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Community News Brief

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

Great Shopping at the MAC

The Macomb Arts Center is excited to present their final event of the year--and it's a holiday favorite!

Art & Gift Market 2022 will offer a wide variety of handcrafted items from 19 talented vendors. Shoppers will find jewelry, ceramics, wood creations, alpaca items, quilts, knits, needlecrafts, paintings, mosaic art,

cigar box guitars and more. Whether you're shopping for holiday gifts for family and friends or looking for something unique to treat yourself, you probably won't leave empty-handed. Check out the MAC Facebook page for a look at what you'll find.

Market hours are Friday, Dec. 9, 5-8pm; Saturday, Dec. 10, 10am-4pm; and Sunday,



Dec. 11, 1-4pm. Be sure to stop by the MAC table to learn about their exciting plans for 2023.

WIU Theatre & Dance Dept. Presents 'Winter Works'

The Western Illinois University Department of Theatre and Dance, and the University Dance Company, will present "Winter Works," at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 8-10, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 in Hainline Theatre.

The event will feature faculty choreographers, Assistant Professor Donald Laney and Instructor Kristin Kavanagh, and student choreographers, senior musical theatre major Kelly Brown, of Rolla, MO; senior musical theatre major Valerie Cambron, of West Lafayette, IN;

senior musical theatre major Clarissa Consoli, of Roselle; MFA Theatre-Acting graduate student Jeremy Cox, of Macomb; senior social work major Marissa Fast, of Villa Park; junior musical theatre major Hannah Guilingert, of Thomson; senior musical theatre major Tessa Luechtefeld, of Vichy, MO; senior musical theatre and communication major Tori Lynn, of Troy; and MFA Theatre-Acting graduate student Bailey Walker-Seiter, of Macomb.

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Shinberger Retirement Reception Set for Dec. 9, Looney Named Interim Assistant VP

Darcie Shinberger, assistant vice president for University Communications and Marketing at Western Illinois University, will retire after 30 years of service, effective Dec. 31. A reception will be held from 3-4:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 in the Sherman Hall Auditorium (third floor). Alisha Looney, assistant director of communications and marketing/social media manager, has been named interim assistant vice president, effective Jan. 1, 2023, until a permanent replacement is named.

Shinberger was named assistant vice president of University Relations (now University Communications & Marketing) in July 2012.

The Division of Communications, led by Shinberger, was established in 2020, and was then renamed, in Fall 2021, the Division of Communications, Marketing and Media Relations, which includes University Communications, University Marketing, University Photography and Design, University Television and University Printing and Mailing Center.

"I've been a part of WIU and the Macomb community since I transferred to Western in the late 80s, and it has been an honor to promote my alma mater for so many years," Shinberger said. "Leading the communications division and

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McDonough District Hospital is proud to announce another 'A' grade for patient safety from The Leapfrog Group.



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Administrator Urges McDonough Co. Residents to Stay Healthy During Respiratory Virus Season

Kerri Allen, RN, Administrator of the McDonough County Health Department is urging McDonough County residents to take care to stay healthy and stop the spread of viral illness in McDonough County.

“Across the state we are seeing higher than normal, for this time of year, influenza, RSV and other viral illnesses. The number of Illinois counties at elevated COVID-19 Community Level is increasing, the positivity rate for influenza is high and it’s still very early in the season. We want to make sure that we are working with our community to make sure that everyone takes care to stay healthy this season.”

The McDonough County Health Department is offering walk-in COVID-19 vaccination clinics Dec. 8 and 15. The clinics are held

at the MCHD office from 9am-4pm and no appointment is necessary. Anyone unable to visit the walk-in clinics may be able to schedule an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccination by calling (309) 837-9951. Vaccination against COVID-19 remains the best way to protect against severe illness, hospitalization, and death due to COVID-19.

