

# FREE Midweek Brief

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 | [communitybrief@gmail.com](mailto:communitybrief@gmail.com) | 309-421-0761 | Briefly Covering Your Local News



## WIRC Offers Two Scholarships: Now Taking Applications

Macomb, IL – College students in western Illinois are encouraged to apply for scholarships now being offered by two groups partnering to help students in need: The \$3,000 WIRC-CAA Scholarship, and the \$5,000 Nathan Cobb Memorial Scholarship. Multiple awards are available, and the online application can be found at [wirpc.org/scholarships/](http://wirpc.org/scholarships/).

"Students can apply online, and the application itself is relatively short," said Jamie Roth, Community Services and Public Relations

Director for WIRC-CAA. "The essay portion is only 500 words or less, and the remainder asks details like contact information and where the student is enrolled. We hope this short application will reduce barriers to applying, and we look forward to helping several students this year on their academic journey."

The WIRC-CAA scholarship is open to students living in Hancock, Henderson, Knox, McDonough, and Warren counties in Illinois. Two awards of \$3,000 each are available.

To be considered,

See WIRC on page 7

## MAC Battle of the Brushes Competition Returns



Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7-10pm

You are invited to the 2025 Battle of the Brushes, one of the Macomb Arts Center's favorite events! Local artists attend and create a painting within a 30-minute time limit. Art is then hung, voted on, and scored. Afterward, another round begins with a final winner being chosen. Art is auctioned at the event.

There is a silent auction of baskets provided by community members. Light refreshments will be provided. There is a cash

bar. Cost is \$25 for MAC Members and \$30 for Non-members. This year's celebrity guest will be announced at a later time. Any questions can be directed to [MacombArtsCenter@gmail.com](mailto:MacombArtsCenter@gmail.com). Tickets available at the door or online here: <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/2025-battle-of-the-brushes>.

## Singer/Songwriter Brian Davenport & Friends Perform "Originals" at New Copperfield's Book Service

Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm

Macomb, IL – Macomb area singer/songwriter Brian Davenport & Friends will perform a program of his original compositions at New Copperfield's Book Service, 120 North Side Square, Macomb, Saturday, March 15, at 1:00 P.M.

An accomplished musician, Davenport's compositions range from the quirky and ironic to insights into the human condition. With a group of his fellow musicians, "Davenport's Originals" is sure to be entertaining. The event is free. Everyone is invited.



# TAX

## Refund

# SALE

## 50-70%

PLUS Free Layaway

IMMEDIATE DELIVERY OR PICK-UP AVAILABLE - FIRST COME FIRST SERVED

**Billy's**

## FURNITURE

in the old CVS Building

MON-SAT  
10am-6pm

SOFAS, LOVESEATS, RECLINERS, LAMPS, BUGS, DINING SETS, MIRRORS, DRESSERS, MATTRESSES & MORE!

## GIFTS FOR EVERYONE

*Jewelers*

35 E Side Square  
Macomb  
309-837-2573

Earrings, Bracelets, Rings, Necklaces, Diamond & Precious Stones, Watches, Clocks, Money Clips and much more!

## ADJUSTABLE BEDS

## STARTING AT \$1199

Head and Foot adjustable  
MATTRESS & REMOTE CONTROL INCLUDED  
*Ask about Heat & Massage options*

## DI\$COUNT FURNITURE

*and Bedding of Macomb*

Open Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm

605 W. JACKSON ST. MACOMB 309-833-2100

## Safe and Secure Living

# Everly House

Independent Senior Living

811 S Lafayette, Macomb, IL

You'll feel right at home with us!

NO CONTRACTS!  
STAY LONG OR SHORT TERM

309-833-2704



## POLICE REPORTS

### MCDONOUGH COUNTY SHERIFF

2/27

Tyler C. Lump, 19, Macomb, was charged with trespass to real property

Dashauna Lania Sturdivant, 21, Bollingbrook, was charged with DUI/alcohol

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

Christopher Michael Mainland, 47, Macomb, was charged with other offenses/drug court order

Trenice Glade Gibson, 26, Bushnell, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Clinton Joseph McGaughey, 48, Macomb, was charged with aggravated domestic battery, domestic battery

Andrew Robert Weinmann, 36, Rushville, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

2/28

Ezekiel Muhammad Davis, 24, Macomb, was charged with DUI/alcohol + drugs

Jaari Montrice Cotton, 21, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant, driving while license suspended

Kristopher Allen Mitchell, 33, Colchester, was charged with DUI/alcohol

Jamari Swayne Gee, 19, Chicago, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Sean Jeffrey Grady Lewis, 25, Taylorville, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Logan Lyle Baughman, 27, Cuba, was arrested on a foreign warrant

Lindsay Laine Anderson, 42, Bushnell, was charged with domestic battery

Kenneth Henery Dollman, 37, Macomb, was charged with residential burglary, possession of stolen firearm

Sean David Coleman, 23, Macomb, was charged with driving with a suspended license

Albert Edward Namen, 41, Macomb, was charged with battery

### MACOMB CITY POLICE

2/27

Rodishah L. Johnson, 30, Macomb, was charged with no insurance-operating under suspension

Kathleen R. Conlin, 36, Macomb, was charged with careless driving

2/28

Arien S. Kallenberger, 20, Macomb, was charged with criminal trespass to land

Michelle S. Kisee, 60, Macomb, was charged with trespassing

Mark S. Livengood, 50, Macomb, was charged with trespassing

Megan R. Wardell, 40, Macomb, was charged with trespassing

Daniel A. Moncelli, 40, Macomb, was charged with resisting/obstructing officer/official

3/1

Wemimo O. Omoniyi, 45, Park Forest, was charged with careless driving

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



FEATURED  
Home of the Week









**1123 HAWTHORN RIDGE**  
MACOMB, IL 61455  
**\$250,000**  
MLS# PA1256376

**VISIT OUR LISTINGS HERE**  
309.837.6464 | 127 S LAFAYETTE ST., MACOMB, IL 61455

## TODAY'S JOKES


Q: How does the sun listen to music?

A: On his ray-dio!

Q: What goes up as the rain comes down?

A: An umbrella!

**SPONSORED BY:**



**HUMP DAY**

**HAPPY HOUR**

**\$1 OFF Well Drinks**  
**\$12 Domestic Bucket**

**Weekly Drawing 6-8pm**  
See bartender for details

**GAMING IS LIVE!**

**J&J Ventures**

**WEDNESDAYS 5-8PM**

## Community News Brief

The Community News Brief is a product of Community News & Market.

Lynne Campbell, Owner, Editor, Sales  
communitybrief@gmail.com

Lisa Miller, Office Manager  
communitynewsmt@gmail.com

**NEWS CORRESPONDENTS**  
Patrick Stout, Darcie Shinberger, Brie Coder, Nick Curtis, Lisa Kernek

Shelby Burget, Sports  
Dewain Hulett, TSSR Sports Bites

**LAYOUT & DESIGN**  
Tabitha Palm & Morgan Payne  
Tony Campbell & Jerry Peters Distribution

**13 E. Side Square, Macomb**  
**309-421-0761**  
Open 10-5 Monday-Friday & 10-3 Saturdays

**Call for subscription information**

## Thank You

On February 8th my family hosted a reception for me to honor my 95th birthday. Many thanks to the friends and relatives that attended.

Thank you for the beautiful floral arrangements and for the many nice cards that I received. Special thanks to my daughters, their husbands and my granddaughters for planning the reception an making it so special.

Thanks to Rep. Norrine K. Hammond for attending and presenting me with a Certificate of Recognition of my 95th Birthday from the House of Representatives.

I am very blessed to have a caring family and so many wonderful friends.

**God Bless,  
Rachel Bliven**

*Thanks to a smooth & gentle lift-tilt function, YOU'LL BE UP AND AT 'EM IN NO TIME!*

**Lowest Lift Chair Prices Ever!**

**ALL SALE PRICED AT \$699** Valued at \$899-\$1299

**ADJUSTABLE BEDS**  
Also available!

Head & Foot Lift  
Priced with Mattress  
Firm-Plush-Pillowtop

<b>Good</b> <b>\$799</b> Queen	TWO MOTOR HEAD & FOOT CONTROL Wireless Back up remote Twin XL..... \$799	<b>FREE DELIVERY</b> <b>FREE SET-UP</b> <b>FREE HAUL-OUT</b>
<b>BETTER</b> <b>\$999</b> Queen	WITH HEAD AND FOOT MASSAGER Wireless Remote control Adjustable legs Twin XL..... \$999	
<b>BEST</b> <b>\$1199</b> Queen	"THE WORKS" Head & Foot Massager, Wireless Remote Control, Adjustable Legs, Undercarriage Lighting, 2 Memory Programmable Positions Twin XL..... \$1199	

**3000 W. Jackson St., Macomb**  
**309-837-6480**  
Open Mon-Fri 10am-5pm  
Sat 10am-3pm  
Accepts Visa, Debit Card, Credit, Cash, Discover, American Express, MasterCard

**OUTLET CENTER**  
FURNITURE  
BEDDING




**NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS**

**Seniors on Medicaid Who Only Receive Minimum Social Security Income Can Qualify**

The program enables you to live in your own private apartment, receive the personal assistance you need, availability of three meals a day, housekeeping and laundry services and enjoy the companionship of friends and neighbors and the opportunity to participate in social, recreational activities.

