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# **Community Events Raise Over \$12,000 in Support** of Linda's Fund at MDH

Each October there is incredible support from the Macomb and surrounding communities related to the dollars raised for Linda's Fund in conjunction with Breast Cancer Awareness month. Several organizations throughout the region held their own fundraiser, with the dollars raised coming to Linda's Fund at McDonough District Hospital (MDH).

Established in honor of Linda (Ren) Bainter by her son Brad Bainter and his wife Amy Spelman, Linda's Fund provides financial support to breast cancer patients who have been diagnosed or treated at MDH and live in the designated service area. Linda's Fund is available to financially help individuals diagnosed with breast cancer, helping with expenses not covered by insurance, such as medical care or



family needs including: rent, transportation, utility bills, etc.

MDH has given out more than \$260,000 to recipients of Linda's Fund since 2008.

Below is a partial list of the organizations that held events last month with the proceeds donated to Linda's Fund.

See MDH on page 7

# City of Macomb Tour of Lights Deadline Dec. 2

The City of Macomb needs your help. Help us bring Holiday Cheer to residents and visitors. We are looking for residents and businesses that decorate to put their address on the Tour of Lights for families to enjoy. All you need to do is submit the address to kterry@cityofmacomb.

com or call 309-575-3015 by Friday, Dec. 2, 2022. "The lights do not have to be an extravagant display.", said Downtown Development Director Kristin Terry. This is a partnership between the Community Brief and the City of Macomb.

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#### POLICE REPORTS

# McDonough County Sheriff's Dept.

11/18

Tearean Tairria Sims, 26, Macomb, was charged with intimidation, disorderly conduct 11/19

April Rose Furr, 26, Macomb, was charged with DUI/alcohol

Maria Fernanda Rodriguez, 24, Macomb, was charged with DUI/alcohol

Brianna Marie Thompson, 30, Macomb, was charged with driving on a suspended or revoked drivers license

11/20

Alexis Renee Latrice Spears, 26, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Tariq Amare Shareef, 20, Macomb, was charged with DUI/alcohol, consumption of alcohol by a minor

Heather Sue McKamy, 59, Macomb, was charged with driving on a suspended or revoked drivers license

Christopher William Werland, 37, Prairie City, was charged with foreign body attachment warrant

Todd Lamont Jones, 57, Macomb, was charged with DUI/alcohol, driving on a suspended license, leaving the scene of property Michael Lee Bridgewater, 44, Bushnell, was

**TODAY'S JOKES** 

Q:How do you know when Santa is around? A: You can always sense his presents!

Q: Did you hear about the carrot detective?

A: He got to the root of every case!





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charged with trespass/railroad right of way 11/21

Jonothan David Ridge, 39, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Bailey Jo Crenshaw, 25, Good Hope, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Daniel Anthony Moncelli, 38, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Tiffany Jane Maggard, 41, Louisville, KY, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

#### **Macomb City Police**

11/16

Juyuan R. Williams, 25, Chicago, was charged with fighting

Sidney W. James, 62, Bardolph, was charged with careless driving

Evelyn A. McCord, 67, Macomb, was charged with careless driving

Robert H. Murdock, 21, Chicago, was charged with prohibited noises

11/17

Adam S. Fortino, 21, Macomb, was charged with careless driving

Manfred B. Henderson, 20, Macomb, was charged with nuisance parties, prohibited noises

Jawon L. Milan, 23, Macomb, was charged with nuisance parties

Adrian T. Kennedy, 35, Peoria, was charged with no insurance-operating under suspension 11/18

Masequa L. Drummond, 35, Macomb, was charged with disorderly conduct

<u> 11/19</u>

Jefferson D. Shelton, 28, Macomb, was charged with no insurance-operating under suspension, operating an uninsured motor vehicle

11/20

Quinvontaz Jackson, 27, Macomb, was charged with open alcohol in vehicle

Jaheim M. Johnosn, 20, Macomb, was charged with operating an uninsured motor vehicle

11/21

Kailen D. Mayo, 22, Waukegan, was charged with no insurance-operating under suspension, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, drivers license revoked or suspended

#### WIU Office of Public Safety

On Nov. 26 at 11:30 a.m. a student came to OPS (Mowbray Hall) to report a stolen or lost cell phone, valued at \$1,200, from the University Union sometime around Nov. 22.

