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Jet Air, Inc. Ribbon Cutting

The Ambassador Committee of the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting on December 8 for Jet Air, Inc. based locally out of the Macomb Municipal Airport (16190 E. 1300th St.). Jet Air, Inc. took over Cobb Aviation on October 1 after the retirement of Lee Cobb. Jet Air operates one of the largest charter fleets in the Midwest with fixed base operations in Macomb, Galesburg, Burlington, and Iowa City. With a full staff of customer service team members, talented mechanics, and specialized hangar facilities, Jet Air Inc. is ready

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City of Macomb Plans Retirement Open House for City Clerk Melanie Falk

The City of Macomb announced today that Macomb City Clerk Melanie Falk, will be retiring after 40 years of dedicated service to the residents of the City of Macomb.

An open house, honoring Falk, will be held on Friday, December 16, 2022, from 4:00pm-6:30pm at the Community Room, located on the first floor of Macomb City Hall. The event is open to the public. "We invite and encourage

the community to come to City Hall to help us thank Melanie for her four decades of service to the citizens of Macomb", said Macomb Mayor Michael Inman. "She has been a true professional, and her knowledge and expertise will be missed", Inman added. Falk was first hired as a Clerk in the City's Zoning office in 1982.

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Cato's in Macomb Announces Closing

Cato's Fashions located at 1710 E. Jackson St., Macomb announced last week that the Macomb store would be closing.

Cato's corporation made the decision to close the Macomb store due to slow profits, rising expenses and a building lease agreement scheduled to end this year with an expected rate increase, according to Store Manager, Victoria Price. She said the last day would be Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th and that shipments have stopped, so the current inventory is all that will be available until then. She went on to say that Cato's has been in the past years, closing up to 30 stores per year nationwide "Macomb was always lucky before to never be on that list". Since the

unofficial announcement last week, Price said "Customers are very upset and disappointed, we have shared many tears and given numerous hugs, it is really sad, many women depended on this store."



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Retirement *Continued from page 1*

In 1994 Falk was appointed the Deputy City Clerk, by then City Clerk Lucille Gibson. Falk was first elected City Clerk in 1999 and has served in that capacity, winning successive elections, since then. She completed studies at Robert Morris College, Carthage, Illinois. Falk's retirement is effective December 31, 2022.

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Q: When does a joke become a 'dad' joke?
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POLICE REPORTS

City of Macomb

12/4

Austin A. Bishop, 28, Canton, was charged with careless driving

Deshon L. Spencer, 27, Macomb, was charged with careless driving (seatbelt)

Almarion Y. Bell, 18, Rockford, was charged with careless driving

Hanna G. Ruby, 18, New Berlin, was charged with operating an uninsured motor vehicle, drove the wrong side/way, etc.

McDonough County Sheriff's Dept.

12/3

Dashawn Micheal Rudesill, 20, Plymouth, was charged with consumption of alcohol by a minor, disorderly conduct

Austin Matthew Knous, 20, Beardstown, was charged with consumption of alcohol by a minor, disorderly conduct

Andrew Jeremy Sutton, 20, Macomb, was charged with consumption of alcohol by a minor
Jordan Lee Reading, 32, Macomb, was arrested on a foreign body attachment warrant

Cade Kelly Matye, 24, Hastings, MN, was charged with DUI/alcohol

Julie Diane Squier, 43, Bushnell, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Quanisha Latrice Pringle, 30, Macomb, was charged with no valid drivers license, resisting a peace officer

Joshua Michael White, 19, St. Augustine, was charged with possession of Cannabis

Brandy Nicole Fulton, 45, Macomb, was charged with drivers license revoked or suspended

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MACOMB COUNCIL PREVIEW:

Council to Discuss 2022 Taxes

by Patrick Stout
Correspondent

Macomb aldermen will discuss 2022 property taxes at their city council committee of the whole meeting tonight. The tax information must be submitted to the McDonough County treasurer by the end of the month.

Council members will review a proposed ordinance for the levy and collection of property taxes. They will also discuss an ordinance that would abate any taxes to pay debt service on \$23 million in 2016 waterworks bonds and \$4 million in 2020 infrastructure bonds.

