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Community News Brief

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TGCIC Raises Over \$600 For Local Kids

Table Grove Community Improvement Club raised \$655 and donated several toys to local VIT kids on their recent SXS ride. A chilli cook-off was also held that day to raise donations.



Pictured above Dan Walters, winner of the Chili Cook off.

Left: Jim McCance won the best decorated SXS.

WIU Inks 21 on National Signing Day

Last Wednesday's National Signing Day was a big one for the Western Illinois football program as the squad welcomed 21 new Leathernecks to coach Myers Hendrickson's program. In all, Hendrickson and his staff signed 16 high schoolers and five transfers, bolstering the ranks on early signing day.

"I am beyond excited to officially welcome this outstanding group of student-athletes into our Leatherneck Family," Hendrickson said. "Today is a great day for our football program. The future is very bright and I'm excited to get to work with this great class of early signees!"

The Leathernecks not only were able to get bigger this recruiting cycle, but also added more

skill to the roster, while also getting younger.

"We did this while also adding some tremendous skill players as well," the coach said. "We put a big emphasis on recruiting high school players, as well as local high schools. We will continue to build classes with high school players, while also adding transfers that can impact our program in big ways at key spots."

Staying close to home was evident as Hendrickson and his staff hit the Land of Lincoln hard. Western Illinois signed 11 players with ties to the state. The staff was also focused on the Midwest, adding two players from Iowa, two from Missouri and one from Minnesota. The

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staff also strayed outside the Midwest, signing two players from Oklahoma and one each from Georgia, Alabama and Virginia.

"Having a presence in the state of Illinois for high school recruiting was a big emphasis for us, and will continue to be moving forward," Hendrickson said.

And while the coaching staff has earned the holiday break, they also are keeping an eye on the February 1 signing day and what other talent they can add to the team.

"We are always evaluating and recruiting, both high school and transfers, and look to build on the great momentum we have established in this early signing period moving into winter workouts and the February signing day as well," Hendrickson said.

Winter 2022 Western Illinois Signing Class

Cordell Wilson, Minneapolis, MN, 5-10, 175, Defensive Back, Kaleb Randolph, O'Fallon; 6-0, 280, O'Fallon Township HS, Defensive line;

Marcus Hansen, Fairview Heights; 6-5, 300, O'Fallon High School, Offensive line

Noah Wright, Galesburg; 6-2, 280; Galesburg High School, Offensive line;

Brayden Hartman, Washington, IA, 6-3, 300, Washington High School, Offensive line;

Scott Webb, Clinton, 6-3, 275; Clinton High School; Offensive lineman;

Marcus Morris, Moore, Oklahoma; 6-2, 240, Moore High School, Outside linebacker;

Dorian Arguelles, Edwardsville; 6-5, 300; Edwardsville High School, Offensive lineman;

Cory West, Springfield, 6-1, 200, Sacred Heart-Griffin High School; Linebacker;

Oshobi Odior, Oswego; 6-2; 240; Oswego East High School; Linebacker;

Nick Naujokas, 6-1, 210, Mount Carmel High School; Linebacker;

Randall Ward, Lee's Summit, MO; 6-1, 220, Lee's Summit North High School; Outside linebacker;

Matt Nelson, Lorton, VA, 6-0; 230, South County High School; Long snapper;

KaRon Coleman, 6-1, 197; Arkansas State; Greene County High School; Defensive back;

Noah Epley, New Hartford, IA, 6-2, 230; Iowa Central/Dike New Hartford High School; Linebacker;

Fredrik Greenhoward, Luther, OK, 6-1, 185, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M/Luther High School; Defensive back;

Ethan Ladd, Macomb, 6-1, 220, Macomb HS, LB: Three-

time All Conference Center; Three-time All Conference DE/LB; Keshawn Harrington-McKinney, Chicago, Harlem High School, 6-2, 300, defensive line, Ryan Merklinger, Savannah, GA; 6-5, 325, So.; Valparaiso/Calvary Day HS; First Team Region and All State in High School Terangie Eskridge Jr, Chicago, 6-1, 170, Defensive back, Richard's High School; Dylan Van, St. Louis, MO, 6-0, 180, Running back, CBC High School

POLICE REPORTS

McDonough County Sheriff's Dept.

12/17

Kelly Lynne Lair, 48, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Elizabeth Jean Ellis, 54, Bushnell, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

12/18

William Haeger Vigezzi, 20, Macomb, was charged with domestic battery

Sidney Joy Clark, 24, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

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A big THANK YOU to Lynne Campbell of the Community News Brief for the great article about my 50 years in business in Macomb.

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Obituary

Bonnie Jean (Booth) Laird

91 of Macomb

Bonnie Jean (Booth) Laird, 91 of Macomb, passed away on Dec. 21, 2022, following a brief stay at the Elms Nursing Home. She was born on Feb. 25, 1931, to Thomas and Anna Stewart Booth. She was raised in Colchester, eventually moving to Macomb following her marriage to Robert Laird on Dec. 8, 1950. They were married for 68 years before his passing on Oct. 10, 2019. Surviving to mourn her passing are two sons, Scott (Shirley) of Foley, Alabama and Chuck (Kim) of Macomb, her youngest sister, Betty Haines, her step granddaughter, Becky (Mike) Quesenberry and step great grandson, Talan.

Preceding her in death were her parents and siblings, Elizabeth Biswell, Gerald Booth, Bill Booth and Tom Booth.