**STUDIO & ONE-BEDROOM APARTMENTS AVAILABLE!**

**1307 MeadowLark Ln, Macomb • 309-833-5000**

Managed by Gardant Management Solutions

**www.grandprairieassistedliving.com**

Obituaries  
Sponsored  
by



**Clugston-Tibbitts**  
**Funeral Home**  
**and Monuments**

Macomb | Blandinsville  
**ctfh@macomb.com**  
**309-833-2188**

## Death Notices

### Philip W. Weiss

80, of Macomb

Philip W. Weiss, 80, died peacefully March 1, 2025 at Wesley Village.

He wished to be cremated. Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. A service honoring Phil's life will be planned for later.

Please sign guestbook or leave condolences at [www.dodsworth.com](http://www.dodsworth.com).

### Patricia Ann Arnold

91, of Macomb

Patricia Ann Arnold died at the age of 91 on Saturday, February 22. She was born on April 7, 1933 to Joseph and Ruth Arnold, in Macomb, IL.

Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday March 15, 2025 at St. Paul's Church, where visitation will be held one hour prior from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Father Adam Stimpson will officiate. Cremation has been accorded. Burial of ashes will be in St. Paul Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to: St Paul School, 322 W Washington St, Macomb, IL 61455 or Poor Clare Nuns, 2111 S Main, Rockford IL 61102. Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at [www.dodsworthfh.com](http://www.dodsworthfh.com).

### Rosalie Mae Brush

90, of Bushnell

Rosalie Mae Brush, 90, of Bushnell, Illinois passed away on Saturday March 8, 2025 at 3:41 am at her residence.

Funeral service will be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday March 12, 2025 at the Martin-Hollis Funeral Home with Rex Featherlin officiating. Interment will be held privately at the Woodland Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to the Bushnell Christian Church or to the Bushnell VFW Post 1422. Please sign the guestbook and leave memorial at [www.martinhollisfh.com](http://www.martinhollisfh.com).

LET SUZIE HELP YOU DESIGN THE  
PERFECT MEMORIAL FOR YOUR LOVED ONE

**LACKY AND SONS**  
**MONUMENTS**  
SINCE 1907

MACOMB • GALESBURG • KEWANEE

(309)833-4133 (309)343-8692 1-800-245-2259

**988** SUICIDE & CRISIS  
**LIFELINE**

### Steven Edward Roon

68, of Macomb

Steven Edward Roon, 68, of Macomb passed away at 10 a.m. Friday, February 28, 2025 at his residence.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Private family graveside services will be held at Oakwood Cemetery at a later date. If you have any photos of Steve for the video that is being prepare, you may send them by email to [shannon.roon@gmail.com](mailto:shannon.roon@gmail.com).

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Macomb Country Club on April 5, 2025 at 3 p.m. Stories and Tributes will take place at 6 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Delta Tau Delta Lowell Oxtoby Scholarship Fund.

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](http://clugston-tibbitts.com).

### John D. Martin

66, Norwalk, IA (formerly of Macomb)

John D. Martin, 66, Norwalk, IA, passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, March 4th, 2025. He was surrounded by his loving wife, children and grandchildren.

John was born July 19, 1958 in Macomb, IL to Earl and Mary Garrettsen Martin.

As per John's wishes, he will be cremated with a celebration of life to be held at the VFW in Bushnell, IL at a later date.

### Jo Ann Pratt

89, of Macomb

Jo Ann Pratt, 89, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on March 8, 2025 at Wesley Village in Macomb, where she had resided with her beloved husband, Tom, who preceded her in death on February 17, 2025.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 15, 2025 at Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb with Pastor Don Long, Jr. officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Private family burial will be held in the Bushnell Cemetery in Bushnell.

Memorials may be made to MDH Hospice. You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at [clugston-tibbitts.com](http://clugston-tibbitts.com).

**Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen**  
**Funeral Home**  
Established 1927  
201 W. Carroll St., Macomb (309) 833-4119

**Martin - Hollis**  
**Funeral Home**  
Established 1942  
771 N. Crafford St., Bushnell (309) 772-3116

## Kenneth Joe Lawyer

78, of Industry

Kenneth Joe Lawyer, 78, of Industry, Illinois, passed away on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at Mercy Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Joe's Life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 14, 2025 at Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb with Lyle Menke officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Private burial of ashes will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Village of Industry for the preservation of the landmark Industry Windmill or a memorial of your choice. You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at [clugston-tibbitts.com](http://clugston-tibbitts.com).

## Betty Ann Bindewald

92, of rural Blandinsville

Betty Ann Bindewald, 92, of rural Blandinsville, passed away at 12:59 p.m. Monday, March 3, 2025 at The Elms in Macomb.

A joint graveside service for Mr. and Mrs. Bindewald will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 15, 2025 at McConnell Cemetery, near Fountain Green. Military Honors will be conducted by the Hancock County Honor Guard. A Celebration of Life will follow at the Fountain Green Church.

A memorial fund has been established for the Fountain Green Church. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Betty's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com). As per John's wishes, he will be cremated with a celebration of life to be held at the VFW in Bushnell, IL at a later date.

## Ralph Marion "Woo" Lewis

80, of Roseville

Ralph Marion "Woo" Lewis, 80, of Roseville, Illinois, passed away peacefully, after a tough fight with chronic illness, at 10:54 a.m., Thursday, March 6, 2025, in his home surrounded by his family.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 11, 2025 with interment in the Roseville Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to your favorite charity and left in the care of the funeral home. Moore Memorial Home, Roseville, is handling the arrangements.

## Penny L. Barnes

63, of Macomb

Penny L. Barnes, 63, of Macomb, Illinois passed away at 12:30 PM Wednesday March 5, 2025 at the Elms Nursing Home in Macomb, Illinois.

Cremation has been accorded. There will be no services. Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign guestbook or leave condolences at [www.dodsworthfh.com](http://www.dodsworthfh.com).

**See more Death Notices on page 5**

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](mailto:communitybrief@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.

#### Beginner Crochet Class

The Bushnell Public Library, 455 N Dean St., is hosting a Crochet class each Wednesday 12:45-1:45. Robyn Olson will be teaching the class. What to bring: Size H crochet hook and a large skein of yarn.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 14

#### YFC Souper Dooper Soup Supper

held in Bushnell at the Community Christian Center, 355 W Main St, with doors opening at 5:30, meal and program at 6pm. The event raises funds for the YFC Bushnell Activity Fund.

## Colchester

### EVERY MONDAY

#### Move & Groove and Story Hour

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.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 15

#### Ham N' Bean Fundraiser

at The Colchester Sr. Center from 11am-2pm. Serving Ham N' Beans, Steamburgers, cornbread, pie, lemonade and coffee. A free will donation will be accepted.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 22

#### Last BINGO of the Season

Join us at the Colchester Fire Protection District for one last BINGO of the season on March 22nd @ 6pm. Doors open at 5:30pm.

## Industry

### SATURDAY, MARCH 15

#### Pinhook Days Pork Chop Fundraiser

Industry Pinhook Days Drive-Thru Pork Chop Fundraiser at the Industry Fire House. Tickets are on sale starting Saturday, March 1 - March 12 at the State Bank of Industry, J & B's Windmill Pub or from any board member. This drive-thru pork chop dinner fundraiser is intended to help raise money to fund future Pinhook Day celebrations!

