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Community News Brief

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Martin Luther King Commemorative March

The Martin Luther King Commemorative March was held under cloudy skies Monday morning in Macomb. The March traveled to Mt. Calvary Church of God in Christ for a reception and ceremony with guest speaker Honorable Pamela Davidson, chair of the Knox County Democrats and the 17th District State Central Committeewoman.



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snacks and beverages throughout the night. A cash bar and signature drinks will be available for purchase during the event. Space is limited so don't wait! Awesome prizes for the winning team, including over \$300 worth of gift certificates and items from local restaurants and businesses. Call the office at 309-837-5437 or email sbaca@bbbs-mv.org to reserve your table. You can also pick up tickets at the VFW, 1200 E Jefferson, right here in Macomb! You cannot have a better night out in Macomb for \$20, all while supporting local youth and our veterans!

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POLICE REPORTS

City of Macomb

1/7
Kathryn L. Huston, 88, Good Hope, was charged with careless driving
Clifford F. Holden, 40, Chicago, was arrested on a foreign warrant

McDonough County Sheriff's Dept.

1/4
Chadron Everett Ferguson, 35, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Brett Michael Rachall, 35, Beardstown, was arrested on a foreign warrant

1/5
Joshua Edward Lair, 43, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Charles Donald Burks, 54, Keokuk, IA, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Mark Allen Hay, 51, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

1/6
Robert Montgomery Fields, 20, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

1/7
Christine W. Yocum, 54, Colchester, was charged with driving on a suspended or revoked drivers license

Karissa Ann Kitch, 24, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant, foreign warrant

1/8
Joshua Robert Scales, 30, Galesburg, was arrested on a foreign warrant

Bedora Shanise Leflore, 32, Macomb, was charged with battery

1/9
Eleanor Lousie Holden, 35, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant
Ronald Richard Hall, 48, Galesburg, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant
Matthew David Shughart, 29, Mountain View, MO, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

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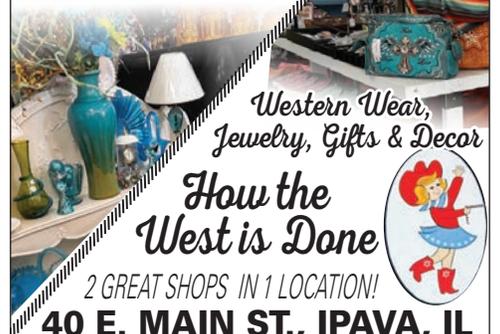
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Obituaries

Charles D. Metcalf (Chuck)

85, of Louisville

Charles D. Metcalf (Chuck), 85, of Louisville, KY passed away at his home on Friday, January 13, 2023. He was born on November 24, 1937 to Ralph and Lois (Starbuck) Metcalf of Blandinsville, IL. He spent his early years attending schools in IL before joining the Army in the Military Police Division serving in Korea alongside his dog, Rex. After serving in the military he moved to Louisville where he started his career with General Electric. On October 20, 1967, he married Donna Rice. They celebrated their 55th anniversary in 2022.



Chuck is survived by his wife, Donna Metcalf; sister, Beverly Rudolph (Bill) of Naples, FL; sister-in-law, Connie McKinney (Len) of Louisville; niece, Tally Reeverts (Sarah) of Sutton, MA; nephews, Derek Reeverts (Kim) of Gainesville, FL, Eric McKinney (Kirsten) of Lexington, KY; and two great nephews, Judah Reeverts and Dane Reeverts. Chuck was well known by many for his love of animals of which he had many throughout his life.

Visitation will be at Newcomer, East Louisville Chapel (235 Juneau Drive) on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm and at Eastwood Baptist Church (16122 Eastwood Cut Off Rd) on Thursday, January 19, 2023 from 10 am until the service time at 11:00 am. Burial will follow at Grove Hill Cemetery in Shelbyville, KY.

Donations in Chucks name may be made to the McDonough County Animal Shelter (PO Box 7, Macomb IL, 61455).

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Robert L. Whitford

81, of Macomb

Robert L. Whitford age 81 of Macomb, formerly of Colchester, passed away Monday, January 16, 2023 at Country View Care Center in Macomb. He was born June 5, 1941 in Augusta, Illinois, to Charlie and Carrie McLean Whitford. Robert was united in marriage July 30, 1966 in Augusta, Illinois to Marilyn Fitzjarrald, she survives of Macomb.



Surviving to mourn his passing is his wife of 56 years Marilyn Whitford, Macomb, 1 daughter: Sherry Whitford, Macomb, 1 son: Brad (Brooke) Whitford, Macomb, 2 granddaughters: Sophie Whitford, Mckenzi Whitford, 1 brother: Larry (Darla) Whitford, Plymouth, 1 sister: Patricia Rash, Plymouth, 3 sister in laws: Sandy Whitford, Judy (Lloyd) Martin, Colchester, Brenda (Chris) Hance, Macomb, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, 1 granddaughter: Mindy Akers, 1 brother: John Whitford, 1 half sister: Rita, and 1 sister in law: Barb Steinhour.

