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Roselieb Named Interim Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management

MACOMB/MOLINE, IL -- Joseph Roselieb, executive director of auxiliary services and risk management, has been named the interim assistant vice president (AVP) for Facilities Management at Western Illinois University, effective January 1.

Additionally, Ted Renner, deputy director of Facilities Management, has been named the temporary interim director of Facilities Management, effective January 1.

Roselieb has served as the executive director of auxiliary services and risk management since 2020, where he was responsible for the general oversight of auxiliary services, safety initiatives, University policies and procedures, emergency management and risk operations and compliance. Previously, he has served as the director of residential and auxiliary facilities (2018-2020), director of residential facilities (2012-2018), the facilities liaison to WIU Athletics (2015-2019) and the assistant director of residential facilities (2008-2012).

As the AVP for Facilities Management, Roselieb will lead a team of more than 160 employees within Facilities Management, overseeing critical areas such as campus plan-

ning, design and construction, engineering, utilities, sustainability, landscaping, building and mechanical operations, transportation, steam generation plant (heating plant), central stores, Quad Cities facilities and Building Services.

"This is a critical role for the University. Mr. Roselieb brings a unique set of talents and skills to the role that I believe will greatly benefit Facilities Management and the University as a whole," Vice President for Finance and Administration Paul Edwards said. "I look forward to working with Joe in his new position as we all work to advance and better Western Illinois University."

Roselieb received his bachelor's degree in 2007 and master's degree in 2009 from WIU.

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With Respiratory Illnesses Continuing to Circulate, IDPH Urges Illinoisans to Protect Vulnerable Family and Friends During the Holidays

Health Department Recommends Spreading Holiday Cheer, not Viruses, by Taking Basic Safety Measures & Staying Home if Sick

CHICAGO -- With seasonal viruses on the uptick for the last several weeks across the state, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is reminding the public to take precautions to protect the health of friends and family who are vulnerable to severe illness. The guidance comes as the CDC is reporting that a total of 48 counties are at an elevated level for COVID-19 hospital admissions according to the CDC's national COVID Data Tracker, as of the week ending December 9.

Ten counties in Illinois were listed at High level for COVID-19 hospitalizations, the same number as the previous week, meaning they recorded more than 20 COVID-19 hospitalizations per 100,000 of population in the previous week. Thirty-eight counties are at Medium level, down three from the previous week, meaning they recorded between 10 and 20 hospitalizations per 100,000 in the week. State-wide, 1,225 new COVID-19 hospitalizations were reported,

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down less than 1% from the previous week.

"IDPH wishes all Illinoisans a happy holiday season," said IDPH Director Dr. Sameer Vohra. "As we celebrate this joyous time of year with our loved ones, it is important to know your personal risk factors for severe health outcomes and learn how to protect those around you, especially those most vulnerable to severe disease. COVID-19, flu, and RSV continue to circulate across Illinois, and I encourage all Illinoisans to use the many tools available to stay healthy and safe. Remember, 'Tis the Sneezin'."

IDPH launched a new awareness campaign this fall called 'Tis the Sneezin' to remind Illinoisans that vaccinations provide the best protection against the triple threat of COVID-19, flu and RSV.

Holiday hosts are urged to enhance the safety of guests by providing proper indoor ventilation, encouraging good hand hygiene, and reminding guests to cover coughs and sneezes. If someone is feeling symptoms of a respiratory virus – such as coughing, sneezing, sore throat, a runny nose or fever – it's best to get tested and wear a mask around others so as not to spread illness.

The updated COVID-19 shots are effective against the currently dominant Covid-19 variants and are recommended for all people 6 months and older. People with egg allergy may now get any flu vaccine (egg-based or non-egg-based) that is otherwise appropriate for their age and health status and do not need to limit themselves to non-egg based shots alone. Those older than 65 years should receive any one of the higher dose or "adjuvanted" influenza shots. The RSV shots are now available for those over 60 years and pregnant people. Older adults with risk factors for RSV should talk to their provider about which shot is right for them.

To help keep the public informed about conditions around the state, IDPH recently launched an Infectious Respiratory Disease Surveillance Dashboard that will be updated weekly on Fridays. This report provides the public the latest data on hospital visits, seasonal trends, lab test positivity and demographic data.