Flu shots are available at all COVID-19 vaccination clinics or by appointment at MCHD. For the month of December, MCHD is offering flu shots at the discounted rate of \$20. Data reporting by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) indicates the primary strain of influenza circulating at this point in the season is Influenza-A. Influenza-A is well covered by this year’s flu shot composition. Everyone 6 months and older is urged to get a flu shot annually.

Practicing good hand hygiene is an excellent way to stop the spread of illness. Wash your hands after using the bathroom, before handling food, after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your

nose and frequently after touching commonly touched surfaces. It is also important to stay home if you are feeling sick. If you are experiencing respiratory symptoms like coughing, sneezing, sore throat, runny nose, or fever, you could be spreading your illness to others. If you must go out, wearing a mask will protect others around you.

MCHD continues to offer rapid COVID-19 testing by appointment, Call (309) 837-9951 ext 2270 to schedule an appointment. COVID-19 home test kits are available for pick-up, Monday through Thursday 7:30am-5pm.

POLICE REPORTS

Macomb City Police

- 11/29
Davee L. Crowell, 38, Bartonville, was charged with driver in possession of Cannabis in vehicle
- 12/1
Jennie A. Dupoy, 39, Rushville, was charged with careless driving
- Jawon L. Milan, 23, Macomb, was charged with nuisance parties
- 12/2
Tyrell A. Midderhoff, 21, Macomb, was charged with careless driving
- Wesley A. Burkholder, 18, Macomb, was charged with no insurance-operating under suspension
- 12/3
Rodney D. Simpson, 33, Macomb, was charged with nuisance parties

TODAY'S JOKES

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Q: What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney?

A: Claus-trophobia!

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Spoon River College Board of Trustees Election

Three positions on the Spoon River College Board of Trustees will be filled in the consolidated election scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2023. The positions are for six-year terms on the College Board commencing April, 2023 through April, 2029. Currently these positions are held by Mr. Dave Maguire of Macomb, Mr. Kevin Meade of Canton, and Mr. Phillip Murphy of Canton.

Filing dates for candidacy will be Monday, Dec. 12th through Monday, Dec. 19th, 2022. All candidates wishing to file petitions MUST either mail or submit in person to the Canton campus. Hours for filing will be 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, Dec. 12th to Dec. 16th, and Monday, Dec. 19th, from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Petitions WILL NOT be accepted for filing

at the Macomb Campus or the Havana and Rushville Centers.

On the first day of filing at Spoon River College, Monday, Dec. 12th, petitions will be received in the Cabinet Room, Administrative Foyer, Centers Building at the Canton Campus. On the other days of filing, petitions may be filed at the reception desk, Centers Building, at the Canton campus.

According to the Consolidated Election Laws, all individuals present at the opening of the election office doors on the first day of filing Monday, Dec. 12th, will be considered as having filed simultaneously. In addition, any petitions received during the first mail delivery of that day will be included in this simultaneous filing group. For all individuals in this "simultaneous

group," a lottery will be held Wednesday, Dec. 14th at 1 p.m. to determine the ballot positions of all in the simultaneous group. Others who file later will be listed on the ballot after the simultaneous group in the order the others petitions are received.

In order to become a candidate for one of the positions on the College Board, the following documents are required for filing:

- a Statement of Candidacy form,
- at least 50 valid signatures on petition forms, which must be consecutively numbered, and each form notarized,
- a receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interest with the County Clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. To qualify to be a candidate for trustee, an individual must be on the date of the election, a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older, a registered voter, and have resided for one year in the college district.

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Death Notice

Meridith Ann Groves

47, of Macomb

Meridith Ann Groves, 47, of Macomb, passed away at 8:45 AM Friday Dec. 2, 2022 at her residence with her husband by her side.

Cremation Rites have been accorded. A celebration of life will be held from 5-7 PM Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022 at the Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the family of Meridith Groves.

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

Marjorie Lucille Williams

100, of Avon

Marjorie Lucille Williams, 100, of Avon, passed away at 1:27 PM Saturday Dec. 3, 2022 at the Renaissance Care Center in Canton.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 AM Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022 at the Martin-Hollis Funeral Home, where visitation will be two hours prior to the service. Pastor Dustin Biggs will officiate. Interment will be in the Bushnell Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Bushnell United Methodist Church.

