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MDH PROS (Employee Giving Club) recently donated Buddy Benches to Edison, Bushnell Elementary, Lincoln, St. Paul, Trinity Academy, and West Prairie North.

See Benches on page 2



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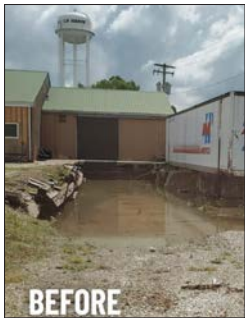
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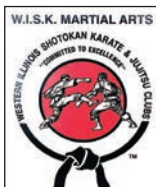
Western Area Purchasing Coop Secures \$35,000 Grant for Warehouse Upgrades



LA HARPE – The Western Area Purchasing Coop (WAPC) along with the Regional Office of Education #26 is proud to announce upgrades at their facility in La Harpe made possible by a \$35,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO).

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See Grant on page 11



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POLICE REPORTS

Macomb Police Department

11/30

Corey R. Pullins, 35, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant, possession of Cannabis-less than 10 grams, possession of drug paraphernalia, bicycle equipment violation

Valery Carientane, 23, Jacksonville, was charged with careless driving

12/1

Tyler C. Lump, 19, Macomb, was charged with criminal trespass to building

Saindor Thelusma, 42, Beardstown, was charged with careless driving

12/2

Myckion T. Thompson, 18, Macomb, was charged with illegal passing of school bus

Christopher S. Laktas, 43, Bardolph, was charged with careless driving

McDonough County Sheriff

11/29

Lacy Diane Snowden, 39, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Blatten William Forrester, 19, Macomb, was arrested on a foreign warrant

Manase M. Mandondo, 30, Galesburg, was arrested on a foreign warrant

Andrew R. Weinmann, 35, Rushville, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

11/30

Mark Scott Livengood, 50, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Kyle Dean Williams, 32, Colchester, was charged with aggravated assault with a weapon, aggravated assault to a disabled person, unlawful use or possession of weapon by felon

Kacee Marie Kallenberger, 30, Davenport, IA, was charged with criminal trespass to residence, criminal damage to property over \$5000

Sandi Mae Burton, 48, Macomb, was charged with obstructing justice

12/1

Heaven Malawn Watkins, 24, Macomb, was charged with DUI/alcohol

Mark Anthony Rodriguez, 46, Marietta, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Spencer Chales Boisen, 21, Industry, was arrested on a foreign warrant, McDonough County warrant

12/2

Chad William Henderson, 50, LaHarpe, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Jordan Xavier Smith, 19, /macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Darryl Neville Taylor, 21, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Seth Robert Clay, 23, Knoxville, was charged with reckless driving, leaving the scene of property crash

WIU Office of Public Safety

12/5

On Dec. 5 at 2:26 p.m., a student was judicially referred for possession of a fake driver's license at Mowbray Hall.

12/6

On Dec. 5 at 7:25 p.m., two students were judicially referred for behavior in Washington Hall.

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



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Listing of the Week







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Q: Why can't you tell pigs secrets?
A: They always squeal!

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WEDNESDAYS 5-8PM

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Benches

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*A Buddy Bench is a designated seat in schools or public spaces where children can sit if they need a friend by their side. It stands out, promotes awareness, and prevents bullying. Children who want a friend to play or talk with can sit on the Buddy Bench. Kindness Ambassadors and other children are encouraged to invite them to join activities.

"We hope friendships flourish with the addition of the Buddy Benches."

*** Chicken and Noodle Dinner**

Join the WP class of 2026 after prom before the boys basketball game on Dec 13 from 5:30-7 in the WPHS cafeteria

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Death Notices

Marshall J. Porter

88, of Plymouth

Marshall J. Porter, 88, of Plymouth, IL passed away Thursday December 5, 2024 at his home near Plymouth.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at Rosemont cemetery in Plymouth, IL. Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Circle Community Center. The Hamilton Funeral Home in Augusta, IL is handling arrangements.

Robert Cain Emory

88, of Prairie City

Robert Cain Emory was born the 5th of five children to Chester Ray Emory and Lucia Bernadine Cain on September 11, 1936. He passed from this Earth on September 13, 2024.

Graveside services with full Military Rites will be held on Saturday, December 21, 2024 at 12:00pm noon when his immediate family will gather at the Prairie City Cemetery. His extended family and friends are welcome to join. Pastor Brett Fisher will officiate. Memorial contributions are suggested to McDonough District Hospital Hospice Program or to the Checkrow Community Church. Martin-Hollis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.



Ruth Ferguson Duncan

103, of Stronghurst

Ruth Ferguson Duncan, age 103, of Stronghurst, Illinois passed away Saturday, December 7, 2024 at Oak Lane Nursing & Rehab in Stronghurst.

Funeral services will be at 10:30a.m. Saturday, December 14, 2024 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Stronghurst with Pastor Pam Moore officiating. Burial will follow in the Stronghurst Cemetery. No visitation is planned. A memorial fund has been established for Oak Lane Nursing & Rehab. Please visit Ruth's obituary at banksandbeals.com to leave a condolence.