## Macomb

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

#### LaMoine River Ecosystem Partnership

The LaMoine River Ecosystem Partnership invites everyone to this free presentation about the upcoming Camp Creek Wind Farm. Mr Will Kolbuk of WRE Clean Energy will speak at the Macomb City Hall Community Room at 7 pm.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 14TH

#### McDonough Co. Retired Teachers Meet

All retired McDonough county educators are invited to meet at Trinity Lutheran Church, 123 S. Campbell at 9:00 am. Our speaker will be Jeff Vancil from Hart's Nursery - sharing best landscaping tips just in time for spring planning.. Coffee and a snack will be available.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

#### Eat Wings Raise Funds

Fundraiser for the Macomb Police Explorers at Buffalo Wild Wings from 5-9pm. Up to 25% of proceeds go to the organization.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 20

#### Macomb Area Chamber Awards

Join the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce at Park Place from 5-7pm as we highlight the accomplishments of the business community in 2024 and present awards to the Business of the Year, Service Organization/Non-Profit of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and the Ambassador of the Year. Tickets are \$40/Macomb Area Chamber Members. \$45/Non-Members. Includes program, appetizers, and one drink ticket (beer, wine, non-alcoholic). Register at bit.ly/2024AnnualAward

### FRIDAY, MARCH 21

#### Little League Baseball Trivia Night

at Park Place of Macomb. Doors open at 7pm, trivia starts at 7:30pm. Cost is \$160/table (max 8 person team). 50/50 raffle, cash bar and bring your own snacks! Register your team today at macomblittleleague.com. All proceeds support Macomb Little League.

## Plymouth

### SATURDAY, MARCH 22

#### Chicken and Noodle Dinner

4:30-7 pm at Plymouth Circle Community Center, 102 S Lexington St, Plymouth. Dine in or carry out, Free Will Offering. Proceeds will be used to help finance new furnace for the community room.

## 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.

## Walnut Grove

### SATURDAY, MARCH 15

#### Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Walnut Grove United Methodist Church from 6-11am. Serving pancakes, sausage, biscuits & gravy, assorted fruits, coffee, milk and juice. Free will offering.

Submit calendar items to [communitybrief@gmail.com](mailto:communitybrief@gmail.com)



### The Café

We are halfway through the week, let's celebrate with Dick Marcott on Wednesday, March 12. Music plays from 5:30-7:30pm.

### Stealin Copper - Augusta

Stealin Copper in Augusta will have a St. Patrick's Day Party on Saturday, March 15 from 8-12pm so get dressed up in your best St. Patty's Day outfit and come enjoy a fun filled night. Costume contest judging at 10:30pm. Cash prizes!

### Ellisville Opera House - Ellisville

Chris Vallillo and Hickory Ridge Concerts welcomes back old time banjo player and songwriter Jonas Friddle from Chicago, IL. to the Hickory Ridge Concerts Stage this Saturday, March the 15th at 7:00 pm at the historic Ellisville Opera House in Ellisville, IL.

### American Legion

The Lamoine River Ramblers will perform Traditional New Orleans Jazz from the early part of the history of Jazz on Tuesday, March 18 from 7-9pm.

Submit live event info to: [communitybrief@gmail.com](mailto:communitybrief@gmail.com)

## ANTIQUES & MORE and VINTAGE TREASURES & Toys 2



ANTIQUE FURNITURE,  
BOOKS, ODDS & ENDS,  
TOOLS, GLASSWARE, &  
COLLECTIBLES,  
POTTERY & TONS  
OF VINTAGE TOYS!!



OPEN 11AM-5PM  
WEDNESDAY -  
SATURDAY

STOP IN TO SHOP OUR 2 LOCATIONS

40 E. MAIN ST., IPAVA, IL

NEW LOCATION: 415 W. MAIN, BUSHNELL



Walnut Grove United Methodist Church

## Pancake & Sausage Breakfast



**Saturday, March 15, 2025**

Serving 6am-11am • **Free Will Offering**

Menu includes: Pancakes, Sausage, Biscuits & Sausage Gravy, Assorted Fruits, Coffee, Milk and Juice



*Come on out to Walnut Grove & enjoy good food and fellowship*

YOUTH FOR WESTERN ILLINOIS CHRIST



Friday  
**March 14th**  
2025

Doors open @ 5:30 pm  
Meal & program @ 6 pm

**\$5**  
at the door  
(all are welcome!)

@ the  
Community  
Christian Center  
355 W. Main, Bushnell

## Homemade Daily Specials

CHECK FOR WEEKLY UPDATES ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

**EVERY MONDAY**

**3 Tacos OR Taco Salad**  
**\$6.00**

**EVERY FRIDAY**

**Tenderloins with Fries**  
**\$7.25**

Indoor & Outdoor Seating Available

**UPCOMING FRIDAY FISH NIGHTS**

**MARCH 7, 12, 28  
APRIL 4 & 11  
5PM TIL GONE**

**\$11.00**  
with 2 sides  
for only \$16!

OR get 2 Filets with 2 sides for only \$16!

CHECKOUT OUR HUGE  
OUTDOOR AREA  
WITH WALK-UP WINDOW SERVICE!

**Happy HOUR**  
Mon-Fri 5-6pm

**COLD BEER • DARTS • POOL • GAMING**

**JENNY WREN Club**

**375 WATER ST. BUSHNELL 772-3278**

## Death Notices continued from page 3

### Daniel "Danny" William Heard

His Legacy... Daniel William Heard, "Danny" 78, passed away March 3, 2025. He was born on November 12, 1946, in Highland Park, Michigan.

His Farewell... Daniel's family and friends will gather 2:00-5:00 PM, Sunday, March 16, 2025 at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Howell Memorial Chapel in Howell, Michigan. His Community Farewell will be held on Monday, March 17, 2025 at 11:00 AM (10 AM Gathering) at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Howell Memorial Chapel in Howell with a burial directly following the service at Tyrone Memorial Gardens in Fenton, MI. Pastor Dennis Henderson will serve as celebrant. Memorial contributions are suggested to New Hope Center For Grief Support in Northville, MI, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Please leave a message of comfort for Danny's family at 1-877-231-7900, or sign his guestbook at [www.borekjennings.com](http://www.borekjennings.com).

### Harold "Jake" White Jr.

61, of Macomb

During the early evening hours on Sunday, March 2, beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, uncle, and friend, Harold "Jake" White, Jr., 61, of Macomb, decided it was time to hit the fairways of the great beyond to work on his short game so he can someday beat his golf nemesis.

In short, Jake White was a truly good man who will be missed by so many who knew and loved him. Please raise a glass (and maybe have a shot of Fireball) in his honor. Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of life will be held Saturday March 15, 2025 from 2-4 PM at Gold Hills Golf Club. Memorial Contributions may be made to Gold Hills Golf Club.

Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign guestbook or leave condolences at [www.dodsworthfh.com](http://www.dodsworthfh.com).

### Karl E. Yard

71, of LaHarpe

Karl E. Yard, 71, of LaHarpe, Illinois, passed away at 4:03 a.m. Sunday, March 9, 2025 at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics.

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

Masonic Rites will be held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13, 2025 the LaHarpe Union Church. Following Masonic Rites, the family will receive friends from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. Thursday at the church.

The funeral service for Karl will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 14, 2025 at the Union Church with Rev. Rick Goettsche officiating. Burial will follow at LaHarpe Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established for the Union Church or LaHarpe Park District, to benefit the LaMoine Valley Golf Course. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Karl's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).

### Denette Marie McCombs

66, of LaHarpe

Denette Marie McCombs, 66, of LaHarpe, Illinois, passed away Sunday, March 9, 2025 at her home.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, March 15, 2025 at the Faith Assembly of God Church in Hamilton, Illinois, with Pastor Mike Floyd officiating. A luncheon will follow the service at the church. Following the luncheon burial will be held at 4:00 p.m. at LaHarpe Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established for Jail Ministry for Jesus. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Denette's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).

### Ernest Wells "Chap" Chapin

92, of LaHarpe

Ernest Wells "Chap" Chapin, 92, of LaHarpe, Illinois passed away Saturday, March 8, 2025 at 7:20 p.m. at the Elms in Macomb, Illinois.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 14, 2025 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe with Pastor A. Lee Unger officiating. Burial with Military Rites, will follow in the LaHarpe Cemetery. The family will meet with friends, Friday, from 9:30 a.m. until time of services.

A memorial fund has been established for the LaHarpe Fire Department or the LaHarpe American Legion. To leave a condolence, please visit Chap's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).

### Nickalas J. Huston

77, of Dallas City, IL

Nickalas J. Huston, 77, of Dallas City, IL, passed away on Saturday, March 8, 2025, surrounded by his loved ones.

A memorial will be held from 3-6 pm on Thursday, March 13th at Green Bay Bar and Grill in Wever, IA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Dallas City Community Events or local organization of your choosing. Cremation has been entrusted to Banks & Beals Funeral Home.

To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Nick's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).

### Marshall "Goose" Buchen

87, of Bushnell

Marshall "Goose" Buchen, 87, of Bushnell, IL, passed away at home on Sunday March 9, 2025.

A celebration of Life will be held on Friday March 14, 2025 at the Jenny Wren Club at 3pm. The family requests Cub attire. A private burial was held at the Bushnell Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Bushnell Fire & Rescue, Bushnell Swimming Pool or to the Shaw Creek Golf Course.