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F. Gene Miller

86, of Urbana, formerly of Macomb

F. Gene Miller, 86, of Urbana, formerly of Macomb, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022 at Carle Clinic in Urbana.

Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb is in charge of arrangements.

Doris Irene Smith Long

86, of Macomb

Doris Irene Smith Long, 86, of Macomb passed away at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022 at Wesley Village Healthcare Center in Macomb.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Private family graveside services will be held in the Bushnell Cemetery. You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at clugston-tibbitts.com.

David K. Windsor

61, of Littleton

David K. Windsor, 61, of Littleton, passed away on Dec. 3, 2022 at his sister's home in Littleton.

Cremation rites have been accorded and a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the David Windsor Memorial Fund.

You may leave condolences online at www.shawgomemorialhome.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 communitybrief@gmail.com. Cost is \$45 and includes a laminated copy of the obituary.

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Bushnell

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7

B-PC Elementary Holiday Program

The Kindergarten program will start at 5:30pm, 1st grade at 6:15pm, 4th & 5th grade will start at 7:00pm in the B-PC High School Auditorium.

SUNDAY, DEC. 11

B-PC Jr & High School Program

The Jr. High & High School Chorus and Guitar program will start at 2:30pm and the Jr. High & High

School Band will play at 4:00pm in the High School Auditorium.

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.

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FRIDAY, DEC. 16

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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.

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General admission tickets are \$15; senior citizens and student tickets are \$12 and WIU students will be admitted free with valid student identification.

For more information, or to reserve tickets, stop by the WIU Box Office in Hainline Theatre, or call (309) 298-2900.

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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

WIU

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our outstanding, award-winning and creative employees has been a tremendous privilege, and I've also had the good fortune to share the stories of our incredible students, faculty, staff and alumni."

Shinberger joined University Relations as an editorial writer and public relations specialist in March 1994, and was named director in February 2008, after serving as interim director/assistant director for a year. Shinberger took over the direction of University Photography in January 2006, University Television in July 2012 and University Marketing and University Printing & Mailing Center in January 2020. Prior to joining University Relations, she was a reporter for the Peoria Journal Star and the former Macomb Journal, and also worked for a semester part-time in the psychology department.

Looney joined the Office of University Relations (now Communications and Marketing) as

an editor in September 2012. She was audited to public information specialist in June 2014, and to public information coordinator in 2016. Looney was promoted to assistant director of communications and marketing in February 2020, and has served as interim director of marketing and communications since August 2022.

As assistant director, and interim director, of marketing, Looney oversees a six-figure budget for University Marketing, provides leadership and support on external marketing and communications initiatives, designs and implements marketing strategies for recruitment and retention and manages University branding policies. Over the years, she has also been responsible for media relations; writing and editing promotional copy; coordinating and managing the University's social media platforms; promoting Western through videos, news releases and social media; assisting with crisis communica-

tions and more.

"Darcie's many years of experience, and her demonstrated commitment to WIU and tremendous work ethic will be missed. She has been an integral member and leader of the communications team and I've very much enjoyed working with her and having her as a member of my senior leadership team," said WIU President Guiyou Huang. "Alisha's experience in University Communications & Marketing, most recently leading the marketing team, and her enthusiasm will serve her well in the interim assistant vice president role. The senior leadership team and I look forward to working with her."

