

Monday, December 5, 2022

Community News Brief

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Briefly covering news in Adair, Bushnell, Colchester, Industry, Macomb & South Fulton

Festive Weekend Highlights

The weekend was full of family events all around the area, beginning Friday night in Macomb with Dickens on the Square and Colchester's Christmas on the Prairie. Activities continued in Macomb on Saturday while in Bushnell it was the Holiday Extravaganza weekend and Table Grove's Winter Play Days on Sunday.

See more pictures in Friday's edition of the Community News Brief Weekly Edition.



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"We are very proud of our third consecutive Leapfrog 'A' Safety Grade," said MDH Chief Medical Officer Edwin Card, MD. "This (Fall 2022 'A' Grade) is awarded to the top 29 percent of hospitals across the United States. This reflects all of the hard work put in by all departments of the hospital. It also reflects our ongoing commitment to providing safe and effective care for our neighbors and friends."

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PSA: Macomb Street Closure Dec. 5-9th

Western Avenue will be closed to through traffic starting Monday, Dec. 5, 2022 in order for the contractor to make a connection to the water main for then new WIU Center for the Performing Arts. It is anticipated that this closure will last until Friday, Dec. 9, 2022. The attached map shows the detour that will be in effect during the closure. For those using the Go West buses on campus, please consult the Go West Facebook page or app for the temporary route changes. Questions concerning the construction can be directed to Ted Renner at (309)298-1834 x261. Questions regarding bus routes can be directed to Go West at (309)575-3333- Thank you for your patience during this time.

TODAY'S JOKES

Q: What cooking seasoning is the most festive?
A: Christmas Thyme!

Q: What goes Ho-Ho whoosh, Ho-Ho whoosh?
A: Santa caught in a revolving door!

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POLICE REPORTS

McDonough County Sheriff's Dept.

11/23

Natacha Renae DeWeese, 33, Havana, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Edward James Lavin, 73, Macomb, was charged with DUI/alcohol, drivers license revoked or suspended

11/24

Topaz Anthony Cleggett, 60, Macomb, was charged with aggravated DUI

Angelique Shante Denise Hudson, 31, Macomb, was charged with resisting a peace officer

William Albert Slater, 44, Davenport, IA, was charged with drivers license revoked or suspended, aid/abet/poss/sell stolen vehicle

Dion Lee Allen, 23, Macomb, was charged with disorderly conduct

11/25

Elizabeth Marie Spires, 31, Macomb, was charged with retail theft/disp merch/ less than \$300

11/26

Kevin Wayne Masten, 45, Macomb, was charged with drivers license revoked or suspended

11/27

Kallie Jane Logan, 20, Rushville, was charged with DUI/alcohol

11/28

James Jeffery Benson, 60, Roseville, was arrested on a foreign warrant

Jade Matthew Branch, 31, Avon, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Macomb City Police

11/27

Jin Jin, 48, Macomb, was charged with careless driving

Anasazi R. Rodriguez, 29, Macomb, was charged with no insurance--operating under suspension

Jaylin M. Jackson, 22, Tampa, FL, was charged with speeding over statutory limit

11/28

Darius R. Stuckey, 30, Joliet, was charged with operating uninsured motor vehicle

CITY COUNCIL PREVIEW

Renee Lotz to be Named City Clerk

by Patrick Stout
Correspondent

The Macomb City Council intends today to vote to appoint Deputy City Clerk Renee Lotz to the top position. City Clerk Melanie Falk said that her previously announced resignation would be effective at the end of the month.

Lotz, who has been Falk's deputy for 11 years, would take office January 1, 2023. She is running for a full four-year term on the April 4 election ballot. Lotz is opposed in the election by Kate Michael-Mattsey.

In other business, aldermen will vote on a new five-year contract with Ryan Hansen for management of Spring Lake Park and Campground. Also scheduled is adoption of ordinances amending the structure of the Macomb/Bushnell Enterprise Zone and authorizing special use permits for first floor residences in the downtown business district. The apartments are located in 129 through 131 and at 135 South Lafayette Street.

The city council agenda also includes scheduled votes on renewal of third-party administration, the local agent, and reinsurance for Macomb's employee health insurance plan. Aldermen will also be asked to create a voluntary health insurance plan for part-time city employees.

The council meeting will begin with a public hearing on the package liquor license application of Sherpa Properties at 608 East Jackson Street. Ordinance amendments requiring vacant property registration and establishing a short-term rental registration program are also on the agenda.