Martin-Hollis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at [www.martinhollisfh.com](http://www.martinhollisfh.com).

**FIND US ON FACEBOOK:**  
[facebook.com/thecommunitybrief](https://facebook.com/thecommunitybrief)



# LUCK 'O THE GREEN SALE

MARCH 10TH-15TH

The Sale You  
Have Been  
Waiting For!



Shop our Large Selection  
of In-Stock Furniture  
& Appliances!



**BUY \$500**

or more & Get

**10% OFF**

**BUY \$1000**

or more & Get

**15% OFF**

**BUY \$1500**

or more & Get

**20% OFF**

\*excludes flooring.



**M&B Furniture Co.**

Hours:  
Mon.-Fri. 8am-5pm,  
Sat 8am-1pm

**FREE**

Delivery • Installation of Appliances • Removal of Trade-Ins  
Flooring Measuring & Estimates

Carpet Installers • Monthly Payments with Approved Credit

481 W. Main • Bushnell, IL 309-772-2111



mandbfurnitureinc.com





## WIRC

*continued from page 1*

the applicant must meet the following criteria: (1) The applicant's primary residence is within the five counties listed previously; (2) The applicant must complete a 500-word essay and submit at least two professional letters of recommendation; and (3) The applicant's household income must be at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. For example, a three-person household cannot make more than \$53,300 per year. A complete income chart can be found in the application or on [wirpc.org](http://wirpc.org) by searching for 'income guidelines.' Funding for this scholarship is provided by the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO).

The Nathan Cobb Memorial Scholarship is open only to students in McDonough County, Illinois. Two awards of \$5,000 each are available. This scholarship was created in memory of McDonough County resident Nathan Cobb; a proud team member of WIRC known for his kindness and compassion to help others in need. His parents, Janet and Lee Cobb, provide funding for the scholarship through the McDonough County Community Foundation (MCCF).

To be considered for the Cobb scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria: (1) The applicant is a McDonough County resident; (2) The applicant completes a short essay within the application and submits at least two letters of recommendation; and (3) The applicant's household income is at or below 300% of the federal poverty level. For example, a three-person household cannot make more than \$79,950 per year. An income chart is available within the application.


Both scholarships distribute award funds directly to the successful applicant's college or university that can be used to pay for tuition, books, or fees.

The application deadline for both scholarships is Friday, March 14, 2025. Apply online at [wirpc.org/scholarships/](http://wirpc.org/scholarships/). Paper applications are available upon request by calling WIRC at 309-837-2997.

WIRC-Community Action Agency (WIRC) is a nonprofit social service agency whose mission is to help and empower people and communities in western Illinois through their programs and services.

The McDonough County Community Foundation (MCCF) works to further philanthropy in a community minded way with a commitment to good stewardship.

Equal opportunity providers and employers.



**We love our students**  
— WIU Librarians

Margaret Dunbar  
Faculty Librarian  
1902—1912

**Keeping Faith with WIU's Students Since 1902**

[savewiulibrarians.org](http://savewiulibrarians.org)



# THE ELMS

1212 Madelyn Ave., Macomb

309-837-5482 [WWW.THEELMSMACOMB.COM](http://WWW.THEELMSMACOMB.COM)

## Neighbors Taking Care of Neighbors...

*Let The Elms bring your life back into motion*



### OUR PROFESSIONAL TEAM OFFERS:

- Skilled Nursing Care
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy

We also offer Long Term Care



## Retirement Living at its Finest



### Stress free independent lifestyle

Wesley Village Retirement Center features independent living apartments. Each apartment is attractive and can be easily transformed into your home. We offer three different apartment floor plans that vary in size. This allows our residents the freedom and flexibility to choose how much space they want and need.

*A life with freedom, wellness, and care as you need it.*

Plus we offer many activities, including social events, shopping trips, outings to the theater, concerts, lunch at area restaurants and much more. There are always fun and exciting activities in the main lounge for residents to enjoy that include holiday parties, birthday parties and fun gatherings.



### UNIT FEATURES

All of our units are kept in pristine condition.

Features include:

- Three floor plans ranging from 516-636 sq ft.
- 1 bedroom
- 1 full bathroom
- Kitchenette with appliances
- Free Laundry access
- Several closets
- Wheelchair accessible
- Walk-in showers

**For more information or to schedule a tour call (309) 833-2123**



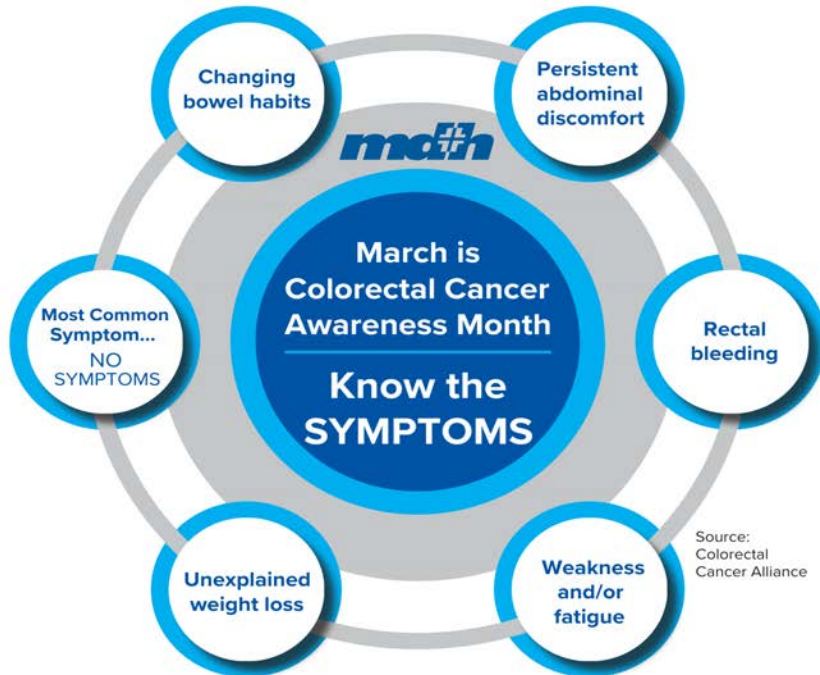
# Wesley Village

[www.wesleyvillagemacomb.com](http://www.wesleyvillagemacomb.com)

1200 E Grant St, Macomb IL 61455

(309) 833-2123 • (309) 837-7500

## FREE Colorectal Cancer Screening Kits Available



Hemoccult-ICT test kits are available at:  
MDH Drive-Thru Convenience Clinic  
Family Clinic  
Bushnell Family Practice  
Monmouth Clinic

Those who are age 45 or older, or are at higher risk because of personal or family history of colorectal cancer or colon polyps, should consider this screening. Test cards can be returned to the Drive-Thru or mailed to the MDH Laboratory by April 14.

525 East Grant St.  
Macomb, IL 61455  
**MDH.org**

# MDH COMMUNITY PHARMACY



### Retail Pharmacy Services:

- FREE home delivery
- Convenient Drive-Thru
- Medication synchronization—have all of your prescriptions filled on the same day each month
- Family member profile linking
- Extended weekday and weekend hours
- Immunizations
- 1:1 Counseling
- Compounding services available
- Veterinary prescriptions
- Prior authorization assistance
- Over-the-counter items
- Most insurance plans accepted



**Phone:** (309) 575-GORX (4679) **Fax:** (309) 836-1910

**Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-9 p.m.**  
**Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
(closed for lunch from 1-1:30 p.m. on weekends)

**mdh**  
**COMMUNITY PHARMACY**

533 E. Grant St. Macomb • MDH.org

**FREE HOME DELIVERY**





**Advanced Notice**

**McDonough County Farmland PUBLIC AUCTION**

Auction to be Conducted at the Lowderman Auction & Real Estate Office and Sale Facility, Located 2 Miles West of Macomb, Illinois on HWY 136.

**THURSDAY MARCH 13<sup>th</sup> AT 10 AM**

**37 Acres More / Less**

**Tillable Farmland and Grid Tiled**

Property is Situated in the Northeast Quarter of Section 31 of Colchester Township, McDonough County, Illinois, and More Specifically Located 2 1/4 Miles South of 336 on E650th ST (Champaign Road)

**BERNARD KESSLER ESTATE**

**BID IN PERSON AT THE AUCTION SITE OR IN REAL TIME ONLINE**  
Further Information Coming Soon


**LOWDERMAN** 309 833-5543  
Auction & Real Estate Auction Leadership Since 1963

**www.lowderman.com**

**NOTICE - SPRING CLEAN UP OAKWOOD CEMETERY**

Beginning on Monday, March 17, crews will begin the annual spring clean-up of all Cemetery grounds. Holiday decorations, flowers, and any other materials left on the GROUND at grave sites will be collected and disposed of. This work is done in preparation for the upcoming mowing season and Memorial Day weekend.