Robert had worked at Shelor Mobile homes in Colcheter, Sheller Globe, Keokuk, Iowa, King Seeley Thermos and Miller concrete blocks both in Macomb. He enjoyed mushrooming, hunting, fishing, camping, mowing, playing horse shoes, just about anything outdoors. Bob and Marilyn both enjoyed to travel all over the United States. Bob also enjoyed watching the St. Louis Cardinals, going to basketball games at Western Illinois University, bowling, playing pool, most of all he loved the time he spent with his family.

Cremation Rites have been accorded. Friends may sign the register book at the Jones Mortuary from 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. Tuesday, January 24, 2023. Memorial is to the family of Robert Whitford. Condolences and memories can be expressed to the family at jonesmortuaryfh.com.

See additional obituaries on page 5

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Bushnell

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Winter Warm Up Social

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will be held at the Bushnell Historical Society Heritage Room from 1-4pm. If you have a quilt that shows Bushnell/McDonough County history, genealogy or other connections to West-Central Illinois and would be willing to show it off, contact Jerry Eisele at 309-331-0164 or email jeromeeisele@gmail.com, Elaine McGinnis (leave message) 309-772-2347, Judy Brooks (leave message) 309-772-2352 or Judy Ashton 309-299-5020.

Macomb

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The Page Turners Book Club

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2ND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Macomb ACA Meeting

The Macomb ACA group will reconvene in the library of University Baptist Church at 6pm on Thursday, January 12. Student observers are welcome, as ours is an open meeting. The second Thursday of each month will be our regular meeting thereafter.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

WIU Performing Arts Society Trivia

Join the WIU Performing Arts Society for an evening of testing your knowledge of the arts! Doors open at 6:30 PM, Trivia begins at 7:00 PM. Individual Registration \$20 per person - Tables of 8. Corporate Tables are \$180 per table of 8 and include signage/logo on table and premier seating. Generously supported by Spring Lake Management and Cory J. Clem -Edward Jones

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

Macomb FFA Alumni Trivia Night

at the VFW, Macomb at 6:30pm. Cash bar, tea, lemonade & snacks provided. Register your team by emailing: thorman.ryan@yahoo.com

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Friends of the Library Annex Book Sale

will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Library Annex, 109 E. Jefferson St. This sale features Mysteries, Fiction, Science Fiction, Classics and Media. All proceeds are invested in the public library.

"Birds, Brunch, and Beverages"

the Prairie Land Conservancy is hosting a bus tour of the MS River from 8am-5pm to see birds, eat brunch and have some beverages at local establishments. \$65 (includes brunch). Deadline to

register is January 25, 2023. For more information call or email: 309-833-4747, pc@prairiehillsrcd.org

St. Paul School Music Trivia Night

at the St. Paul School gym, 6:30pm check-in and 7:00pm start. A cash bar & Gelsosomos Pizza available for pre-order. Individual registration is \$20 per person (tables of 8) and new corporate tables for \$200 (table of 8) and includes VIP seating, mulligans and your logo on the table. Register online at <https://form.jotform.com/macomb61455/trivia>. Early registration is preferred, registrations after January 29 and walk-ins will be charged \$25 per person.

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Linda Diane Herche

62, of Greenville

Linda Diane Herche of Greenville Illinois passed from this world Friday evening December 30, 2022 at HSHS Holy Family Hospital in Greenville with her family near her.



Diane was born to Joan Boyd Hansen and Dean Hansen on February 2, 1960 in Killeen, Texas. She grew up on the farm at Good Hope, Illinois and graduated from Northwestern High School at Sciota, Illinois.

Diane earned her RN from University of

Kentucky Nursing School and then began working at Memorial Hospital in Springfield Illinois as a cardiac nurse in critical care. After several years in critical care she moved to the kidney dialysis unit and soon started serving as nurse manager. The unit was sold to DaVita Dialysis and she continued to manage the unit for them many years. After retiring from DaVita she worked about ten years for Health Alliance as a telephone counselor for dialysis patients.

Diane married Roger Herche on January 5, 1985. They both worked in the medical field and enjoyed traveling. He passed away on August 7, 2013. On June 14, 2021 Diane married Waldo Schellenger of Greenville IL at the First Christian Church in Macomb IL and he survives.

Diane was a skilled seamstress and knitter and one of her joys was sewing or knitting cloth items to give as gifts to friends or for special needs.

Another of her joys was Waldo and his large family that lived close.

Surviving are her husband Waldo and his 6 children, 17 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren, her father Dean Hansen of Good Hope and her sister and brother-in-law Denise and Curt Anderson of Largo, FL.