It is also easy to track data at the county level on a new national respiratory virus dashboard launched by the CDC this fall that allows the public to view weekly updates on the levels of COVID-19, flu and RSV.

The federal government recently announced that every household in the U.S. is eligible to receive four free at-home tests through the COVID.gov website.

For those who are uninsured or under-insured, the CDC this summer launched the Bridge Access Program that will cover the cost of COVID-19 vaccines. The Vaccines for Children Program will cover vaccines for eligible children.

For treatment of COVID-19, Illinoisans who experience symptoms can access no cost-share telehealth services through the SIU School of Medicine Covid Test to Treat services or call (217) 545-5100. An additional option is the NIH Test to Treat line or call 1-800-682-2829 to get access to no-cost care.

The federal government has established a website that provides an all-purpose toolkit with information on how to obtain masks, treatment, vaccines and testing resources for all areas of the country at: <https://www.covid.gov/>.

TODAY'S JOKES

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A: The North Poll!

Q: What do you call an angry carrot?
A: A steamed veggie!

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Our office will reopen January 8, 2024
PUBLICATIONS RESUME TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH

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Death Notices

Ronald Walter Wilson

73, of Macomb

Ronald Walter Wilson (73) passed December 19, 2023.

Cremation has been accorded. There will be no services. Memorial Contributions may be made to the family. Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign guestbook at www.dodsworthfh.com.

Alan S. McAdams

57, of Macomb

Alan S. McAdams, 57, of Macomb passed away at 6:52 p.m. Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at McDonough District Hospital in Macomb.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Grave side services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, December 28, 2023 at Glade City Cemetery in Blandinsville with Pastor A. Lee Unger officiating. Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday December 28, 2023 at Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb.

Memorials may be made to Mosaic. You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at clugston-tibbitts.com.

Elsie Clapp

93, of Table Grove

Elsie Clapp, 93, of Table Grove, IL, passed away at 9 pm on Tuesday, December 19, 2023.

A service was held on Saturday, December 23, 2023 at Shawgo Memorial Home in Astoria, IL. Pastor Jon Prain officiated. Cremation rites were accorded after the service.

Memorials may be made to the Table Grove Fire and Rescue Squad or MDH Hospice. Read the full obituary or leave condolences online at shawgomemorialhome.com.

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Russell L. Reimolds II

53, of Vermont

Russell L. "Tinner" Reimolds II, 53, of Vermont, IL, passed away at 7:15 am on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at Macomb Post Acute Care Center in Macomb.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A graveside service will held in the Vermont Cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be made the Russell L. Reimolds Memorial Fund. Read the full obituary or leave condolences online at shawgomemorialhome.com.

Death notices (name, death date and services) run free of charge. Families who wish to have a complete obituary published in the Tuesday or Friday Community News Brief newspaper (including picture, family, work history, 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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82, of Macomb

Donald Lee Huckabey, 82, of Macomb, passed away at 10:32 PM Friday Dec. 22, 2023 at the Elms Nursing Home.

Services will be at 1 PM Thursday Dec. 28, 2023 at the Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home, where visitation will be Wednesday Dec. 27, from 5-7 PM. Pastor Jim Eddy will officiate. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery with Military rites.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the family. Please sign guestbook or leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

Joseph A. "Tony" Ensenberger

71, of Macomb

Joseph A. "Tony" Ensenberger, 71, of Macomb, Illinois; passed away on Friday December 22, 2023 at his residence.

Funeral Mass will be 10:00 AM Saturday Dec. 30, 2023 at St. Paul Church, where visitation will be Friday Dec. 29, from 5:00-7:00 PM with a wake service at 7:00 PM. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Paul Church, St. Paul School, or St. Jude's Childrens Hospital. Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign guestbook or leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

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THURSDAYS

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SATURDAYS

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Bushnell

SATURDAY, JAN. 6TH

VFW Breakfast

The VFW in Bushnell will be serving breakfast from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. at the Post 1422 Hall located at 181 E. Hail in Bushnell. We provide on-site, takeout, and curb service. For takeout and curb service please call 309-333-9919. We are serving biscuits and gravy, sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes and French Toast.