# Traffic Stop Leads to Multiple Charges

On Thursday, Nov. 24th, Macomb Police attempted to pull over a vehicle that failed to stop at a stop sign. The vehicle did not pull over, instead pulled into a driveway on Adams St. The driver and passengers exited the car ignoring officers commands to stay in the vehicle and ran into the house. When MPD went to the door, they were met by Angelique Hudson, 31, Macomb who stated the driver, identified as Topaz Anthony Cleggett, 60, Macomb, was no longer there. The MPD seeing Cleggett inside the residence through a window, insisted Hudson comply, after meeting with much resistance from both Hudson and Cleggett, Cleggett and Hudson were eventually handcuffed and taken to the McDonough County jail. Cleggett was charged with aggravated DUI/alcohol, resisting a peace officer, driving on a revoked license, failure to stop at a stop sign and Hudson was charged with resisting a peace officer.

# Reminder: Yard Waste Site Open Until Dec. 4

Waste Management ended their Yard Waste Pickup Program on Friday, Nov. 25, 2022, with or without a sticker. You still have time to take it to the Yard Waste site. The Yard Waste site will close for the season at the end of the day Sunday, December 4, 2022. Hours of operation are 9am-5pm Thursday-Sunday.



#### Clugston-Tibbitts Macomb | Blandinsville Obituaries Sponsored **Funeral Home** and Monuments

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# **Obituaries Steven Robert Willey**

Steven Robert Willey, 68, passed away Friday, November 25, 2022. He was born July 10, 1954 in Macomb, Illinois the son of Robert

and Sally Willey. Steve spent his entire life in Industry, Illinois only leaving for college where he earned a Bachelor's Degree from Iowa State University. He married his wife, Donna, on Feb. 17, 1981 and they were together for 41 years.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his son Ty. Steve is survived by his wife, his two sons (Chad and Mat), his brother (Greg), two grandchildren (Dylan and Everett), and three great grandchildren (Ava, Ady, and Azai).

After finishing college, Steve returned to Industry to help run the family business, Willey Oil. Together, with his mother, the company became one the area's best known and most trusted agribusinesses providing farmers with seed, fertilizer, crop nutrients, chemicals, soil testing, diesel, gasoline, oil, and a variety of critical farm services. Steve sold the business in the late 2000s under the guise of 'taking it easy.' However, he was soon recruited to work as a regional salesman for CADY Inc. (Tampico, IL) where he was incredibly successful and remained employed until 2021.

## **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



Steve was a dedicated waterfowl hunter maintaining a lifelong membership in Ducks Unlimited and spending every fall since he was a small boy in either a duck blind or a goose pit. He traveled throughout the U.S. pursuing his passion and sometimes joked that he 'owned half a duck boat out there somewhere.' He was also an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals taking his children to countless games throughout his life including a win earlier this year.

Grave side services will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at Industry Cemetery with Pastor Bennett Woods officiating. Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made in Steve's memory to Ducks Unlim-

You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at clugston-tibbitts.com.

#### **Eric W. Littrell**

52. of Vermont

Eric W. Littrell, 52, of Vermont, IL, passed away on November 25, 2022 in Mt. Vernon.

Cremation rites have been accorded and a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

View the full obituary and leave condolences at shawgomemorialhome.com,

# **Death Notice Gerald "Jerry" Gene** Carpenter

73. of Bushnell

Gerald "Jerry" Gene Carpenter, 73, of Bushnell, passed away at 5:07 PM Nov. 25, 2022 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Funeral services were held at Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2022 at the Martin-Hollis Funeral Home with Pastor Brett Fisher officiating. Interment was in the Bushnell Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Bushnell VFW Post 1422.

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

## **Jean E (Howerter) Allen**

81, of Prairie City

Jean E. Allen, 81, of Prairie City, passed away Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022 at the Knox County Nursing Home, Knoxville.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A graveside service will be held Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in the Prairie City Cemetery, Prairie City, IL. A gathering of family and friends will be held Friday, Dec. 9, 2022 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Wise Family Funeral Home in Avon, IL. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the local humane society.