Preceding her in death were her husband Roger, her mother Joan Hansen, her brother Michael Hansen in infancy, grand parents Verl and Ruth Boyd, Alvin and Grace Hansen, great grandparents Clyde and Elva Boyd.

Memorial Services for Diane will be held on January 25, 2023 at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Macomb IL at 11:00 AM where visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Pastor Kelly Ingersol will officiate. Memorials may be made to First Christian Church in Macomb for their Emergency Food Cupboard. Cremation rites have been accorded and the ashes will be placed in the Good Hope Cemetery at a later date. Dodsworth-Piper-Walen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com



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“We are absolutely thrilled that around 15% of the enrollment at WIU is International,” said Associate Vice President of Global Studies Randy Glean.

Students travel from a wide range of countries, including, India, Ghana, Nigeria and Bangladesh, and attend in-person classes, notably in Decision Analytics, Computer Science, and Public Health programs.

The Center for Global Studies is committed to offering student services to international students, through cultural activities and edu-

cational learning experiences that support the growth, success and development of each and every student. The program looks to expand its outreach mostly through the Caribbean region and countries close to the United States in these efforts.

“We look forward to expanding our undergraduate program outreach, in hopes of expanding enrollment across the board,” said Glean. “We are also committed to expanding the initiative that began on the Quad Cities campus in Fall 2022 with the new international cohort.”

Throughout the semester, students will learn and prepare for life in the United States, including discovering the U.S. healthcare system and how it works. Additionally, students will understand how to establish a career post-graduation and what resources are available to them.

“In the end, our goal for these students is to complete their degrees and go on to have very productive and successful lives living in the U.S. or back in their home country,” said Glean. “We stand committed to the expansion of this initiative.”

WIU President Guiyou Huang applauds the international recruitment efforts led by Glean and colleagues in the graduate admissions office.

“International students bring cultural diversity to WIU and Macomb and enrich the lives of students, faculty and staff across campus and in the larger community,” said Huang.

For more information on the Global Studies program, visit wiu.edu/global_studies.

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Defense carries Western Illinois men to win

Desperate for a win, the Western Illinois men's basketball team leaned on the defense, earning a hard-fought 60-52 victory over Kansas City on Saturday. The 52 points was the fewest allowed by the Leathernecks against a Division I opponent since topping St. Thomas 81-52 on Jan. 21, 2022. The victory snapped a three-game losing streak against the Roos, gave WIU its first road victory in the Summit League this season and improved Western Illinois' record to 10-8 overall and 3-4 in the Summit.

Western Illinois led for 33 minutes, 36 seconds and only trailed for 3:56 against the Roos, holding an advantage as large as 13 (23-10) at the 7:56 mark of the first half.

Both teams had a slow start to the game as the defense dominated throughout. But Western Illinois was to take a 29-25 lead into half behind Vuk Stevanic's seven first-half points.

In the second half, Western Illinois' defense continued to lock down on Kansas City, holding the Roos to 10-39 from the field (25.6 percent) and 1-15 (6.7 percent) from three. For the game, KC went 21-67 (31.3 percent) from the floor and 3-25 (12 percent) from three.

Another key stat was the boards, a spot where WIU outrebounded Kansas City, 40-39. KJ Lee led the way, tying a personal season high with a team-high 10 rebounds.

Trenton Massner led the scoring, finishing with 19 points. Stevanic finished with 11 while Alec Rosner had 10. Stevanic also tied a season high, dishing out five assists. Jesiah West added seven points and nine rebounds while Lee scored six and had a team-high two blocks.

After a slow start to the game saw the Leathernecks trail 6-2 early, WIU was able to get going, letting the defense fuel a 21-4 run that put Western ahead 23-10. Kansas City was able to chip away, cutting the Western advantage to 29-25 at halftime.

Kansas City scored the first four points of the second half to tie the game at 29, but the Leathernecks went on a 9-2 run, taking a 38-31 lead. It was the last time KC was even with the Leathernecks. Four different Leathernecks scored during the mini run.

Western Illinois went 20-50 (40 percent) from the floor, 5-17 (29.4 percent) from three.

The Leathernecks now have a week off before hosting St. Thomas next Saturday at 2 p.m. The game against the Tommies is the first of a four-game homestand.

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By Lucie Winborne

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* Pentheraphobia is the fear of your mother-in-law. There, folks, you now have an official name for it.

* In 2006, actor William Shatner, beloved by "Star Trek" fans as Captain James Tiberius Kirk, sold his kidney stone, complete with stent and string, to a casino for \$25,000. While Shatner retained "visitation rights," the complete proceeds were donated to Habitat for Humanity.

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* Bananas get their curves by turning skyward as they grow, to absorb sunlight.

Thought for the Day: "Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years. We grow old by deserting our ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul." -- Samuel Ullman

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