

# FREE Midweek Brief

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## McDonough County NAACP Winter Party

Come One Come All! - Join us on Thursday, December 21, 2023

The McDonough County branch of the NAACP is hosting its' first annual community holiday celebration. Please join us for an evening of food, conversation, and fellowship. This is also an opportunity for us to acknowledge you and for you to support our community by donating coats, winter accessories, and new unwrapped toys.

The Winter Party will be held at:  
The Small Town Venue  
(Next door to Chubby's Restaurant)  
6 West Side Square, Macomb  
6:00pm - 7:30pm



## Illinois Minimum Wage Increases January 1

Most hourly workers will see an increase of \$1 per hour on their paycheck

SPRINGFIELD – The minimum wage in Illinois is increasing on January 1st, 2024.

Workers will see an increase of \$1 per hour from \$13 to \$14. The minimum wage for tipped workers will rise to \$8.40 per hour and youth workers (under 18) working fewer than 650 hours per calendar year will see their hourly wage increase to \$12 per hour.

"Since day one as Governor, I've made it my mission to put Springfield back on the side of working families," said Governor JB Pritzker. "With this new minimum wage increase, we are once again making Illinois a more affordable and equitable place to live for all of our residents."

"We're continuing to not only strengthen our workforce but sustain it by increasing the minimum wage. Leadership matters and we're proud to see our administration's sixth increase go into effect on January 1," said Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton. "As we continue our work to make Illinois the best state to live, work and raise a family, this new increase brings us one step closer to a more equitable Illinois."

This will be the sixth increase in the state's minimum wage since 2019 when Governor JB

Pritzker signed historic legislation establishing a schedule of increases culminating in a \$15 per hour minimum wage in 2025.

"Nationally, minimum wage laws have not kept pace with the cost of living," said Illinois Department of Labor Director Jane Flanagan. "These wage increases have helped Illinois workers pay for the increasing costs of groceries, childcare and other everyday expenses. While many working families are still struggling, we celebrate that once again, on January 1st, workers will get a raise. We also continue to look for ways to make Illinois an even better place to work and live."

Minimum wage workers are encouraged to review their **See Increases on page 3**



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## POLICE REPORTS

### Macomb Police Department

12/12

Joshua E. Lair, 44, Macomb, was charged with trespassing

### McDonough County Sheriff

12/12

Michael Lee Lebegue, 50, Rushville, was charged with DUI/drugs, possession of Methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia

Daniel Anthony Moncelli, 39, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Cheria Leah Woodson, 19, Chicago, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

## TODAY'S JOKES

Q: What do you call a greedy elf?

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Q: What do you call a snowman with a six-pack?

A: The abdominal snowman!

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Our Holiday Hours are as follows:

**CLOSED December 23-25**

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**NO PUBLICATIONS**

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

*We sincerely wish you all  
a Very Merry Christmas and the  
Very Best in the upcoming New Year.*

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## Death Notices

### Ferrol L. Cramer

91, of Macomb

Ferrol L. Cramer (91) of Macomb, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his loved ones on Saturday, December 16th, 2023.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, December 21, 2023 at Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb with Reverend Dr. Scott Grulke officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Burial will be in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Macomb with full military rites being conducted by the Macomb VFW and Macomb American Legion. Everyone is invited for a luncheon at VFW following the burial.

Memorials may be made to the Macomb VFW or Macomb American Legion. You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at clugston-tibbitts.com.

### Rodney L. Starbuck

73, of Blandinsville

Rodney L. Starbuck, 73, of Blandinsville, passed away Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in Chicago.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home with Rev. Lee Unger officiating. Burial, with Military Rites, will follow in the Glade City Cemetery in Blandinsville. A memorial fund has been established for the Wounded Warrior Project. To leave a condolence, please visit Rod's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

### Shirley M. VanFleet

76, of Plymouth

Shirley M. VanFleet age 76 of Plymouth, Illinois, passed away Sunday, December 17, 2023, at Memorial Hospital in Carthage.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Graveside services will be 11:00 A.M. Friday, December 29, 2023, at St Marys Cemetery in St Marys, Illinois. Condolences and memories can be expressed to the family at jonesmortuaryfh.com.

### Michael W. Dickson

70, of Peoria

Michael W. Dickson, 70, passed away on December 15, 2022, at the Cenex Gas Station in Limon, CO.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to WIU Tri States Public Radio or the Humane Society of McDonough County New Shelter Campaign fund.

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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Employees can file a minimum wage complaint with IDOL online or by calling the Minimum Wage Toll Free Hotline: (800) 478-3998.

## Free 45-minute Holiday De-Stress Yoga Class

**Saturday, December 23rd at  
10am at Free Range Yoga**

Yoga Teacher Jenna Clayton will lead you through a pre-holiday, de-stress yoga class. Jenna will begin offering a Saturday morningFlow and Let Go class at Free Range in January. Get to know her teaching style while you take a pause from the hustle and bustle of the holidays. During this gentle, yet energizing 45 minute flow you will engage in intentional breathwork, mindfulness and movement intended to clear the mind and rejuvenate the body. All skill levels are welcome. What better way to celebrate the season of giving than by giving back to yourself!

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# Community Calendar

## Blandinsville

### WEDNESDAYS

#### Christian Church Youth Program

Every Wednesday for 5th grade through High School students from 4-5:30 pm throughout the school year.