Before joining WIU, Looney was the marketing coordinator for Cherrytree Companies. She received her master's from WIU and her bachelor's degree from Illinois State University.
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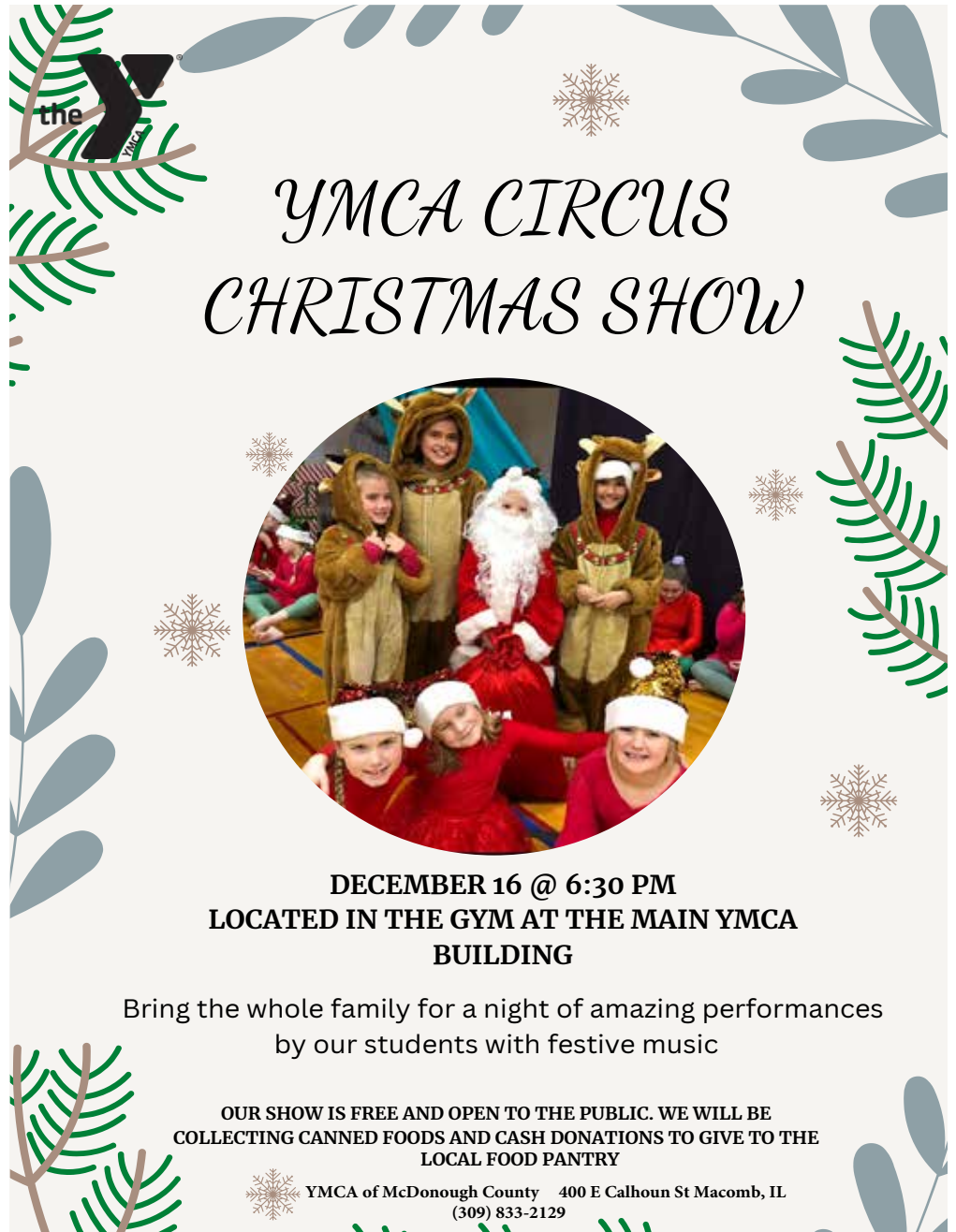
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The Western Illinois University Department of Art and Design will host its holiday art sale from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 12-14, in the University Union Brattain Lounge.

The event will feature original artworks, including ceramics, prints, jewelry, photography and more. A portion of the proceeds from the sale provide financial support for WIU Art and Design students.

For more information about the sale, contact the WIU Art and Design office at (309) 298-1549, or email art@wiu.edu.