Adrienne Alexander

82, of Macomb

Adrienne Alexander, 82, of Macomb, Illinois, passed away at 9:41 AM Thursday December 5, 2024 at her residence.

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

Angela Renee Rankin

26, of Raritan

Angela Renee Rankin, age 26, of Raritan, passed away at 6:04 p.m. Friday, December 6, 2024 at her home.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday December 11, 2024 in the Elmwood Cemetery in Morning Sun, Iowa. Memorials have been established for the Ronald McDonald House and University Of Iowa Stead Children's Hospital. Please visit Angie's obituary at banksandbeals.com to leave a condolence.

Richard A. Smith

89, of LaHarpe

Richard A. Smith, 89, of LaHarpe, Illinois, passed away at 6:26 p.m. Friday, December 6, 2024 at The Elms in Macomb, Illinois.

Cremation has been entrusted to Bank & Beals Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Thursday, December 12, 2024 at the Union Church in LaHarpe. The memorial service will follow at 11:30 a.m. at the church with Rev. Bruce Goettsche officiating. A luncheon will be held after the service.

A private family burial, with Military Rites, will be held at LaHarpe Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established for the Union Church or the LaHarpe Fire Department. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Richard's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

Luan B. Wine

97, of Macomb

Luan B. Wine, long time Rochelle resident, passed away peacefully on Nov. 25, 2024, at the age of 97.

A memorial service will be held 2:00 P.M., Friday, Dec. 13, 2024 at the First Presbyterian Church, 1100 Calvin Rd., Rochelle with Pastor Doug Forsberg officiating. There will be a time of reception with light refreshments and cookies immediately following the service. The family requests memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church Foundation.

Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Richard (Rick) Lloyd Wilson

74, of Park City, Kansas

Richard (Rick) Lloyd Wilson, 74, of Park City Kansas, passed away on Nov. 18th, 2024, peacefully at his home.

Memorial services will be held in April of 2025 in Wichita, KS. Time and date TBD. The family would like to give a heartfelt thank you to Rick's many doctors, nurses and medical team who gave incredible care for many years. Also, thank you to Traditions Health Hospice for their loving care of Rick and his family over the past nine months. We love you, Rick, Dad and Gicky. Rest in peace with Jesus. We will miss you.

Carolyn Shaffer

86, of Camp Point, IL

Carolyn Shaffer, 86, of Camp Point, IL, passed away at 1:25 a.m. Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at Timberpoint Healthcare Center in Camp Point.

Arrangements are pending at the Lummis Hamilton Funeral Home in Camp Point.

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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Community Calendar

Blandinsville

SATURDAYS

Story Hour & Crafts

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Youth Program

Blandinsville First Christian Church Youth Program every Wednesday for 5th thru High School students from 4pm-5:30pm.

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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

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

Mrs. Claus Visits the Library

Come and meet Mrs. Claus at the Bushnell Library from 2:30-4pm. Cookies and drinks will be served. There will be fun or all! Children bring your big people and come on in!

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

Breakfast with Buddy the Elf

Buddy will be serving coffee, taking pictures, and spreading joy at Cole Street Coffee house from 9am to 11am. He will also be hosting a special story time at 10am with free Hot Chocolate for the kids. See you then!

SATURDAY, DEC. 21

Breakfast with the Grinch

Join Rosemary and Rust Co, 135 E Hurst, for a morning of mischief and holiday magic from 8-11:30am. Enjoy a special holiday menu featuring Green Eggs and Ham, Grinch Pancakes, and other deliciously festive treats. Fun for all ages: Take pictures with our Grinch mascot. Wear your best Grinch-themed outfit and get a special treat. Tips for the day go to the Bushnell DARE program.

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.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

Chicken & Noodle Dinner

WP Class of 2026 After Prom is hosting the fundraiser dinner from 5:30-7pm in the WPHS Cafeteria before the boys basketball game. Meal includes Chicken, noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert, tea and water. Free will donation.

DEC. 13 & 14

Let's Swap Again at Colchester Library

Craft, jewelry, puzzles, games, seeds, plants, purses, bags, Christmas decorations and Christmas books will be swapped from 1-5pm Dec. 13 and 9am-1pm Dec. 14. A fantastic way to turn unwanted items into treasures and score some cool new gems. A Regifting swap is being planned after the new year.

Good Hope

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

Christmas in the Park

in the Village of Good Hope. The United Methodist Church and the Good Hope/Sciota Fire Protection District invites you to Christmas in the Park from 4-7pm. There will be a Soup Supper, popcorn, cookie and hot cocoa bar, cookie walk, kids crafts and more. Santa will be stopping by too!! Everyone is welcome!

Industry

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

Industry Fire Department Light Parade

will begin at 5:30pm. Come and get some soup & hotdogs at the firehouse, while they last, and Santa will be there to greet the kids!