Anyone wishing to save any of these items should be sure to pick them up prior to March 17, 2025. Anyone with questions should contact the Oakwood Cemetery office at 833-5100 between the hours of 7:00A.M. and 3:30P.M, Monday- Friday.

 macomb illinois

 **MCDANIEL ACCOUNTING**

**TAX, BOOKKEEPING & PAYROLL**

**ACCEPTING NEW CLIENTS**  
**MAKE APPOINTMENTS NOW!**

**309-833-2912**



**McDonough County LINCOLN DAY DINNER Celebration**

**"BACK TO COMMON SENSE"**

**Saturday, April 5, 2025**

**THE PARK PLACE**  
**127 E. Carroll St., Macomb**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER TAYLOR COLLINS**  
**Macomb Native & Iowa State Rep.**

**5:00-6:00pm - Social Hour**  
**6:00-9:00pm - Dinner, Program, Live and Silent Auctions**



Reservations are \$50 each  
These Sponsorships are available  
**MAGA** - \$1000/Table of 8  
**PATRIOT** - \$500/4 seats  
**LOTALIST** - \$250/2 seats  
Sponsors will be acknowledged during the event

For meal preparations numbers, please reply by March 15, 2025  
MRCC  
PO Box 402  
Macomb, IL 61455  
For questions call: Christy Foster 309-255-8877

**Come join fellow conservatives for an enjoyable evening**

PAID FOR BY MCRCC. A COPY OF OUR REPORT WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS IS (OR WILL BE) AVAILABLE ON THE BOARDS OFFICIAL WEBSITE (WWW.ELECTIONS.IL.GOV) OR FOR PURCHASE FROM THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.

**MCDONOUGH COUNTY**

**JOBAPALOOZA! JOB FAIR**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 25 • 1-4PM**

**Spoon River College Outreach Center**  
**2500 E. Jackson, Macomb**

**Apply for Hundreds of Local Job Opportunities All In One Place**  
**Full and Part Time Jobs Available**

- **FREE** Computer/Printer Access
- **FREE** Resume Building
- **FREE** Head Shots
- **FREE** Career Resources

 For more information and a complete list of employers go to [bit.ly/McDonoughJobs25](http://bit.ly/McDonoughJobs25) or pick up a list at these locations: Community News & Market, Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce, WIRC, Macomb City Hall, Bushnell City Hall, Colchester City Hall

**EVENT SPONSORS:**       

 **THE LAMOINE**  
**Assisted Living & Memory Care**

Look to The Lamoine for compassionate, individualized care...not corporate care.

Assisted Living apartments have access to medical oversight, laundry, housekeeping, and chef prepared homemade meals.

Our licensed Memory Care neighborhoods specialize in all forms of dementia with an emphasis on Person Centered Care.

The Lamoine is locally owned and operated, and proud to be invested in our community.

**203 N. RANDOLPH, MACOMB | 309-575-3018**

- 24 Hour nursing staff
- Medical oversight
- Pet friendly
- Respite & short-term stays
- 3 Homemade meals daily
- Full laundry & housekeeping
- Transportation to doctors
- Daily activities for all floors

# WE ARE HIRING!



## Positions Available:

- Continuous Improvement Engineer
- Maintenance Mechanics & Electricians
- Production Engineer
- Senior Accountant
- Tool & Die Maker



## Benefits:

- ✓ Medical, Dental, Vision
- ✓ Tuition Reimbursement
- ✓ Flexible Spending Accounts
- ✓ 401k with Company Match
- ✓ Company Paid Life Insurance
- ✓ Paid Holidays
- ✓ Company Provided Uniforms
- ✓ Employee Assistance Program



## NTN-BOWER CORPORATION

711 N Bower Road  
Macomb, IL 61455

**APPLY NOW!**

Call us:



**309-833-4541**

NTN-Bower is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Apply online at:

[www.ntnamerica.com/careers](http://www.ntnamerica.com/careers)







**Explore the Magic of Italy**  
with Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce  
**11 DAY TOUR | OCTOBER 21, 2025**

**CHICAGO - VENICE - MESTRE - PISA - FLORENCE - ASSISI - ROME - SORRENTO - CHICAGO**

From the enchanting canals of Venice to the artistic treasures of Florence and the ancient history of Rome, experience Italy's rich cultural tapestry!

Price per person on double occupancy: **\$3999**  
Single Person Supplement: **\$948**

Join us for this exciting trip!  
**Steven Brady**  
Executive Director

Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce  
Book at this link:  
[www.indus.travel/tour/explore-the-magic-of-italy-with-macomb-area-chamber-of-commerce/](http://www.indus.travel/tour/explore-the-magic-of-italy-with-macomb-area-chamber-of-commerce/)  
Or Scan the QR Code  
You also can contact Nataliya at Indus Travels, TF 866 978 2997 ext. 828, email: [nataliya@indus.travel](mailto:nataliya@indus.travel)

A FREE Webinar is available with full trip details!  
Tuesday, March 18 - Noon-12:45 pm  
Register: [bit.ly.TravelwiththeChamber](http://bit.ly.TravelwiththeChamber)

## A message from Pope Francis on the dignity of "our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters"

FEBRUARY 10, 2025

"Jesus Christ is the true Emmanuel (cf. Mt 1:23); he did not live apart from the difficult experience of being expelled from his own land because of an imminent risk to his life, and from the experience of having to take refuge in a society and a culture foreign to his own. The Son of God, in becoming man, also chose to live the drama of immigration.

...I have followed closely the major crisis that is taking place in the United States with the initiation of a program of mass deportations. ...[O]ne must recognize the right of a nation to defend itself and keep communities safe from those who have committed violent or serious crimes while in the country or prior to arrival. That said, **the act of deporting people who in many cases have left their own land for reasons of extreme poverty, insecurity, exploitation, persecution or serious deterioration of the environment, damages the dignity of many men and women, and of entire families, and places them in a state of particular vulnerability and defenselessness....**

[A]n authentic rule of law is verified precisely in the dignified treatment that all people deserve, especially the poorest and most marginalized. The true common good is promoted when society and government, with creativity and strict respect for the rights of all — as I have affirmed on numerous occasions — welcomes, protects, promotes and integrates the most fragile, unprotected and vulnerable.

...I exhort all the faithful of the Catholic Church, and all men and women of good will, not to give in to narratives that discriminate against and cause unnecessary suffering to our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters."

"Jesus Christ ...did not live apart from the difficult experience of being expelled from his own land because of an imminent risk to his life, and from the experience of having to take refuge in a society and a culture foreign to his own."

POPE FRANCIS

Quotations are taken from Pope Francis' statement "Letter of the Holy Father Francis to the Bishops of the United States of America," February 10, 2025, from the Vatican website, <https://www.vatican.va>.

Shared by the Interfaith Alliance of Macomb



**APEX FINANCIAL ASSOCIATES**  
**CORY J. CLEM, APMA™, CRPC™, AAMS™**  
*Delivering unique financial solutions.*

124 S LAFAYETTE ST MACOMB, IL  
309.864.6033

**PRIVATE WEALTH ADVISORY**

**We have Gift Cards available for gift giving!**

Cards can be used for a subscription or items in our store, your choice!

**Community News & Market**  
13 E. SIDE SQUARE, MACOMB  
309-421-0761  
OPEN: 10-5 MON-FRI & 10-3 SATURDAYS

**VFW Post #1422**  
**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
**Bushnell Mania**  
**Queen of Hearts**  
**Current Pot: \$2500 and growing!**  
**STOP IN AND GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!!**  
**You can jump in & play anytime!!**

DRAWINGS EVERY SATURDAY AT 7:30

CHECK THE BOARD FOR FLIPPED CARDS BEFORE PICKING A NUMBER

TICKETS AVAILABLE DAILY AT BUSHNELL  
VFW POST #1422 OPEN AT 4PM

**BUSHNELL VFW BINGO**  
**1st & 3rd Sundays Each Month**

**NEW GAMES & MORE CHANCES TO WIN!!**  
**NEW START TIME 2PM ON SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH**

•DOOR PRIZES •WIN FREE PACKET & MORE!  
**GAMES NOW START AT 2PM**  
Doors open at 1pm. Bar opens at 3pm.  
Kitchen open - Food provided for an additional charge.  
Licensed with the State of Illinois  
Must be 18 years of age or older.