Aldermen may also discuss an ordinance to create a package liquor license and on-premises consumption permit for Sherpa Properties. The company wants to sell package liquor at the Conoco service station on East Jackson Street.

The committee of the whole meeting begins at 5:15 p.m. on the second floor of Macomb City Hall. It may also be viewed on the Macomb YouTube channel, and will also be broadcast beginning Tuesday on cable channel 15.

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Obituaries

William H. "Bill" Pence

89, of Lomax

William H. "Bill" Pence, 89, of rural Lomax, Illinois, passed away Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in West Burlington, Iowa.

Bill was born July 22, 1933 at the family home near Lomax, where he would live all of his life. He was the son of Herbert and Wanda (Fisher) Pence. His father passed away when Bill was a young boy. He was raised by his grandfather William Fisher and his mother. On August 1, 1954 he married the love of his life, Vieva Joyce Lindgren at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Stronghurst, Illinois. She preceded him in death January 27, 2021.

Bill attended the Pleasant Grove Grade School and graduated from Terre Haute High School in 1951. Bill began farming at the age of fifteen. This developed into a lifelong passion for agriculture. His farm was recognized as a Sesquicentennial Farm. He enjoyed showing registered Hampshire Sheep along with his sons and daughters at many State Fairs and National Shows. He helped organize Illinois Western Sheep Producers and served as the first Chairman. He also sold Walnut Grove Feed locally for many years. In later years, he raised registered Angus cattle. Whether sheep or cattle, he always had a trusted border collie with him to move his livestock.

He was a member of the Terre Haute United Methodist Church, serving as Church Board Chairman for many years. He served on the Terre Haute School Board and was on the Henderson County Board for 10 years. He was also Lomax Township Supervisor for 12 years and was a Lomax Republican Committeeman for 26 years. He enjoyed hunting, especially coon hunting, telling stories, and visiting



with his friends and family. He never met a stranger. He loved the sport of baseball and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan.

Survivors include five children: Susan Pratt of LaHarpe, Steve (Julie) Pence of Lomax, Sherry (Kevin) Beals of LaHarpe, Sally (Rodney) Boyle of Burlington, Iowa and Shirley (Rod) Morrison of Cameron, Missouri; 16 grandchildren: Mike (Amy) Pratt, Cassie Pratt, Sasha (Andrew) Kloepper, Shannon (Felecia) Pence, Amber (Jason) Duncan, Drew (Erica) Pence, Skyler (Mariah) Pence, Samantha (Tyler) Howe, Madison (Kevin) Mershon, Mitch (Brooke) Beals, Mason Beals, Jessica (Nick) Malone, Fisher (Ashley Demers) Boyle, Tucker Morrison, Carter Morrison and Sam Morrison; twenty-two great-grandchildren and one sister: Jane Buchanan of Florida. Also surviving is one brother-in-law: Harold (Barbara) Lindgren and sister-in-law: Mary Ann Lindgren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Besides his wife he was preceded in death by one son: Stanley Fisher Pence and two grandchildren: Kade Pratt and Meredith Beals.

The funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 11, 2022 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe with Rev. Jim Clayton and Rev. Lee Unger officiating. Burial was held at the Heisler Cemetery, on Bill's farm, near Lomax.

A memorial fund has been established for the Terre Haute United Methodist Church or the Lomax Fire Department. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit Bill's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

To publish obituaries, 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.

Death Notices

Roberta Hughes

69, of Macomb

Roberta Hughes, 69, of Macomb, IL, passed away at 8:15am Sunday December 4, 2022, at Grand Prairie Assisted Living in Macomb, IL.

Memorial Services will be 11 AM Saturday Dec. 17, 2022 at the Grace Baptist Church, 320 N. Mechanic St. Macomb, IL. Rev. Jason Hamm will officiate.

Cremation has been accorded. Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign guest-book or leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

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Industry

SATURDAY, DEC. 17

Santa's Light Parade & Family Movie

The parade will leave the school at 5:30 PM, loop around Industry and end back at the school. Santa will be available for pictures in the Trinity School Cafeteria prior to the movie. The movie will begin at 6:30PM with Hot Dogs, Chips, Popcorn & bottled water. Children need to be accompanied by an adult.