To publish obituaries, 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

# Blandinsville EVERY SATURDAY Story Hour and 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!

# Bushnell

# SATURDAY, DEC. 3 & SUNDAY, DEC. 4

Bushnell's Christmas Extravaganza

at No Tax at participating merchants, Saturday: Breakfast with Santa at the VFW, Light parade at 6pm, see full schedule in this issue on page 9.

# SUNDAY, DEC. 4 Annual Holiday Craft Show

at the Bushnell VFW from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. There will be a wide variety of crafters, including a Hot Chocolate Bar and a Photo Op booth. The VFW Auxiliary will be selling soup and desserts again this year.

# Colchester

### FRIDAY, DEC. 2

#### **Christmas Around the Prairie**

We are celebrating Christmas Around the Prairie





in Colchester, Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive on the fire truck at 6pm at the Lions Den. Visit Santa's Bake Shop for delicious cookie flavored popcorn . Our popular face painting is sure to please the younger crowd! Businesses will also be open with lots of treats and hospitality from 6-8pm.

# 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

# SATURDAY, DEC. 17

shopping!

Santa's Light Parade & Family Movie

The parade will leave the school at 5:30 PM, loop

# **Breakfast With the Grinch** at **HyVee**

Bring the kids to Hy-Vee in Macomb on Saturday, Dec. 3 for Breakfast with the Grinch from 8AM - 11AM. Photo opp and free kids activities.

# Republican Women Annual Christmas Party

The McDonough County Republican Women invite you and your family. Please join us on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022 for the Annual Republican Women's Christmas Party!! Come enjoy great food and good fellowship.

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

#### **THURSDAY, DEC. 1**

#### **Dallas Brass Performance**

The famous DALLAS BRASS will be making a return starting at 7pm and will feature Macomb's own Prof. Paul Carlson on Tuba!

#### FRIDAY, DEC. 2

#### **Holiday Music at Western IL Museum**

hear a new interpretation of your favorite holiday music -played on the tuba and euphonium from 7-8pm. Note: This concert will be held in the unheated part of the Museum building.

# FRIDAY, DEC. 2 & SATURDAY, DEC. 3

#### Dickens on the Square

come to downtown Macomb for a Magical Holiday including Letters to Santa, Trolley rides, Carriage rides, Carolers, children's shopping mall, roasted chestnuts and so much more. Full schedule in this issue on page 10

# SATURDAY, DEC. 3 Special Book Sale

The Friends Of The Library Special Book Sale will be held from 11am-2 pm at the Library Annex, 109 E. Jefferson St. Featuring good conditioned Children's Books, History, Non Fiction, Religion, Wellness, Cookbooks, Media and Oversized books. Proceeds invested in the public library.

# Table Grove SUNDAY, DEC. 4

Winter Play Day

Come out to Table Grove for the 2022 Winter Play Day! There will be food, Little Miss & Master Winter Play Days, horse drawn trolley rides, lighted parade and don't forget about Santa Claus! See full schedule in this issue on page 5.



# **Bushnell VFW Breakfast** with Santa Dec. 3

Christmas is coming and so is Santa. Join Santa for breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. The Bushnell VFW will be serving biscuits and gravy, sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes and French Toast from 7-10 a.m at the Post 1422 Hall located at 181 E. Hail in Bushnell. Santa will greet the children beginning at 8 a.m. Children eat for free. The VFW provides meals on-site, takeout or curb service. For takeout and curb service please call 309-333-9919.



# **Paw'Lidays Photo Booth & Ugly Sweater photo Contest**

Don't forget your furry friends on Christmas and come out to Citizens Clock Tower Plaza on Saturday, December 3 from 10am-12pm for the Paw'Lidays Photo Booth and Ugly Sweater Photo Contest. Dress up and enter to win your pet prizes in the online Ugly Sweater Photo contest or stop by and take a selfie with shelter animals at the Selfie Station. Krista Skien Photography will be there to capture the moment. The cost is \$10 for digital images. Proceeds will go to benefit the Humane Society of McDonough County. Special Thanks to the City of Macomb, the Humane Society of McDonough County Board, the McDonough County Animal Shelter, Krista Skien Photography and Citizens Bank.