**181 E HAIL ST BUSHNELL**





# Community Classifieds

Submit your Classified Listing to [communitybrief@gmail.com](mailto:communitybrief@gmail.com) or call 309-421-0761**ONLY \$8 PER WEEK****ANTIQUES****ANTIQUES & MORE:**

Vintage Treasures & Toys. Located in Ipava on Route 136. Furniture, housewares, glassware, tools, pottery, toys & more. Winter hours: Friday & Saturday 11-5

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**& MARKET:** 13 E. Side Square, Macomb. From primitives to mid-century modern, you can find rare and beautiful antique & vintage items including glassware, pottery, advertising, kitchenwares, unique decor and more! PLUS LOCAL ART!!! Open Mon-Fri 10-5, Tuesday closed from 12 noon-2pm, Sat 10-3.

**MONIQUE'S ANTIQUES**

**& UNIQUES:** 345 N. Monmouth St. (Rt. 67) Good Hope- Come see our collection of Monopoly games-5 from the 1930's, 2 from the 1940's and different versions thru-out the years. Also see our vast array of garden ornaments and bird houses and lots of fun things. Open Fri. 12-5pm, Sat. 9am-5pm and Sunday afternoon.

**VINTAGE TREASURES &**

**TOYS 2:** 431 W. Main, Bushnell. Variety of Furniture, glassware, collectibles and toys. Winter hours: Friday & Saturday 11-5

**PARNASSUS ANTIQUES:** A wide variety of traditional antiques, glassware, lamps and more. 127 N. Randolph St., Macomb [parnassusantiques.com](http://parnassusantiques.com) 309-836-6873.

**AUTOS FOR SALE**

**FOR SALE:** 2018 red Chrysler Pacifica, 115,000 miles, \$20,000 OBO. Call 309-221-2904.

**FOR SALE:** 2009 F250, 4x4, short bed super crew, white. AT, diesel. Always shedded and well maintained. Best Offer. 309-833-5697.

**FOR SALE:** 2005 Saturn, 4 door sedan, 4 cyl. automatic 157,000 mi. Very Good Condition. \$2900/we take trade-ins. A-1 Automotive, 1002 E Jackson St., Macomb, 309-833-2405.

**FOR SALE:** 1992 Dodge Dakota 4x4 V8 auto 2 wheel drive New tires and brakes. 140000 miles. \$1500. A-1 Automotive, 1002 E Jackson St., Macomb, 309-833-2405.

**AUTOS FOR SALE**

**FOR SALE:** 1997 GMC 3500 HD one ton dump truck. 113,405 miles, 454 automatic, wooden side boards with two wooden tail gates, also has a gravel tail gate. Needs a muffler, nice looking truck! \$6900 OBO. Call 309-333-9246.

**FOR SALE:** 1998 Chevrolet 1/2 ton pickup truck, 2000 automatic 4 wheel drive. New tires and brakes. 140000 miles. \$1800. A-1 Automotive, 1002 E Jackson St., Macomb, 309-833-2405.

**FOR SALE:** 2001 Dodge Dakota Quad Cab V8 Auto 4x4. 189,000 miles. Runs and drives good. New catalytic converters. \$2,700. A-1 Automotive 1002 E. Jackson St., Macomb. 309-833-2405.

**FOR SALE:** New Razor Electric Scooters \$245, 1 used electric scooter \$125. A-1 Automotive 1002 E. Jackson St., Macomb. 309-833-2405.

**FOR SALE**

**FOR SALE:** One crypt in the Bushnell Mausoleum. \$550. Call 309-221-1959.

**FOR SALE:** 7 1/2 foot Virginia Pine Christmas Tree. \$200 retail. Was put up once. Asking \$75. Email [jlhormacomb@aol.com](mailto:jlhormacomb@aol.com)

**FOR SALE:** 1970's blue 4 piece Ludwig Black Badge drum set with high hat & 3 symbols, \$500; 4 piece Ludwig Accent drum set with 2 high hats & 3 symbols, \$500. Call 309-255-6076.

**FOR SALE:** Sturdy folding table 30 in. by 6 ft. Like new. Light ivory color. \$99. Phone: 309-836-2066.

**FOR SALE:** 1972 Stereo Console, it works, call 309-337-9885.

**FOR SALE:** Triumphs for sale. 2015 Tiger Explorer w/15,000 miles. Loads of accessories, \$8500. 2008 Street Triple 675 w/19,500 miles, fun sport bike, \$3500. Call 309-752-3169.

**FOR SALE:** 2021 Quickie golf cart. Collapsible model -collapses 20" in length and height. Runs excellent, \$3600. Call 309-337-2074.

**FOR SALE**

**FOR SALE:** Ford 5' Chopper, good shape \$500. Call 309-337-1335.

**FOR SALE:** 10" Lem Big Bite food slicer-0.40 HP, \$350. Call 309-313-4777.

**FOR SALE:** Big bales of grass hay. Call 309-458-6617.

**FOR SALE:** CASH ONLY Jigsaw puzzles, 1000 piece - \$3 each or 90/\$250 cash only. Cobble Hill, Ravensburger, Springbok, White Mountain, Wysocki. Call 309-252-8722, pickup in Macomb.

**FOR SALE:** Craftsman 24" snow blower, like new condition. \$400 OBO. Call 309-775-1041 & leave a msg.

**FOR SALE:** B&W Companion 5th wheel hitch for camper. \$900, call 309-255-1215.

**FOR SALE:** Square bales of hay, no rain. \$6 Cash sales only, must be picked up. Call 309-337-2294 or 309-774-4235.

**EQUIPMENT FOR SALE:** Pickup sprayers. 500 gallon sprayer with new motor, 60ft boom \$2,000; 400 gallon sprayer with new Honda motor, 40ft boom \$1,000. In shed, both runs great call 309-333-9751.

**EQUIPMENT FOR SALE:** 500 bushel grain pup. Air brakes. Good rubber. 8.25 tires. Needs new floor. Has new brakes and wheel seals. \$1750 call 309-333-9751.

**FOR SALE:** 500 bales of good grass mixed hay. No rain. \$4.50/each call 309-333-9751.

**FOR SALE:** Breezy Bee Apiary has honey bee nucleus, first come first serve basis. Ready middle of May to first of June. Call 309-255-0674.

**FOR RENT**

**FOR RENT:** 2-3 Bedroom trailers or rent, \$300-400 a month, with deposit of equal or lesser value required. For questions call 309-837-3020.

**THANKS FOR READING!**

**FOR LEASE**

**COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR LEASE:** 231 South Randolph Macomb 1,500 square feet. This updated high traffic building can be leased as a whole or two 750 sq ft units with private entrances. Call/text Kenny at 309-255-0497.

**COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR LEASE:** 223 South Randolph Macomb 2,200 square feet. This updated high traffic building is currently an insurance office and is available for a new tenant May 2025. Call/Text Kenny at 309-255-0497.

**LOST & FOUND**

**FOUND:** Cell Phone found in the flower box at the Macomb Train Depot. It is an older style of phone. Please call 309-776-3087 to claim.

**FOUND:** Silver initial bracelet outside of the Community News & Market at 13 E. Side Square in Macomb. Call 309-421-0761 to describe.

**FOUND:** Precious ring found at Macomb Assembly of God Church. Call the office to describe your lost ring-if it fits the description, you can claim it. Office phone 309-575-4505.

**Classifieds Ads ONLY \$8/WEEK!**  
Call 309-421-0761

**FREE**

**FREE:** Beautiful small Kimball piano w/bench. 36"x56", maple and tuned. Downsizing and needing the room. You pick up. Call 309-772-3703.

**FREE:** Agri Fab Leaf Sweeper. Call 309-331-4060.

**FREE:** Vinyl shutters uniformed sizes, with hardware., Asphalt shingles -- 1 bundle. Call for more information 309-333-5793.

**HELP WANTED**

**NOW HIRING:** Learn how to build your own house. Get paid to learn. Slater Construction and Siding Company Inc. is now hiring and training ambitious individuals in the Construction trade. Call (309) 772-3547.

**HELP WANTED:** Part-time CDL driver for Hopperbottom. All local grain hauling, available on an as-needed basis, possibly for a retiree. Call 309-333-8151.

**FARM HELP WANTED:** For McDonough County grain farm. Must have CDL and be able to operate all farm equipment. Please send resume to: Community Brief, Farm Help Box 100, 13 E. Side Square, Macomb, IL 61455.