Macomb

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21

Winter Solstice Lantern Walk

The Macomb Park District Winter Solstice Lantern Walk will be held at Lakeview Prairie Labyrinth from 4:30-5:30pm.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

Macomb ACA Meeting

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Spoon River College Hosts 10th Grade Career Expo

High school sophomores from Bushnell Prairie City, Macomb, and West Prairie attended the 10th Grade Career Expo held at Spoon River College in Macomb where they had the opportunity to talk with professionals who represented a variety of careers. Many hands-on

activities were available for the students, who were able to try their hand at welding, see themselves on thermal cameras, practice laparoscopic surgery, pitch a business plan, and more. They also received information on the skills and education needed for similar careers.

Students commented that the event had introduced them to careers they had either never heard of or considered before, and that the information they received as well as the hands-on component would be helpful as they decide on career paths.

Patrick Denecke, Spoon River College student advisor and event organizer on the Macomb Campus, likes hearing that kind of feedback. "As sophomores, many are still undecided about what they want to do after high school. This event gives them an opportunity to explore a variety of careers and the education and training needed for them, which helps them better prepare for the classes they will take in the last two years of high school, and after they graduate."



Businesses and professionals attending the Macomb event were Advanced Rehab, Carl-Sandburg College (Dental Hygiene), Corteva Agri Science, Catch a Star Day Care, Counseling Cares, Dot, Inc., Iron Workers Local 577, Macomb Fire Department, Macomb Police Department, Martin Tractor, Inc., McDonough District Hospital (Medical Laboratory Technician), McDonough Telephone Cooperative, MidAmerica National Bank, Peoria Area JATC, Spoon River College (Health Information Management), Nursing, Computer Information Systems, Welding), University of Illinois Extension, VIT Education, and Western Illinois University (Agriculture, Audiology, Dietician, Exercise Science, Hospitality, Supply Chain Management).

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This self-guided activity is placed along the Little Bluestem Trail at Lakeview Nature Area. Parking is available to the left and right of the main entrance gate. Follow the main path beside the Lakeview Labyrinth to arrive at the Little Bluestem trailhead. The StoryWalk® begins on the east entrance of the trail. The trails are open anytime from dawn to dusk. Lakeview Nature Center is located at 10050th N. !500th Rd., Macomb just a little past the Spring Lake entrance. This StoryWalk® will be on view through late winter.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your work on a recent job assignment is impressive and sure to be noticed. Meanwhile, expect to receive news about an upcoming holiday event you won't want to miss.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Saving the world one person at a time is what you were born to do. So accept it when people ask you for help, especially during the holiday season.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Now that you've resolved all doubts about an important decision, you can surprise a lot of people by defending your stand with strong and well-reasoned arguments.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The holiday mood stirs your need to nurture everyone, from the family cat to great-grandma. But don't overdo it, especially with teens, who like to feel grown up.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Enjoy basking in the warm love of family and close friends this holiday season. But don't fall into a prolonged catnap yet. There's still much to do before you can fully put up your paws and relax.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Avoid pushing others to work as hard as you do on a common project. Instead, encourage them to do their best, and they might well reward you with a pleasant surprise.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Like the sensible Libra you are, you no doubt already started your holiday shopping. But be careful to keep within your budget. Shop around for the best buys.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Love and friendship remain strong in your aspect over the next several days. This is a good time to develop new relationships and strengthen old ones.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A beloved family member has news that will brighten your holidays. Also expect to hear from friends who had long since moved out of your life.

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AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Restoring an old friendship might not be as easy as you had hoped. You might want to explore the reasons for your former buddy's reluctance to cooperate.

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Level: Beginner

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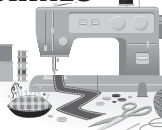
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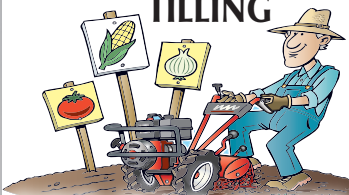
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