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BOMBS

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Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Macomb wins county rivalry

Stufflebeam, Emerick lead Bombers past Spartans, 61-34

MACOMB, Ill. — Jackson Kane, Macomb High School's girls head basketball coach, felt like his team played one of its best games under his tenure, thus far, Monday, against Bushnell-Prairie City.

The best part for Kane and the Bombers, though, may have been the fact it was done in a game where its normal scoring leaders didn't lead the way.

For B-PC, it was a balanced night of scoring, just not enough of it, in the 61-34 loss.

Sarah Stufflebeam, the Bombers' point guard, played her best game of the season, dropping in a game high 18 points, while still harassing the Spartans ballhandlers. Her defense led to at least three break-away layups.

Off the bench, Hailey Emerick, who has been a spark plug for the Bombers in several games this year, dropped in 13 points of her own.

The game was close in the first quarter, with the Bombers leading just 14-8, but an offensive outburst in the second quarter opened up a 32-18 half-time lead.

In the third quarter, the game was played to a near stalemate, but the Bombers used their much deeper bench



Photo by Andrea Ratermann

Macomb's Hailey Emerick (22) is guarded by B-PC's Elizabeth Suter during Monday's game at Washington St. Gym. Emerick scored 13 points off the bench for MHS.

to wear the Spartans down in the fourth quarter.

B-PC was led by 11 points from Kylie Norris, while Jill Miller added 9 points and Elizabeth Gillilan added 8 points.

Ainsley Holthaus was also in double figures for the Lady Bombers with 12 points.

Allison Stortzum and Kaitlyn Robinson each added 6 points each.



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Sarah Stufflebeam drives in for a lay-up against B-PC. She led all scorers with 18 points, Monday, against the Spartans.

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Team Results

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2. Dunlap High School	336
3. Moline Maroons	272
4. Glenwood High School	267
5. Springfield High School	251
6. Metamora High School Co-op	205
7. Peoria Notre Dame	106
8. Macomb High School	88
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Spartans improve to 4-3 with win over Rockets

RUSHVILLE, Ill. – A 63-40 win for Bushnell-Prairie City’s boys basketball team against the Rockets took the them to 4-3, Friday.

A 17 point first quarter allowed the Spartans to open a 10 point lead. Jaylen Conley paced B-PC with 9 first quarter points.

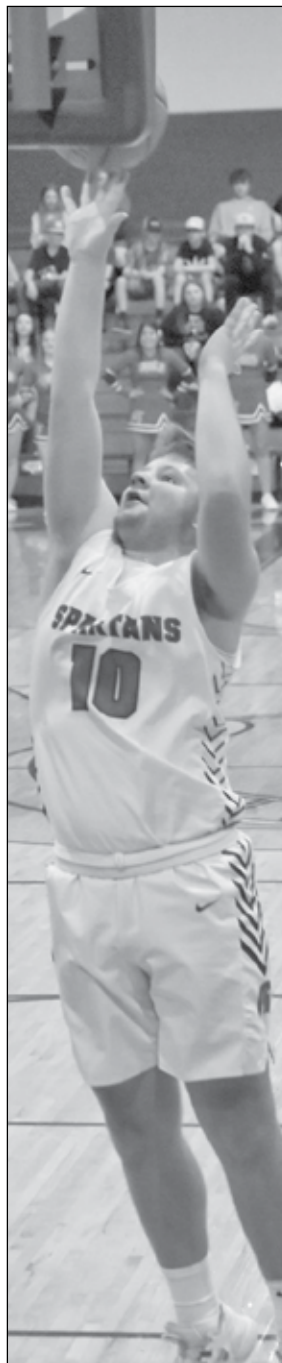
The Spartans led by 20 at the end of the first half, but a different Rockets team came out the second half, and stymied the Spartans offense for much of the third quarter. It was a physical defense and pressure offense that made the difference early in the second half for Rushville-Industry.

B-PC didn’t score until the 3:07 mark of the third quarter, but had upped the lead back up to 20 at the end of the quarter.