**WANTED**

**WANTED:** I buy cars & pickups, 1974 or older for cash. 309-255-7858.

**WANTED:** Cash paid for Vintage costume and estate jewelry, gold and silver coins. Call 309-335-6073.

**WANTED TO BUY:** John Deere square balers. Working or non-working. We need parts and rebuilders. Write me a note and I will return your call. Paul Raber 5351 N 300th Rd, Plymouth, IL 62367

**WANTED:** Indian artifacts of all kinds. Free appraisal. Call or text 309-338-3281.

**WANTED:** Coin Collections, sports cards, old toys, etc. ALSO buying a large variety of antiques, estate items & unwanted collections/accumulations. Call 309-221-6304.

**WANTED:** Jigsaw Puzzles, Fabric, Fleece Blankets, Throws, Kitchen Towels, Scrub Shirts, Flannel Shirts, Flannel Nightgowns, Sweatshirts, Bath Robes, Disney, DC Comics, Marvel, Animals, Flowers, Holidays, Etc. Bed Sheets, Pillow Cases, Curtains, Table Cloths., Heat Bond Hem Adhesive #3719-4 rolls value pack at Walmart. I sew blankets for the Animal Shelters. Any help is greatly appreciated. 309-252-8722, Macomb IL. Text or I am at the used Book Post store on the South Side of the Square by Chicks, Tuesday & Thursday 9-3.

## NOW HIRING



**MCSRA Supervisor**

**MCDONOUGH COUNTY SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

This position is to be responsible for the coordination, implementation, and evaluation of services to participants & employees with disabilities and the provision of special recreation programs & services for McDonough County year round.

**Position Open Until Filled**  
Visit [www.macombparkdistrict.com](http://www.macombparkdistrict.com)



# REMOTE WORK WORD SEARCH

D H T I Y E P R S L M S V T N G G T C Y  
D I G I T A L L G V O T P V I T N M L B  
B O T T H Y B A R I D V O N H R T S L N  
Z O N O E R A W Z O F S A I L V X E P R  
W O G S F B A C Z O M M U N I C A T I O N  
F W S U Z F Y C O M M U N I C A T I O N  
G O E O S Y S M A E T G Y Y Z D E Y X W  
D R G N L L S H H H O U R S E C L R R O  
Z K A O E P L D O W M E F Z S Y E U F R  
S I S R C A C A W R T D I S Y F C E P K  
G N S H N R F Z B O I L U C H L O N A L O  
H K E C A F D S M O A N K O L S M E H O  
N G M N L L D E X U A L G O Z S C U P I D  
R S U Y E E R P N W A L G O Z S C U P I D  
Z N U S E X Y N D L G D P C U F T O S D  
X H I A R T A D I P C V O I A K E L M R  
U Z B X F I R H G G B I D V O T P O B F  
W L S G B M X L Z N L R Y A O X I S Y G  
E B G I G E C O N O M Y P Y S L U O A D  
T S I A D T E C A L P K R O W T W R N S

Find the following words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally and backwards.

ANNUALIZED  
ASYNCHRONOUS  
CLOUD  
COMMUNICATION  
COWORKING  
DIGITAL

FLEX TIME  
FREELANCE  
FULLY  
GIG ECONOMY  
GLOBAL  
HOURS

HYBRID  
LOCATION  
MESSAGE  
OFFSHORING  
REMOTE  
SOFTWARE

SOLOPRENEUR  
TEAM  
TELECOMMUTE  
VPN  
WORKLOAD  
WORKPLACE

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

\* When Katherine Johnson was little, she loved to count things. By the age of 10, she was in high school. In 1961, she calculated the trajectory of NASA's first trip into space. She was so consistently accurate that when NASA began to use computers, they had her check the calculations to make sure they were correct.

\* In Norse, the name Siri means "a beautiful woman that leads you to victory."

\* And speaking of Siri ... she will flip a coin for you if you can't make a decision.

\* Looney Tunes was created to promote the Warner Brothers music catalog in the 1930s, hence the name "Looney Tunes" instead of "Toons."

\* James Vernor put the basic components of a new beverage into a barrel in 1861 before heading off to serve in the 4th Michigan Cavalry during the Civil War. When he returned four years later, he tasted the barrel's contents and, voila!, Vernor's Ginger Ale was born.

\* Norway's Bouvet Island was discovered in 1739, then "lost" again for the next 69 years due to the original spotter's mislabeling its coordinates.

\* Canada has a strategic maple syrup reserve to ensure global supply in case of emergency.

\* When President Donald Trump asked the Guggenheim Museum to loan the White House an original Van Gogh painting, they responded with the counteroffer of a solid-gold toilet.

\* Elvis Presley wore a cross, a Star of David and the Hebrew letter chai because he didn't want to "miss out on heaven due to a technicality."

\* A single person's DNA contains as much information as 50 novels.

\* Soccer player Mohammed Anas accidentally thanked both his wife and girlfriend in a post-match speech.

Thought for the Day: "The road to success is dotted with many tempting parking spaces." -- Will Rogers

(c) 2025 King Features Synd., Inc.



**Carrier**  
Turn to the experts  
**HEALTHY HOMES**

**YOU MAKE IT HOME.  
WE'LL MAKE IT COMFORTABLE.**

Turn to your local Carrier expert for superior performance from your heating and cooling system.

The way we use our homes is changing, which is why as your Carrier expert we are here to help improve your indoor comfort. From enhancing the performance of your heating and cooling system to making your indoor air cleaner and healthier with our Infinity<sup>®</sup> air purifier, we're committed to helping you breathe a little easier.

Learn how it works at [carrier.com/purifier](http://carrier.com/purifier).

©2020 Carrier. All Rights Reserved.



**COOLING**  
**Arnold Bros.**  
**HEATING**

**365 DAYS OF INDOOR COMFORT**

1729 W. Jackson, Macomb, IL  
309-833-2852 • 800-870-5013  
After Hours 309-837-2631



**LUCK 'O THE GREEN  
SALE GOING ON NOW!**

See all the details on the full page ad on the back page in this issue!

**Save a POT O' GOLD**

**M&B Furniture Co.**

Visit Our Website [www.mandbfurnitureinc.com](http://www.mandbfurnitureinc.com)  
481 W Main St. Bushnell • 309-772-2111  
Fax: 309-772-2112 Like Us On Facebook and Instagram  
Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 8am-1pm



**"I See the Problem"**  
 Let Our Experts Diagnose and Repair Your Problems!

**LECTRICAL  
LUMBING  
EATING**

**EPH SERVICE COMPANY**  
 4043 W. Jackson • Macomb, IL **837-3830**



**Veterinary Care  
in the Comfort of  
Your Own Home**  
 Offering preventative veterinary care  
 services for healthy dogs & cats  
 Dr. Jamie McClure DVM

**McCLURE SMALL ANIMAL  
HOUSECALL SERVICE PLLC**  
 mccluresmallanimalhousecall.com **309-252-8899**  
 drmccluredvm@gmail.com



**Logonix**  
 Your IP Data Company™

**INTERNET • HOSTING • CO-LOCATION**  
 Serving McDonough & Fulton Counties  
 114 South Shady Lane, Macomb • 309.836.7343  
 http://www.logonix.net

# Local SERVICE DIRECTORY

## ROOFING

**Ridge Roofing**  
 Macomb, IL

LICENSED, BONDED & INSURED  
 ROOFING CONTRACTOR  
 David Ridge, Owner  
**309-333-0089**  
 www.ridgeroofingmacomb.com



SPACE IS LIMITED

CALL 309-421-0761

## BARBERSHOP

**SAM'S  
BARBERSHOP**  
 Make Sam Your Personal Barber  
 HOT TOWELS & GOOD  
 CONVERSATION \$14.00  
 On the Corner of East Main & Barnes St., Bushnell  
**309-333-3043**  
 No Appointment necessary except  
 for afternoons  
 OPEN 9AM-NOON



## ALTERATIONS

**SEAMSTRESS**  
 Alterations • Mending  
 Hemming & Misc. Sewing  
 Zipper Replacement  
**Jackie Zook, Bushnell**  
**309-569-2118**



## AUCTION SERVICE

WHEN YOU ARE  
 THINKING OF SELLING  
 YOUR ASSETS,  
 THERE IS ONE NAME  
 YOU NEED TO CONSIDER-  
**WHEELER AUCTIONS!**

Call Chris Butcher today!  
**309-255-0123**

**Wheeler**  
 AUCTIONS & REAL ESTATE  
 PARIS, MO | HAWK POINT, MO | CARTHAGE, IL | MACOMB, IL  
 Illinois Auction Firm License #444000408



## WELDING

STEEL SALES PORTABLE WELDING  
**STEHL'S WELDING**  
 & Radiator Shop  
 ALL KINDS OF WELDING,  
 FABRICATION & REPAIR  
 ALSO MACHINE SHOP WORK  
 Pick Up Truck & ATV Snow Plows  
 \* Sales \* Parts \* Repairs \* Service

