up to attend on the second day of class from 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Participants must provide a copy of their current State of Illinois certificate.

For more information or to register, call Spoon River College at (309) 647-6260 or Insightful Food Service at 837-5158.

## JAIL

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in his Thompson Hall dorm room during a search.

Then on Feb. 17, an officer of public safety witnessed Kelley packing a

marijuana pipe while in the passenger seat of a vehicle.

During that incident, the officer found Kelley in possession of a pipe and 2.5 grams of cannabis.

Three weeks later, while Kelley was out on bond for the previous incident, WIU

officers were called to a dorm room after someone reported smelling cannabis there.

Officers found Kelley in possession of a cannabis pipe in that incident.

Judge Richard Gambrell said he was "concerned" that Kelley was arrested so

soon on similar charges, but noted his lack of a criminal history.

Kelley was ordered to spend 40 days in the McDonough County Jail with day-for-day credit.

He was also ordered to pay more than \$2,000 in fines, court costs and fees.

## DRUGS

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Another man, 27-year-old Jeremy Tarter, gave police a false name.

Upon a further search, deputies found single tablets of Xanax and Adderal, along with a tin

containing a white powdery substance, which later tested positive for heroin.

Hypodermic syringes also were found in the vehicle.

Both men reportedly had fresh track marks on their arms and Deckard admitted to previous heroin use.

As part of the plea deal, three other charges against

Deckard were dropped.

He was sentenced to 14 days in McDonough County Jail with credit for seven days for time he's already served.

Deckard also was granted day-for-day credit, meaning that his jail sentence was satisfied following his plea.

Deckard was ordered to

serve two years of probation and pay a \$750 plus court costs and fees.

Circuit Judge Steven Bordner said Deckard has no previous drug convictions, but said that heroin is not normally a drug that someone begins with.

Bordner said that heroin use suggests a strong relationship with controlled substances.

"If I see you again, you're likely going to be sent to the Illinois Department of Corrections," Bordner said.

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