9th Annual Table Grove

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1:30 – 4:30 Walking Tacos, Hot Dogs, Wassail, Hot Chocolate, & Stuffing Stockings \*spon ored by Table Grove Community Church

WHOVILLE - (VILLAGE HALL)

1:30 - 4:30

Cookie Decorating

GRINCH'S LAIR - (VIGILANTE)

1:30 – 4:30 Face Painting

Games Letters to Santa **NORTH POLE —** (TABLE GROVE STATE BANK) 1:30 – 4:30

1:30 – 4:30
Cmament Making
Pictures with Santa \*sponsored by Winter Play Day Committee

KRINGLEX ENTICHEN — (COMMUNITY CENTER)
1:00 – 4:30
Chili, Hot Dogs, Drinks, Punch \*sponsored by Table Grove State Bank
BINGO - 2:25 Cards
of all proceeds will go back to South Futun Lady Rebels Basketball Team THE BEE HIVE

12:30 - 4:30

Drinks & Goodies

Drinks & Goodies

WINTER WONDERLAND - (TABLE GROWN SO)
1-30 - 4-30
Horse Drawn Trolley Rides
Lawn Mower Barrel Rides
Old Cabin Kettle Corn
Pictures with a live Reindeer
Bounce House "gonsored by Crossroads Insurance Con
Giant Hula Hoop Toss, Connect4, Giant Yard Pong "gonsored by Cross
5-00 - ?
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S:00 - ? Lighted Parade Float Prize: \$75 for Most Creative, Most Festive & Best Use of Lights Side x Side Prize: \$75 for Best Use of Lights & Most Creative

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# Hunters harvest more than 52,000 deer during first weekend of firearm season

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Comparatively, hunters took 48,964 deer during the first firearm weekend in 2021.

Illinois' seven-day firearm deer season will conclude Dec. 1-4. Other deer hunting opportunities in the weeks ahead include:

- Muzzleloader-only deer season Dec. 9-11
- Late-winter antlerless-only and Chronic Wasting Disease deer seasons (in select counties only) Dec. 29-Jan. 1 and Jan. 13-15

#### • Archery deer season continues through Jan. 15. (Note: archery deer hunting is closed Dec. 1-4 in counties open for firearm deer season.)

For more details about deer hunting, open counties and other information, visit https:// www2.illinois.gov/dnr/hunting/Pages/Deer-Hunting.aspx.

2020	2021	2022
1202	1154	1249
1056	1001	1128
686	720	737
H 455	488	495
763	833	904
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## MDH

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- · Bushnell-Prairie City Volleyball \$2,000
- · Golf for the Girls \$1,925
- · Macomb Firefighters \$300
- · Macomb High School Volleyball \$750.75
- · Slup's Bar & Grill \$4,073
- · West Prairie Volleyball Team \$2,756
- · WIU Big Pink Volleyball \$275

For additional information, to apply for assistance, or to make a contribution to Linda's Fund at McDonough District Hospital, please contact the MDH Foundation office at (309) 836-1757 or visit www.MDH.org/Lindasfund.







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# Bushnell's Christmas Extravaganza

## NO TAX WEEKEND - DEC. 3-4

at Participating merchants

#### SATURDAY, DEC. 3

VFW Breakfast with Santa 7-10AM

#### **LIGHT PARADE** - starting at 6pm

Lineup will begin at 5:30 at the High School. No registration is needed, just show up and we will get you lined up for the fun!

#### Santa at the Depot

Stop in to visit Santa directly after the parade. Santa will be there to hear your Christmas wishes! Hot Chocolate and Coffee will be provided

#### SUNDAY, DEC. 4TH

#### VFW Auxiliary Holiday Craft Show

Hosted by the VFW Ladies Auxiliary
- serving soup

Carolers & Live Music

#### **More Events at the Depot 1-4pm**

Carriage Rides - Ernie the Train Visiting with Santa

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# December 2nd & 3rd Dickens Friday: 6pm - 9pm \* Saturday: ALL DAY Living Windows Horse Drawn Trolley Rides Live Nativity Carolers Reindeer Sleigh Rides Children's Shopping Mall Festival of Trees ...and so much more!