### THURSDAYS

#### After-School Program

Blandinsville Christian Church After-School Program will be held every Thursday for Kindergarten through High School students from 4:00pm until 5:00pm throughout the school year.

### SATURDAYS

#### Story Hour and Crafts

Saturdays at The Blandinsville-Hire Library at 10 AM. Snacks 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

### EVERY MONDAY

#### Coffee Club

from 9-10am at Courtyard Estates of Bushnell, calling the Elementary office 309-772-9464.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 23

#### Breakfast with the Grinch

Get a picture with the Grinch and have a Grinch themed breakfast at Rosemary and Rust Co., 135 E. Hurst from 8-10am.

## Colchester

### EVERY MONDAY

#### Colchester Library Story Hour

from 10:45-11:45am. Books, crafts, songs and fun!

## Macomb

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20

#### Antique & Collectibles Club

Meets (3rd Wednesday of Month) at the Community Room in City Hall 7-9pm.

### FRIDAY, DEC. 22 & SATURDAY, DEC. 23

#### Visit Santa Clause in his Cabin

Santa Clause will be in his cabin on the Northside of the Macomb Downtown Square on Friday, Dec. 22 from 6-7pm and Saturday, Dec. 23 from 2-3:30pm.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 6

#### Macomb Library Knitting Club

Meets at 10:30am. Share your love of knitting or crocheting with both experienced and beginner crafters. Meet fellow knitters, brush up on skills and learn new techniques. Materials will be provided but feel free to bring your own projects. All levels of experience are welcome.

### MONDAY, JAN. 8

#### Macomb Airport Authority Meeting

Regular meeting will be held at the Terminal Building at the Macomb Municipal Airport at 5:45pm.

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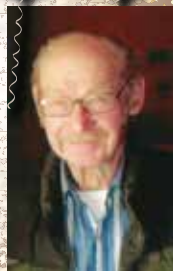
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### The Wine Sellers

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### The Cafe

We will have Po-Man Tone taking the stage for us on Wednesday, December 20 from 5:30-7:30. Stop back in on Thursday, December 21 for Open Mic night starting at 8pm.

### 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.

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**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

**DECEMBER 24, 2023**

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December 24, 2023

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December 24, 2023

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Saturday, December 23.... 2:00 PM-3:30 PM

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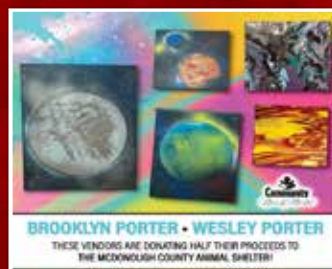
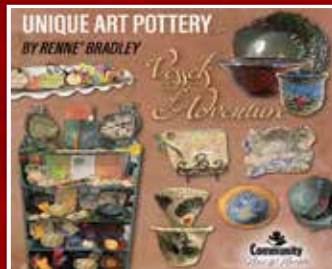
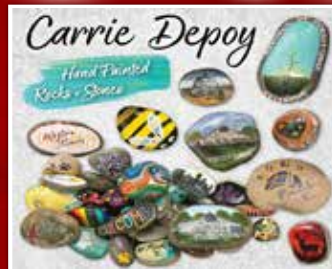
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**TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024 AT 10:00 AM<sup>CT</sup>**

**162 ACRES± (SUBJECT TO SURVEY) • 2 TRACTS**

The Cousins & Mason farm is located a short distance northeast of Macomb, IL (1.5 miles north of the new JD Store) along County Rd 1600E & is further described as being located in Sections 23 & 26, T6N - R2W, Macomb Township, McDonough County, IL.

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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024 AT 10:00 AM<sup>CT</sup>**

**285.86 ACRES± (SUBJECT TO SURVEY) • 4 TRACTS**

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By Lucie Winborne

\* We should all be so lucky as to have vision like that of the mantis shrimp: Not only do its eyes possess four times as many color receptors as a human's, it can see UV, visible and polarized light as well.

\* The rise in global temperatures has led to flowers emitting less scent.

\* Lightning hasn't brought down an airplane since 1963, thanks to engineering that allows a bolt's electric charge to run through and out of the aircraft.

\* Spinraza, a drug prescribed for spinal muscular dystrophy, has a list price of \$750,000.

\* By 2018, more than 100 people living in the U.S. owed at least \$1 million in federal student loans.

\* A one-euro breakfast featured at an IKEA store in the Netherlands proved so popular that it had to be canceled after it attracted too many customers and even led to highway traffic jams.

\* Kellogg's All-Bran cereal is actually 87% bran.

\* Heading for the gym in the new year? Be sure to take some hand sanitizer! A report found that a typical gym's free weights boast 362 times as much bacteria as a toilet seat.

\* During the Cold War, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev agreed to put aside their political differences if Earth was ever invaded by aliens from outer space.

\* Nicaraguan Catholics who abstain from meat during Lent include iguanas and armadillos in their diet.

\* In 1978, Equatorial Guinea's President Francisco Macias Nguema, widely considered one of history's most brutal, possibly even insane dictators, tempted fate by changing his country's national motto to "There is no other God than Macias Nguema."

\* More than four tons of old American paper money is mulched into compost every day.

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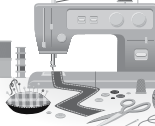
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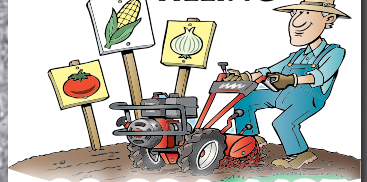
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