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Macomb

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City of Macomb Holiday Tour of Lights

The City of Macomb welcomes you and your family to take the Tour of Lights around Macomb! Find the list of decorated addresses on the City of Macomb Facebook page.

SATURDAY, DEC. 30

YMCA New Year's Eve Party

from 5-7pm. There will be Games & Activities including basketball, volleyball, dodgeball & more! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Countdown starts at 6:30pm!

SATURDAY, JAN. 6

Macomb Library Knitting Club

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Macomb American Legion

The Post 6 Big Band led by John Cooper plays from 7-9pm on Wednesday, December 27 at the American Legion Post 6, 221 E. Washington St., Macomb. No admission but there is a free-will offering during the show.

Ice House

Join us for a night of live music with everyone's favorite, Captain Geech, at the Ice House on Friday, December 29 from 7:30-10:30pm. Don't miss out on this opportunity to enjoy some awesome music you know and love!

Forgottonia Brewing

We have a packed weekend! The Deneckes will be here on Friday, December 30 at 7pm. The Deneckes are an indie folk duo who have been playing music together since before they got married in 2016. Hannah writes their songs, sings, and plays guitar and ukulele. Eli provides beautiful instrumental solos and accompaniment on the mandolin and trumpet. We are celebrating New Year's on Sunday, December 31 with Alternative Rock artists Nate and Todd playing your favorite alternative hits in the Beer Garden at 7pm.

Netty Parkers Windmill Pub-Industry

Join us at Netty Parkers Windmill for a New Years Party with Double Shot Duo starting at 8pm.

The Forum

Let's ring in the New Year together! The countdown begins. Doors will be open Sunday, December 31st at 9pm.

Vermont American Legion

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- 2) A graduate degree in a related field from a college or university accredited by the North Central Association or other regional, nationally recognized accrediting agency, which may include but shall not be limited to a master's degree in public administration, nursing, environmental health, community health, health education, and two years of full-time administrative experience in public health; or
- 3) A bachelor's degree from a college or university accredited by the North Central Association or other regional, nationally recognized accrediting agency, and four years of full-time administrative experience, of which at least two years must be in public health.

Credentials must be submitted to the Illinois Department of Public Health for approval. Starting salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Resumes and Applications will be accepted until Jan. 31, 2024. Review of applications will begin immediately. Applications are available online or at the front desk. Please submit application, cover letter, and resume to Andrea Ratemann, McDonough County Health Department, at ratemann4@comcast.net or 505 E. Jackson St., Macomb, IL 61455.

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By Lucie Winborne

* In 1837, Thomas Saverland took Caroline Newton to court for biting off part of his nose after he forcibly kissed her at a party.

* The original Xbox had sound snippets of real space missions.

* Korean college students once launched a protest against the amount of air in potato chip bags by building a raft out of them and sailing it across a river.

* When Michael Orchard broke into his neighbor's burning home to rescue their dog, his heart was in the right place but his timing wasn't: The house fire was merely his LSD-induced hallucination.

* Frozen cow manure was the first-ever puck used in a hockey game.

* The word "thug" comes from 1350s India and the Hindi word "thag," which means "deceiver" or "thief" or "swindler."

* Ten thousand light years away from Earth, a huge cloud 1,000 times larger than our solar system's diameter contains enough alcohol to fill 400 trillion pints. To drink it all, everyone on Earth would have to drink 300,000 pints each day for 1 billion years.

* A violin known as "the Blackbird," carved entirely from stone, produces sound comparable to traditional wooden violins.

* Research has shown that people born in September, October and November are more likely to live 100 years or longer.

* French performer Michel Lotito, aka "Monsieur Mangetout," or "Mr. Eat All," could hardly be accused of being a picky eater, having earned a Guinness World Record for strangest diet. His gastronomic feats included downing bicycles, razor blades and even an entire airplane.

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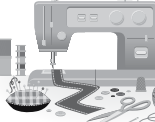
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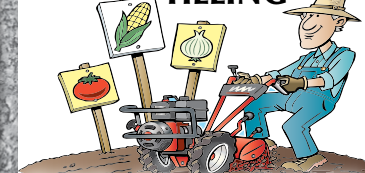
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