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#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

12-7pm-Hot Cocoa Bar & Goodies/20% off select items-ML Fisher Boutique

4-5:30pm-Holiday Story Time Video-Macomb Public Library 4-8:00pm-Festival of Trees, Cookies, "I Spy" Game-Macomb Arts Center \* Ticketed Event

4-8pm-Mail Letters to Santa-Purdum, Gray, Ingledue 5-7pm-Drinks, limited carry out only menu-Old Dairy

5-7pm-Reindeer Caller Craft by McDonough Co. 4-H-Old Dairy 5-8pm-Wrapped in Kindness "Gift Wrapping"-City Hall

5-10pm-Holiday Light Show-Chandler Park

5:30pm-Santa's Zephyr Express "Train Ride" (departs Quincy) 5:30-6:30pm-Maddie MacGregor (Piano)-Macomb Arts Center 5:30-8:30pm-Reindeer Sleigh Rides-West Side Square

6-8pm-Buy 2 Ornaments Get 1 Free! (Hallmark excluded) -Nostalgia on the Square

6-8pm-Old-Fashioned Letters to Santa-Western Illinois Museum 6-8pm-Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire-New Copperfields **Book Store** 

6-8pm-Music by Yulekulele-Parnassus Antiques & Curios 6-8pm-Living Windows-Nostalgia, The Birds Nest & More, Assumptions, JBee Designs

6-8:30pm-Lions Club Homemade Donuts- Courthouse Lawn 6-8:30 pm-Horse Drawn Trolley Rides-East Side Sq. Departure 6-9pm-Paint Your Own Christmas Ornament -The Crafty Coop 6:45-8pm-Visit With Santa Claus-Santa's Cabin 7-8pm-Tuba Christmas-Western Illinois Museum 7-8pm-St. Paul Cookie Walk-City Hall Community Room

7-10pm-Ex-Bombers Live Music-Forgottonia Brewing

#### Saturday, December 3

Library

8am-12pm-St. Paul Cookie Walk-City Hall Community Room 8-8:30am-Mail Letters to Santa-Purdum, Gray, Ingledue 9-11am-North Pole Village-Spoon River Outreach Center 9-11am-Old Fashioned Carriage Rides-East Side Square 9am-1pm-"Gift Wrapping"- City Hall Community Room 9am-2pm-Letters to Santa-Western Illinois Museum 9am-4pm-Festival of Trees "I Spy" Game-Macomb Arts Center Strolling Carolers & Victorian Characters

10-11am-Ukulele Macomb-Macomb Arts Center 10am-12pm-Holiday Story Time Video-Macomb Public Library 10am-12pm-Open Craft Time at the Library-Macomb Public

10am-12pm-Live Nativity Performance-Courthouse Lawn (10, 10:30, 11, 11:30am)

10am-12pm-Visit with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus-Santa's Cabin 10am-12pm-Paw'lidays Photo Booth & Ugly Sweater Photo Contest -Citizens Clocktower (\$10 per, proceeds to to Human Society of McDonough County)

10am-12pm-Children's Shopping Mall-Citizens Bank 10am-1pm-Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire-New Copperfields Book Store

10am-3pm-Hot Cocoa Bar & Goodies/20% off selected items-ML Fisher Boutique

10am-5pm-Buy 2 Ornaments Get 1 Free! (Hallmark excluded)-Nostalgia

10am-6pm-Paint Your Own Ornament-The Crafty Coop 11am-12pm-Michael Murphy (Piano)-Macomb Arts Center

11am-1pm-Horse Drawn Trolley Rides-East Side Sq Departure 11am-2pm-Book and Media Sale-Library Annex

11am-2pm-Miss Margaret's Face Painting-Macomb Arts Center 12-2pm-North Pole Village-Spoon River Outreach Center

12:30-1:30pm-The Crossing-Macomb Arts Center

2 & 7pm-Holiday Festival of Choirs-Wesley United Methodist Church \* Ticketed Event

3-4pm-Sandra Mosley (Piano)-Macomb Arts Center 7-9pm-James Herr Live Music-Forgottonia Brewing



# **BPC Principal Gets Pancaked**

B-PC High School Principal Mr. Butcher had pancakes, with syrup, thrown at him as a fundraiser for a student at B-PC. Rumor has it the largest stack of pancakes on a person's head is 3.5 feet. Mr. Butcher raised over \$700 (that's 150 pancakes). You can view Mr. Butcher getting pancaked on Youtube at B-PC Pancake Fundraising Challenge.

