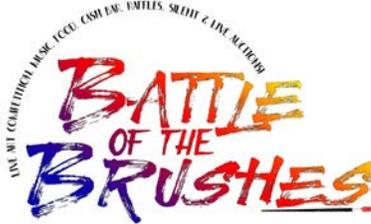


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Battle of the Brushes Returns to the MAC



Saturday, January 27 will bring Battle of the Brushes (aka BoB) back to the Macomb Arts Center. This year's Battle will have a little twist: paintings will be created by partners. They will still have only 30 minutes to create their paintings and then the guests will decide their fate: who will go to the final round, and who will be the ultimate winning pair! Throughout the evening, guests will also enjoy tasty food, a cash bar, music, fun and unique raffles, and silent and live auctions of the Battle art.

Doors will open at 6:30pm, with the first round of painting beginning at 7:00. Tickets are \$25 if purchased in advance at macombartscenter.org/events by 10pm Thursday, January 25. Tickets at the door will be \$30. One free drink will be included for MAC members.

There are still a few openings for participants in the Battle. Info and application available at macombartscenter.org/events. Email info@macombartscenter.org for more information.

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Proclamation;

WHEREAS: January is known around the United States as National Stalking Awareness Month to ensure that the victims know they are not alone; and

WHEREAS: 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men in the United States have experienced some form of stalking violence in their lifetime, and 58% of women and 49% of male were first stalked before they were 25

WHEREAS: Stalking violence not only includes following, but can include unwanted contact, emotional trauma and harassment, misuse of technology, unwanted gifts, threatening words or actions, intimidation and fear, and controlling, tracking, and scaring; and

WHEREAS: Stalking violence is a pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear for the person's safety or the safety of others, or to suffer substantial emotional distress; and

WHEREAS: There are resources available in Henderson County for victims of stalking



violence and their families, and we commend the work of public and private entities that strive to provide resources and support stalking violence survivors; and

WHEREAS: We recognize that racism, homophobia, transphobia, ageism, and discrimination based on ability, nationality or other factors help to perpetuate stalking violence and make finding safety even more difficult

See Proclamation on page 9

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Death Notices

Vernon Lee Cracraft

101, of Macomb

Vernon Lee Cracraft, 101, of Macomb passed away Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2024, at The Elms, where he had resided for the last three months of his life.

A service to celebrate Vern's life will be scheduled in March. Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions can be made to The Macomb Public Library or Everly House. Both of these facilities held a special place in Vern's heart.

Roger Still

68, of Berwick, formerly of the Bushnell area

Roger Still, 68, of Berwick, passed away at 6:51 p.m., Friday, January 12, 2024 at Allure of Knox County in Galesburg.

A time of visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Saturday, January 20, 2024 with a celebration service to begin at 7:00. Cremation rites will be accorded following the services. A private burial in the Prairie City Cemetery will take place at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family and left in the care of the funeral home. Moore Memorial Home, Roseville, is handling the arrangements.

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Herman LeRoy Brown

A lifelong resident of Macomb

Herman LeRoy Brown, a lifelong resident of Macomb, died on January 11 at the age of 90.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 18, 2024 at Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb with Pastor Grant Brown officiating. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday January 17, 2024 with Masonic services being held at 4:30 p.m. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Macomb with full military rites being conducted by the Macomb VFW and Macomb American Legion. Everyone is invited to the Macomb VFW following the services for a meal.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to the Macomb YMCA.

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

Ares Lee Hamm

1 month old

Ares Lee Hamm passed away on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at St. Louis Children's Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. He was born on December 8, 2023 in Peoria, Illinois, the son of Joseph "Joey" and Sarah (Renken) Hamm.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Ares' Life will be held at a later date. Shawgo Memorial Home in Astoria has been entrusted with arrangements.

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SATURDAYS

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Bushnell

SATURDAY, JAN. 27

Music Trivia Fundraiser

Come out for a fun night of Music Trivia at the Bushnell VFW at 7pm! All proceeds will go to support the B-PC band.