Tonight's city council meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:15 p.m. on the second floor of Macomb City Hall. The meeting may also be viewed on the Macomb YouTube channel, and it will be broadcast beginning Tuesday on cable channel 15.



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MDH Announces Start of Covered Walkway Project

McDonough District Hospital announced construction work of Phase 1 of the Covered Walkway project has begun at the main entrance to both Health Services Building 1 & 2.

The project will provide sheltered walkways from the edge of the sidewalk of both buildings to the front doors – helping patients stay out of the elements during inclement weather.

Phase 1 began as the concrete will be replaced from the sidewalk edge leading into each building. Both building main entrances will remain open during the entirety of the project.

Construction will close off half of one side of the walkway entrance, then when that half is complete the other half will close down for the building improvements to better serve patients visiting the MDH campus.

During the course of the construction project, patients can safely enter HSB 1 and HSB 2 through the temporary enclosures.



The majority of work will take place after regular business hours Monday-Friday and also during the weekend.

Phase 2 will consist of the walkway construction. The project is anticipated to conclude next April.



American Legion Auxiliary Donates Flag to MacArthur

Thank you for the new American flag donated to MacArthur Early Childhood Center by the American Legion Women's Auxiliary Post 6. The students love to help raise the flag each morning!

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Death Notice

Charles "Chuck" D. Courson

66, of Bushnell

Charles "Chuck" D. Courson, 66, of Bushnell, passed away at 11:11 PM Wednesday Nov. 30, 2022 at OSF St. Francis Hospital in Peoria.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 AM Monday, Dec. 5, 2022 at the Martin-Hollis Funeral Home with Pastor Dustin Biggs officiating. Where visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in the West Midway Cemetery near London Mills. Memorial contributions can be made to the McDonough County Humane Society or to the Bushnell Fire Rescue Squad.

Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com

Death notices (name, death date and services) run free of charge. Families who wish to have a complete obit published, including picture, family, work history and hobbies and other information should request the Community News Brief to the funeral home that is handling the services OR submit it directly to commuitybrief@gmail.com. Cost is \$45 and includes a laminated copy of the obituary.

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Community Calendar

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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!

Good Hope

SATURDAY, DEC. 10

Annual Holiday Soup Dinner with Santa at the Good Hope Fire House, 145 W. Main St, from 4-7pm. Santa is arriving at 5pm! A secret Santa shop will be set up for the kids to come pick out an item to gift their parents. A cookie and candy walk will be held at Good Hope Village Hall. Vendors will be set up to finish up some last minute Christmas shopping!

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

FRIDAY, DEC. 16

YMCA Circus Christmas Show

held at the gym in the main YMCA building at 6:30pm. Bring the whole family for a night of amazing performances by it's students with festive music.

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.

B-PC Holiday Programs

Bushnell-Prairie City will hold their Elementary Christmas Program on Wednesday, Dec. 7. The Kindergarten program will start at 5:30pm, 1st grade at 6:15pm, 4th & 5th grade will start at 7:00pm. The Junior High and High School programs will be on Sunday, Dec. 11. The Junior High and High School Chorus and Guitar program will start at 2:30pm and the Junior High and High School Band will play at 4:00pm. The Christmas programs will take place in the High School Auditorium.

WIU Physics, Chemistry Clubs' Science Demo Show

The Western Illinois University Departments of Physics and Chemistry will present the annual Science Demo Show at 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 8, in Currens Hall, room 205.

"The Incredible World of Science," is based on the movie, "Incredibles 2." Members of the Physics and Chemistry clubs will present a variety of science demonstrations related to scenes from the movie. The pre-show begins at 5:30 p.m. The show is open free to the public.

For more information, call (309) 298-1596.

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Painting With the Grinch at Crafty Coop

The Grinch is making a visit to The Crafty Coop on Saturday, Dec. 17 from 12-5pm! Come create a masterpiece, enjoy milk and cookies and make memories! There will be photo opportunities for your Little Who's to get their picture with the Grinch. We will have lots of Christmas projects to choose from including Christmas ornaments, figurines, light ups/lanterns and more! Reservations are required for this event so we can ensure table space is available for everyone!

Message the studio to get your space saved. Expect to spend 1-2 hours! Contact The Crafty Coop with any questions.

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| SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 | 2:00-3:30 PM |
| FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16 | 6:00-7:00 PM |
| SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 | 2:00-3:30 PM |
| FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23 | 6:00-7:00 PM |

Macomb's Santa Claus is Coming to Town...