The fourth quarter saw the Spartans clear the bench and even had exchange student Francisco Galan-Ardila score in the game. It came after the student section behind the bench started cheering for his entry into the game.

Conley finished with a team high 13 points, while Dalton Huffman had nine points. Dalton Yocum and Ezra Mason each scored 8 points.

Tyler Bickerman led the way for the Rockets with 10 points. Maddox Crosier had 7 points, while Afton Clark and Bennett Fretueg added 6 points apiece.



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B-PC’s Jaylen Conley (above) led the Spartans early in their game against the Rockets, while Carter Allaman (right) drew four chargers in the game, defensively.

GAME TIME LIVE BROADCAST SCHEDULE

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December 7
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December 8
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West Prairie vs North Fulton
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December 10
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Macomb vs South Fulton - 11 a.m.
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Monday

December 12
Boys Basketball
Macomb vs Mercer County
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December 14
Girls Basketball
West Prairie vs ROWVA



Athlete of the WEEK

Nolan Kerr
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14 pts - Leading Scorer against QND
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Bombers pass test, lost game to QND

MHS falls at Quincy Notre Dame, 52-44

QUINCY, Ill. – Macomb High School boys basketball head coach Jeremy Anderson is all about testing his team, and while Saturday’s 61-34 loss wasn’t a win, it definitely received a passing grade.

“I’m really happy with where we are,” Anderson said. “We talked about before the game this was an opportunity to test ourselves,

right?”
“Obviously the first night of the season didn’t go the way we wanted it to, but we bounced back with five (wins) in a row,” he added. “So now it is test time, again.”
“We didn’t win the game tonight, but I would give us a B+, A- on the test, because we competed with a good team on their floor. We just came up a little short.”



Nolan Kerr, who has been a defensive stalwart thus far this season, came up big offensively, Saturday. He finished with a team high 14 points. In fact, it was Kerr who was finally able to get scoring going in both the second half quarters.

Macomb didn’t score until 3:40 of the third quarter.

The Bombers led

Photos by Andrea Ratermann

JT Jeter (left) made his return to the Bombers line-up this past week. Nolan Kerr (right) has been a major part the MHS success early this season with superb defense. Hunter Wilson (below) has played key minutes in Macomb’s 5-2 start this year.

26-21 at the end of the first half, after leading by nine late in the second quarter, but the Raiders offensive adjustments in the second half proved to be the difference.

QND’s two big men, Josh Boche and Alex Connoyer, combined for 21 second half points, finishing with 16 points and 15 points respectively to lead the Raiders.

Seven of the QND big men’s 21 second half points came from the free-throw line, where the Bombers finished just 5-of-7 as a team. The Raiders, on the other hand, were 15-of-25.

Kerr was the only Bomber to score in double figures. Jake Hob-



Photo by Andrea Ratermann

Langdon Allen (13) has been a major player in the Bombers defense this season, and has also hit key shots on the offensive end of the floor.

son scored eight points for the Bombers, while Langdon Allen added seven points. JT Jeter had six points.

Only four other players scored for the Raiders, including Jake Hoyt and Aiden Klauser who each had seven points. Jackson Stratton added 6 points and Charlie Lavery had one point.



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By Lucie Winborne

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* Poet W.B. Yeats and magician Aleister Crowley were such bitter rivals in the world of the occult that Yeats once kicked Crowley down a flight of stairs for being a proponent of "black magic."

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* In 2012, the police chief of Vaughn, New Mexico, stepped down because his own criminal record prevented him from carrying a gun. That left just a drug-sniffing dog named Nikita as the only certified member of the town's police department.

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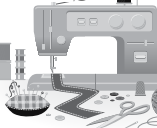
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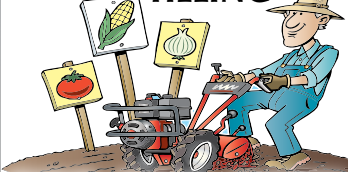
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