• Mig Tig Stick Gas Welding  
 • S.J. Smith Welding Supplies  
 • Rotary Mower Blade Sharpening  
 • Trailer Hitches & Truck Accessories  
 SERVING THE AREA SINCE 1945  
**432 E. WELLS, BUSHNELL**  
 (Behind Casey's) ED SELBY  
**309-772-3742**



## SEWING NEEDS

**WE SELL NEW & USED  
SEWING MACHINES**  
 we offer repair on  
 all machines!  
 Janome Sewing Machines  
 Cabinets • Sewing Notions  
 Embroidery Designs  
**Macomb Sewing Center**  
 719 W. Jackson, Macomb • 836-2186



## CONTRACTOR/HVAC

**KELLEY GENERAL  
CONTRACTING**  
 (217) 357-1216

- COMMERCIAL/  
RESIDENTIAL
- CONCRETE
- EXCAVATION
- COOLING/HEATING  
SYSTEMS & REPAIRS

**Lance Kelley**  
 (217) 357-1216  
 Office  
 (309) 255-3685



## PORTABLE BUILDINGS

**Teresa's She Sheds**  
 (formerly Macomb Portable Buildings)  
 TERESA'S SHE SHEDS  
 CUSTOMIZED PORTABLE BUILDINGS

Storage Sheds  
 Perfect for  
 She Sheds &  
 Man Caves!

1401 W Jackson St., Macomb  
 (309) 333-3250  
 teressassheds.com  
 9-4 Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri  
 9-2 Sat (or by appointment)




## CONCRETE

**CARNAHAN**  
 Asphalt & Concrete

- Drive-ways
- Sidewalks
- Parking Lots
- Roads

Asphalt and  
 Concrete  
 Oil, Tar &  
 Chipping



Call Tim  
**309-333-9858**




## HOME SERVICES

**SEAMLESS GUTTERS  
& LEAF PROTECTION**  
 Call  
**JOE'S  
GUTTERS**  
 Also offering  
**MOWING & GARDEN  
TILLING**

**309-221-1125**



# Local SERVICE DIRECTORY

CALL TO ADVERTISE 309-421-0761

## ALTERATIONS

*Stitch Witch*

ALTERATIONS  
CLOTHING REPAIR

For More Information  
Call Bev Powell  
**309-313-1183**

LOCATED IN BUSHNELL

## CONSTRUCTION

### NOW HIRING

Learn how to build your own house. GET PAID TO LEARN!

Slater Construction and Siding Company Inc. is now hiring and training ambitious individuals in the Construction trade.

CALL  
(309) 772-3547



## APPLIANCE REPAIR



*Adam's*  
**APPLIANCE REPAIR**

YOUR LOCAL APPLIANCE  
REPAIR EXPERT

Servicing all Makes & Models

REFRIGERATORS, STOVES,  
WASHER & DRYERS  
SOME MICROWAVES

**309-333-0686**

adam@adamsappliancerepairil.com

www.AdamsApplianceRepairIL.com

210 E LINCOLN ST.

GOOD HOPE

## AUCTION SERVICE

Real Estate Auctions



**Kelso Rhoades**

REAL ESTATE AUCTION GROUP

Managing Broker: Jed Rhoades

Auctioneer: Kyle Kelso

130 N. Main Street Canton, IL

**(309) 647-8811**

IL Lic # 444.000.411

Farm Machinery, Business  
Liquidation & Antiques



**Kyle Kelso**

**AUCTIONEER**

21090 US Hwy 136 Adair, IL

**309-337-5612**

## UNDERGROUND



**Robert Hoyt**  
OWNER

- Driveway Culvert Install
- Sewer Dig-Ups
- Utility Trenching
- Brush Clearing
- Small Demolition
- Dump Trailer Services
- Fence Line Clean-up

**309-255-9119**

westernilunderground@gmail.com

Westernilunderground.com

Western Illinois Underground

## UM AUTO AD

### TAX TIME SALE IS HERE

We have over 120 vehicles to choose from and 3 lots in Macomb, IL. Make your tax money go further, we have the best deals in town.

**MOST OF OUR CARS ARE UNDER \$6000.**

Check out our inventory at **UMAUTOS.COM**

**309-836-2277 • 230 W. Jackson, Macomb**



## RIDE SERVICE

### Sue's Ride Service

**Friendly. Prompt. Safe.**

Serving the Macomb, Illinois area

**Call 309-255-3511**

**MONDAY - SATURDAY**

(Advance calls requested for early morning pickups)

Book a ride or pick ups for  
Medicine, Groceries, etc.

Cash, CashApp, Venmo, Zelle accepted.

## POWER WASHING



**Bigham Power Washing**

**GET A FREE ESTIMATE  
ON ALL YOUR  
CLEANING NEEDS:**



Siding - Patios  
Awnings  
Driveways  
Sidewalks  
Farm Equipment

**FOR A FREE ESTIMATE CALL**

**217-248-2844**

Fully Insured

TOM BIGHAM - OWNER

**OVER 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE**

References Available and will  
meet at your convenience.

## LAND MANAGEMENT

Forestry Mulching  
Land Clearing  
Stump Grinding  
CRP Management  
Skid Steer & Dump Trailer Service  
Right-Of-Way Clearing  
Food Plot & Trail Clearing



**Bob Wisely**

Owner/Operator

(309) 333-1995 / Macomb, Illinois

## CONSTRUCTION



**FULLY INSURED  
FREE ESTIMATE**

Interior Remodel, Exterior,  
Concrete, Maintenance,  
Plant Beds,  
Tree & Shrub Trimming  
& Removal

**Call**

**309-331-0472**

## WATCH BATTERIES



**Watch Batteries**

Installed while you wait

**Only \$7.00**

**Pawn Plus**

324 W. Jackson St., Macomb 309-837-1218  
www.PawnPlusonline.com

*Neighbors Taking Care  
of Neighbors...*



**THE  
ELMS**

1212 Madelyn Ave., Macomb

**309-837-5482**

WWW.THEELMSMACOMB.COM

Our Mission Statement:

To create a partnership through life's journey between  
community, staff, residents, and families. Together we  
strive to maintain dignity, comfort, and trust.







25% OFF!

ALL IN-STOCK  
MEN'S DICKIES JEANS  
Assorted variety. (Vendor 963)



\$20 OFF!

ALL IN-STOCK  
MEN'S WOLVERINE BOOTS  
Assorted variety. (Vendor 912)



25% OFF!

ALL IN-STOCK  
HAMILTON ANIMAL  
HALTERS & LEADS  
Assorted variety. (Vendor 2633)



11.99 SAVE \$5

40 LB. PREMIUM BIRD  
FOOD BLEND  
General purpose blend for all  
year round. (Vendor 7394/  
1259067) Reg 16.99



# FARM KING

Your Family Store With More Since 1959

It's our **BUCKET SALE!**

**FARM**

BUY A BUCKET FOR \$2 & GET

20% OFF

ANYTHING YOU CAN FIT IN THE BUCKET\*

3 DAYS ONLY

MARCH 14 FRIDAY

MARCH 15 SATURDAY

MARCH 16 SUNDAY



159.99 SAVE \$100

TITAN VAPER 90 AMP GASLESS  
WIRE FEED WELDER  
(Vendor 4529/1319544) Reg 259.99  
Limited to stock on hand.



29.99 SAVE \$10

MIRACLE-GRO  
MINI GREENHOUSE  
Start seedlings or extend  
your growing season.  
This easy-to-assemble,  
compact greenhouse  
is constructed with a  
high-grade steel tubular  
frame. (70524/1306569)  
Reg 39.99

GREAT DEAL!



279.99 SAVE \$20

21" YARDMAX 2-IN-1 LAWN MOWER  
Single-lever deck adjustment for quickly setting  
your mow height. (Vendor 7393/1290995) Reg 299.99



149.99 SAVE \$40

32" FIRE PIT WITH GRATE & LIFTER  
(Vendor 1664/1298372) Reg 189.99



39.99 SAVE \$10

UMAREX S&W MP40 AIR PISTOL  
.177 BB caliber. 19 BB's capacity. Fixed front and rear  
sights. (Vendor 3825/1142586) Reg 49.99  
Limited to stock on hand.



15% OFF!

ALL IN-STOCK  
WINCHESTER TURKEY LOADS  
Assorted variety. (Vendor 5140) Reg 23.99

Macomb, Monmouth, Canton, Galesburg, Kewanee & West Burlington

Monday to Saturday: 8AM – 8PM • Sunday: 9AM – 6PM

PRICES GOOD: March 11-24, 2025

Visit FarmKing.com for Hot Deals, Products and More!