### **Grand Prairie's Elf is Back**

Grand Prairie's Elf on the Shelf is back. Starting November 25 through December 23 follow their Elf and watch what they are up to. If you Comment/Like/Share each Elf post Grand Prairie makes on Facebook, your name will be entered into a drawing for a prize on December 23!







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# **AUXILIARY TO MDH** "ANGEL TREE"

The Auxiliary to McDonough District Hospital is pleased to sponsor the popular Angel Tree again this year, giving area residents an opportunity to remember loved ones during the holidays. For each \$5.00 donation, a charming ornament in memory of a family member or friend will be placed on a special tree in the main lobby at MDH. Located on the first floor of the hospital, the tree may be viewed from December 7 through the New Year's holiday. The tree will also be displayed during the Festival of Trees, December 2-5 at the Macomb Arts Center, located at 25 East Side Square in Macomb.

Proceeds will support the Auxiliary to MDH health career scholarships program.

For more information, please contact Human Resources at (309) 836-1577.

AUXILIARY TO MDH

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# **Spartan Tip-Off Classic - Recap**

B-PC, Macomb, West Praire, open in annual tournament

Night #3
Game #1

#### Macomb 48, Illini Bluffs 33

Macomb used physicality to dominate an Illini Bluffs team who had entered the tournament as one of the favorites. A stifling Bombers defense held the Tigers to just 10 points in the first half, and took a 19-10 lead to the locker room at half-time.

Class A All-State nominee Hank Alvey managed just 7 points against the Bombers, while Connor Watson came to life offensively for Macomb, scoring 20 points in the win.

In a game that had a lot of beating and banging, definitely more than Illini Bluffs would like, the Bombers shot just six free-throws all night, and the Tigers didn't shoot a single one in the first half. Illini Bluffs then finished 7-of-13 for the game. Macomb was just 2-of-6.

Nolan Kerr and Jack Duncan each added 8 points for Macomb.

# Game #2 West Hancock 54, B-PC 46 (OT)

Bushnell-Prairie City showed, Wednesday, just how improved they are as a basketball team, taking West Hancock to overtime. While the extra session didn't finish as they had hoped, the Spartans gave the eventual tournament champions all they wanted in both teams' second game of the season.

After trailing throughout the game, B-PC tied the game in the fourth quarter on a Dalton Huffman bucket, then took a brief lead on another Huffman bucket. However, it took a Jalen Conley steal and lay-up with 11 seconds remaining to tie the game a final time and send it to overtime.

Luke Jacquot scored eight points in the game for the Titans, six of them in overtime, as the all-tournament selection helped lead his team to victory.

Conley led B-PC with 15 points, while Huffman added 13.

The Titans were led by Bryan Gerhardt's 15 points and Gage Scott added 11.

Night #4
Game #2

#### Illini Bluffs 54, West Prairie 20

Cole Cordell led the Cyclones with a team high 7 points. The Tigers were led by Devin White's 13 points.

West Prairie scored 15 of its 20

points in the second half.

Game #3

#### Macomb 63, B-PC 35

The Bombers dominated the fourth quarter of a game that was close, at least through the middle two quarters.

B-PC trailed by 10 at the half, and just by 13 after three quarters, but was outscored 24-4 in the fourth quarter.

Nolan Kerr was a monster defensively for Macomb, as he kept the Spartans out of sync all night by pressuring the point guards for B-PC.

Watson led the Bombers with 18 points on the strength of 5 three-pointers, while B-PC was led by just 8 points from Dalton Strode.

Night #5
Game #1
Macomb 68,
West Prairie 6

Macomb dominated throughout, and was led by Lyndsey May's 11 points. Kerr also added 10 points

in the win. Every Bombers player that saw the floor scored in the game scored.

Three players for West Prairie had 2 points each, including Denver Mitchell, Ryan Clark and Adam Vail.

Game #3

Illini West 50, B-PC 44

In a game of missed opportuni-

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Photo by Millissa Gilfillan Spartans' Dalton Huffman (24) goes up for a shot against Macomb's Jack Duncan (left) and Ian Case.