Santa Claus will still be coming to Downtown Macomb on the North side of the square throughout the holiday season. Starting Friday, Dec. 9th you will be able to visit him at the Santa House on the North Side of the Square Downtown Macomb. Schedule as follows:

- Friday, Dec. 9th 6:00-7:00pm
- Saturday, Dec. 10th 2:00-3:30pm
- Friday, Dec. 16th 6:00-7:00pm
- Saturday, Dec. 17th 2:00-3:30pm
- Friday, Dec. 23rd 6:00-7:00pm

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WIU African Diaspora Black Collegiate Graduation Celebration

The WIU Black Faculty and Staff Council (BFSC) will host an African Diaspora, Black Collegiate (ABC) Graduation Celebration from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, December 8 at WIU's Multicultural Center. The Fall 2022 event marks the inaugural African Diaspora, Black Collegiate (ABC) Graduation Celebration hosted by the Black Faculty and Student Council. More than 160 African Diaspora/Black students are graduating from WIU in Fall 2022. All faculty, staff and students are welcome to attend to recognize and celebrate Western's Black and African Diaspora graduates. Students interested in attending are required to register by Dec. 4 at bit.ly/3UmvYG3.

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Flora Weaver (age 102) of Courtyard Estates of Bushnell has donated her last quilted blanket to auction off to raise money for Courtyard Estates activities fund! If you would like to make a bid on it please call (309) 772-8000 or leave a comment in the picture on the Courtyard Estates of Bushnell Facebook page. The bidding ends on Friday, Dec. 9th. The highest bidder will be notified when the auction is over who won. Thank you all for participating!

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MDH Staff Receive IHA Awards

McDonough District Hospital recently received the awards from the Illinois Health and Hospital Association and presented them to their award winning staff last week.

The IHA recognized MDH for receiving the Midwest Alliance for Patient Safety (MAPS) PSO Patient Safety Champion Team Award for their work on IV Drip Titration Documentation Improvement. Their dedication to recognizing a potential patient safety issue and preventing harm managed to decrease inaccurate IV drip medication documentation. MAPS only awards one hospital per year with the Patient Safety Champion Team Award.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your work requires increased effort during the next few days. But it all will pay off down the line. Things ease up in time for weekend fun with family and/or friends.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your genuine concern for others could prompt you to promise more than you can deliver. It's best to modify your plans now before you wind up overcommitted later.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A situation that seems simple at first glance needs a more thorough assessment before you give it your OK. Dig deeper for information that might be hidden from view.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Careful: Right now, things might not be quite what they appear. Even the intuitive Crab could misread the signs. Get some solid facts before you act on your suspicions.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Your energy levels are high, allowing you to complete those unfinished tasks before you decide to take on a new project. A social invitation could come from an unlikely source.

VIRGO (August 23 to Sept. 22) You might think you're helping, but unless you're asked for a critique, don't give it. If you are asked, watch what you say. Your words should be helpful, not hurtful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Your attempt at mediating disputes might meet some opposition at first. But once you're shown to be fair and impartial, resistance soon gives way to cooperation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Go ahead. Reward yourself for helping settle a disturbing workplace situation. On another note: A personal relationship might be moving to a higher level.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A sudden change of heart by a colleague might create some

momentary uncertainty. But stay with your original decision and, if necessary, defend it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Rely on a combination of your sharp instincts along with some really intense information gathering to help you make a possibly life-changing decision.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Instead of worrying if that new person in your life will stay or leave, spend all that energy on strengthening your

relationship so it becomes walkout-resistant.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) A sudden financial dry spell could reduce your cash flow to a trickle. But by conserving more and spending less, you'll get through the crunch in good shape.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your ability to keep secrets makes you the perfect confidante for friends, family and co-workers.

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Level: Advanced

SUDOKU

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box.

You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues

already provided in the boxes. The more numbers

you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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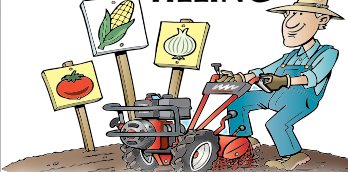
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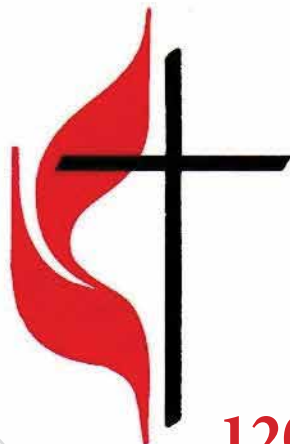
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