Bonnie spent much of her working career in the Voter's Registration Office at the McDonough County Courthouse where she met many people and developed great friendships.

Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be no services. Burial will take place at Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Colchester. Memorials may be made in her name to the McDonough County Humane Society. Jones Mortuary in Colchester is handling arrangements for the family. Condolences and memories can be expressed to the family at jonesmortuaryfh.com.

Death Notices

Eugene Hulvey

91, of Camden

Eugene Hulvey, 91, of Camden, passed away Saturday, Dec. 24th at Country Gardens in Rushville.

Visitation for Gene will be Wednesday, Dec. 28th from 5-7 pm at Triplett & Wood Funeral Home, Rushville. Funeral Services for Mr. Hulvey will be Thursday, Dec. 29th, at 10:30 am with Reverend Bill Rucker officiating at Triplett & Wood Funeral Home.

Memorials have been established for Cass-Schuyler Hospice or to First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Rushville.

Family and friends are welcome to leave condolences and remembrances of Eugene at www.triplettwood.com

David Hunt

67 of Macomb

David Hunt, 67 of Macomb passed away on Saturday, Dec. 24th at Unity Point Hospital in Peoria.

He was born in Macomb on Jan. 4, 1955 to Orville and Mary Hunt. His father and mother, Mary (Hunt) Miller preceded him in death, along with one sister, Linda Derry. He is survived by one sister Gloria Clark of Bushnell.

A private service will be held at a later date. Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Kory W. Tournear

18, of Vermont

Kory W. Tournear, 18, of Vermont, passed away at 12:19 pm on Saturday, Dec. 24, 2022 at Culbertson Memorial Hospital in Rushville.

Services will be held at 10:30 am on Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022 at Shawgo Memorial Home in Astoria, IL. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2022 from 5 to 7 pm at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Vermont Cemetery in Vermont, IL. Memorials may be made to the Kory Tournear Memorial Fund.

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THURSDAYS

Macomb ACA Group

will reconvene starting January 12, 2023 in the library of University Baptist Church at 6pm. Student observers are welcome, as it is an open meeting. The group will be meeting on the second Thursday each month.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

The Matchsellers Perform

A bluegrass singer-songwriting Kansas City duo Western Illinois Museum's indoor Our Front Porch Doors and cash bar open at 6:30 with music starting at 7:00 pm

Macomb - Western Holiday Tournament Continues

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Macomb Elks Club

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Western Illinois Museum

The Matchsellers, A bluegrass singer-songwriting Kansas City duo, will be performing at the Western Illinois Museum's indoor Our Front Porch on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023. Doors and cash bar open at 6:30 with music starting at 7 pm

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the last three months of the year is our busiest time.

Our annual Halloween party just keeps

getting bigger and better each year. We hopefully will have a few surprises next year with a couple organizations joining us to expand this event. We want to thank all who helped make this the success it was. To everyone who helped set-up this event, to those who participated in the Trunk 'or' Treat and especially to all who attended.

We plan to have our Free-Will Thanksgiving Dinner every year in honor of our veterans and to thank our community for all your support throughout the year. We want to thank all those who helped make this the success it was. All those who worked in the kitchen, deliveries, the decorating and clean-up committees, our little ones who kept our tables clean and a huge thank you to our community who came and supported this event.

And lastly, all of our Christmas festivities. We wanted to recognize our veterans, so we started selling Christmas ornaments with their name on so we could decorate a Christmas Tree in their honor. We started with three trees, we ended up selling 250 ornaments, so we will be putting up a fourth one next year. We are keeping the ornaments and will put them on the trees every year. We will continue to sell bulbs and will keep adding to the trees. Thanks to everyone who purchased an ornament to honor your veteran.

Our holiday craft show was a success, as well. We had many crafters and supporters for this event, too. We would like to thank everyone who helped put this together, all the kitchen helpers, to all who came to make this a great craft show and finally to all who came to support us.

Our organization would like to express our deepest gratitude for your support. Your continued generosity toward our organization has allowed us to continue to achieve the goals we set out to do to help our veterans and their families. We are privileged to have the support of a special community such as ours.

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By Lucie Winborne

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* A 2009 study found that lost wallets were 88% more likely to be returned to their owners if they contained a photo of a baby. Barring that, you're also more likely to recover one if you typically carry pictures of a puppy, family members or an elderly couple.

* The word "checkmate" comes from the Arabic "shat mat," or "The king is dead."

* Want your candles to burn longer and drip less? Put them in the freezer for a few hours before lighting them.

* In what must qualify as one of the oddest marketing campaigns ever created, Burger King launched one that entitled customers to a free Whopper if they unfriended 10 Facebook friends. Those folks would receive a message explaining that their digital relationship was less valuable than the sandwich. Hey, we like Whoppers too, but really!

* Dolphins have been witnessed amusing themselves by creating underwater bubble rings.

* There's a Google Map for Mercury, Venus, Earth's moon, Mars, Pluto, three out of four of

Jupiter's moons, and all but one of the round Saturnian moons.

* Leonardo da Vinci often bought caged animals just to set them free.

* Early 19th-century composer Robert

Schumann had an interesting, if grisly and ineffective, method of attempting to cure any disease he had or might have: plunging his hands into the guts of recently slaughtered animals.

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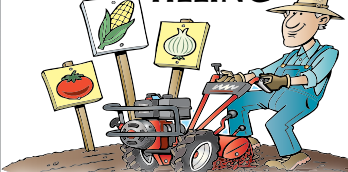
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