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# Bomber wrestlers open season in strong fashion



Most recentaly, the Bombers placed 5th out of 16 teams at Illini Bluffs Invitational, even with a short squad do to vaca-

132 Cohen Green 3rd place

138 Carlos Bustamante 5th place

160 Carter Hoge Champion

160 Tyler Shannon 5th Place

195 Max Ryner Champion

220 Ethan Ladd Champion



Photos by Andrea Ratermann

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ties for B-PC, it was Nolan Dietrich, who finished with a game high 28, and the Chargers who did enough to get the win.

The Spartans trailed 42-27 at the end of three quarters, but had several possessions down by just two in the fourth quarter. However, they were never able to tie or take a lead.

Illini West was just 6-of-10 from the charity stripe in the fourth quarter, and 12-of-25 in the game, but it was good enough to get the win. In fact, their final six points were from the free-throw line.

Gannon Bergman also had 10 points for the Chargers.

Huffman led B-PC with 12 points.

Game #4

#### West Hancock 66, West Prairie 33

Three players led the Cyclones with six points each, including Ashton Barkley, Mitchell and Clayton Hunt.

The Titans were led by Bryce Varner's 14 points, while Alec Hymes added 10 points. Carter Barnes had nine points as well.

Game # 5

#### Macomb 55, Illini West 39

Dietrich who lit up the Spartans in the Chargers first game of the day, was shut down in

this contest thanks to impressive ball denial defense by Langden Allen. Dietrich managed just 5 points in the game, and three of those came from the free-throw line.

Watson again led the Bombers in scoring with a game high 24 points, but Ian Case had his best game of the tournament, also, scoring 12 points.

The Chargers were led by a tournament high 17 points for Drake Mudd, who was the only Illini West player in double figures.

Game #6

#### B-PC 54, Illini Bluffs 45

In a game that wasn't really as close as the score suggests, B-PC played its best game of the tournament.

The Spartans led 36-20 at the half, and the game only got closer late, when Illini Bluffs scored several points against the Spartans subs - in the final two minutes.

Dalton Yocum had his best game of the tournament, as he led all scores with a game high 16 points for B-PC. Ezra Mason also had his best tournament game, scoring in double figures for the first time with 10 points. Conley added eight points in the win.

Ben Kazmerick led the Tigers with 14 points, while Alvey finished with 13.

#### **Tournament Results**

Champion - West Hancock - 4-1 2nd Place - Macomb - 4-1 3rd Place - Illini Bluffs - 3-2

#### All-Tournament

West Hancock

Bryan Gerhardt Alec Hymes

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Hank Alvey

Illini West Nolan Dietrich

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#### **Danny Stephens**

Senior Southeastern High School

> Boys Basketball



Week's Highlights Beardstown Tournament MVP 52 Points in Championship Game

# **Norris free-throws** give Spartans win

BUSHNELL, Ill - In a very rough and tumble kind of game, against the Beardstown Tigers, the Bushnell-Prairie City Spartans picked up a win in the their home opener, Monday.

The Spartans' Kylie Norris stepped to the free-throw line with 21.4 seconds left and her team down by 1, 40-39.

Norris hit both free-throws to give the Spartans a 41-39 lead, which was quickly followed by a Beardstown timeout.

After a missed front end of a one-andbonus for B-PC, the Tigers did get one last look at game winning shot.

The jumper from just outside the freethrow line was off the mark and B-PC was able to hold on for the 41-40 win.

Photo by Millissa Gilfillan Bushnell-Prairie City's Kylie Norris goes up for two during the Spartans home opener against Beardstown, Monday night.



# Southeastern wins Beardstown Touran



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The Southeastern Suns opened their season in convincing fashion over the Thanksqiving weekend with a Beardstown Tournament Championship. Danny Stephens was the tournament MVP and Owen Rigg also made the all-tournaement team

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December 2 Bovs Basketball West Prairie vs South Fulton

#### Saturday

December 3 Girls Basketball Abingdon-Avon vs North Fulton Boys Swimming Macomb - MHS Invite

#### Monday

December 5 Girls Basketball Abingdon-Avon vs Ridgewood Macomb vs B-PC (@ Washington SG)

#### Tuesdav

December 6 Bovs Basketball Macomb vs Farmington B-PC vs West Central

#### Wednesday

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