Macomb

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

Macomb Art Center Art & Gift Market

from 5-8pm. Need a unique, beautiful gift? Shopping locally was never so easy! Our much anticipated arts and crafts market features local artists. A wide variety of items will complete your gift list - ceramics, wood, fiber, jewelry, home decor and more.

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

Grand Prairie Holiday Craft Fair

Grand Prairie Holiday Craft Fair and Rummage Sale from 10am-1pm. There will be crafts, jewelry, home decor, clothes and so much more!

Macomb Farmers Market's Winter Market

held inside the American Legion hall (S. Campbell & E. Washington) from 8:30 to Noon! You'll find seasonal locally grown produce; local pasture-raised meat; homemade baked goods; coffee, tea, spices, & popcorn; locally made personal care products; local hand-crafted products; on-site knife sharpening; holiday decor & gifts; and more! Next Winter Market: Sat, Jan. 11.

DEC 14 & 15

YMCA Circus Holiday Show

Saturday at 6:30pm & Sunday at 2pm - They will be presenting: How the Grinch Stole Christmas. With a real live Grinch! The show is free and open to the public! It will be a fun festive family event! You won't be disappointed!

MONDAY, DEC. 16

Christmas Carols Wassail Party

hosted by the McDonough County Choral Society at the Wine Sellers December 16 from 5:30-7:30pm. Group carols at 6:15pm and donations for the Choral Society will be accepted.



B-PC Music Concerts

Sunday, Dec. 15 6th grade chorus/ High School Chorus/Guitar performs at 2:30pm and 6th-12th band takes the state at 4pm.

The American Legion

The Post 6 Big Band led by John Cooper plays from 7-9pm on Wednesday, Dec. 11 and the Andrew's Sisters will be there at the American Legion Post 6, 221 E. Washington St., Macomb. No admission but there is a free-will offering during the show. Dixieland Band led by John Cooper plays Tuesday, December. 17 from 7-9pm in the American Legion Post 6, 221 E. Washington St., Macomb. No admission, but there is a free-will offering during the show.

The Café

Christmas Show at the Cafe on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 9pm -midnight. This is a Christmas show in the sense that it occurs on a day that is close to Christmas. Do not expect presents, decorations, Jingle bells, or Kevin in a Santa suit.

Forgottonia Brewing

Dan Eilers is back Saturday, December 14 from 7-9pm playing many genres of music including folk, Americana, country, and blues. We will have Clockwork Soul playing some Alternative Rock, pop and folk music for us on Saturday, December 21 from 7-9pm. Join us for The Deneckes on Saturday, December 28 from 7-9pm. The Deneckes are an indie folk duo who have been playing music together since before they got married in 2016. Hannah writes their songs, sings, and plays guitar and ukulele. Eli provides beautiful instrumental solos and accompaniment on the mandolin and trumpet.

Macomb High Holiday Band Concert

The Macomb High School Band Concert is Monday, Dec. 16 in Fellheimer Auditorium and the Middle School will perform on Wednesday, Dec. 18 in Fellheimer Auditorium.

Slup's Bar and Grill

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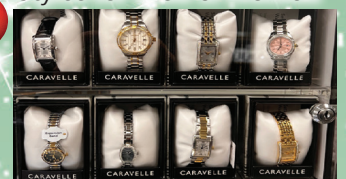
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Completed in August 2024, the project ensures safer and more efficient loading and unloading processes, helping WAPC continue to serve its members effectively.

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FOUND: Cell phone on corner of Lafayette and Piper on November 22. It is at the Macomb Police Station, **309-833-4505**. Call to describe and reclaim.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- * Montana's Flathead Lake looks shallow due to its crystal-clear water, but is actually 370 feet deep.
- * The expiration date on bottled water is for the bottle, not the water.
- * In 2004, farmers in India used Pepsi and Coca-Cola instead of pesticides because they were cheaper and got the job done just as well. Not surprisingly, Pepsi and Coca-Cola strongly disagreed.
- * After eating a large meal, lions can sleep for up to 24 hours straight.
- * People used to use bread to erase pencil marks, until Edward Naine accidentally picked up a piece of rubber instead of breadcrumbs in 1770 and -- voila! -- decided to start selling rubber erasers.
- * Two Bosnians had been talking in online chatrooms for a while when they decided it was time to meet in person. They discovered they were a married couple who had been cheating on each other with each other. They ended up divorcing.
- * One French cafe, La Petite Syrah, charges 7 euros for a coffee to rude customers but only 1.40 euro to patrons who are polite to the waitstaff. The cafe is located, perhaps unsurprisingly, in Nice.
- * Penguin egg whites turn clear when they're boiled.
- * Michael Jackson was said to request that his wine be served in Diet Coke cans whenever he was on a flight. He didn't want his kids to see him drinking alcohol.
- * Saudi Arabia once held a Women's Rights Conference that didn't include a single woman attendee.
- Thought for the Day: "A good conscience is a continual Christmas."
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