SATURDAY, FEB. 3TH

Bushnell VFW Breakfast

Serving from 7-10a.m at the Post 1422 Hall, 181 E. Hail in Bushnell. On-site, takeout, and curb service available - for takeout & curb service call 309-333-9919. Menu: biscuits and gravy, sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes and French Toast.

SATURDAY, FEB. 10

Music Trivia Jr. High Baseball Fundraiser

Come out to the Bushnell VFW Post 1422 to support the B-PC Jr. High Baseball program during music trivia at 7pm. Teams of 8, \$10/ person - Must be 21 or older to attend.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14TH

Bushnell VFW Valentine's Day Dinner

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SATURDAY, FEB. 17

Firework Display Fundraiser

"Let the Sparks Fly" help fund the City of Bushnell's Annual 4th of July Fireworks display. Doors open at 5pm, live music by Captain Quirk starts at 7pm. Dinner by Rolling Smoke and the menu includes: Pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, chips, coleslaw and a cash bar by JoJo's will be available. Tickets are \$15/single, \$25/couple, meal tickets are \$8. Save and purchase a table with your group for \$250 which includes: Cover, meal and seats up to 8 people. If you would like a table please contact Stacey Allen, Jef Rench, Betsy Rench, or Kim Havens. Tickets available at City Hall or purchase through your Alderperson. Tickets also available at the door the night of the event.

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January Antiques & Collectibles Club Meeting

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The ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES CLUB of West Central Illinois Meeting on Wednesday, January 17 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 232 East Jackson St. has been canceled due to the weather. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21. For more information: Contact the Club at brenstarr12@gmail.com.

Macomb

SATURDAY, JAN. 20

Winter Farmers Market

at the Macomb American Legion on Saturday, January 20, 2024 from 8:30am-12pm. Vendors include honey, microgreens, baked goods, meat, crafts and more!

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MONDAY, JAN. 22

Choral Society Rehearsals

at 7pm at Wesley United Methodist Church in Macomb. Anyone wishing to sing with MCS should attend the first rehearsal to register and pick up music. There are no fees charged to participants.

TUESDAY, JAN. 23

HSMC Annual Meeting/Election

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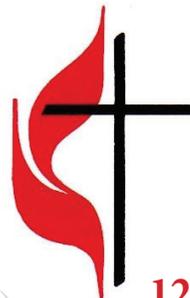
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National Stalking Awareness Month and urge all citizens to stand together against stalking violence, to offer support and understanding to survivors, and to participate in stalking violence awareness activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set my hand and sign on this 8th day in the month of January in the Year 2024.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* From 1953 to 1959, the Cincinnati Reds baseball team went by a different moniker, the Cincinnati Redlegs, in response to America's fear of communism during the McCarthy era, when the term "Reds" could be problematic.

* The word "whisky" comes from the Gaelic phrase "uisge beatha," or "water of life."

* According to researchers at Japan's Nagoya University, electric eels can use their shock to transfer genetic material to nearby fish larvae, altering the larva's genes in the process.

* An AI program using merely 10 seconds of human speech has been able to identify whether someone has diabetes with 89% accuracy.

* Workers at an Akron, Ohio, auto wrecking company creatively stopped a potential car thief by using a forklift to raise him, while inside the vehicle, 20 feet into the air until (no doubt amused) police arrived on the scene.

* If you make a visit to Iceland, you might run across a tiny, intricately designed house known as an alfhof. But it wasn't built for a family of dolls. Rather, such structures are created for the "hidden folk" of Icelandic folklore, creatures often invisible to humans but who are believed to lead lives similar to ours.

* Smokers with better math skills are more inclined to quit smoking.

* When Reza Baluchi, a 44-year-old man from Florida, aspired to cross the Atlantic on a visit to London, he didn't take a plane or boat, but a floating contraption much like a giant hamster wheel! Unfortunately, his mode of transportation was deemed "manifestly unsafe" by the Coast Guard off the coast of Georgia's Tybee Island, and after a three-day standoff, Baluchi's mission was aborted.

Thought for the Day: "What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals."
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