

FREE Midweek Brief

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WIU Wind Ensemble Concert with United Township High School December 5th



By: University Communications

MACOMB, IL - The Western Illinois University School of Music will present a Wind Ensemble Concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5 in the College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC) Recital Hall.

See Concert on page 2

More than 54,000 deer harvested during 1st weekend of Illinois firearm deer season

SPRINGFIELD – Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 54,661 deer during the first weekend of the Illinois firearm deer season between Nov. 22-24. Comparatively, hunters took 53,348 and 52,354 deer during the first firearm weekends in 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Illinois' seven-day firearm deer season will conclude Dec. 5-8.

Remaining 2024-2025 deer hunting opportunities in Illinois include:

Muzzleloader-only deer season Dec. 13-15.
Late-winter antlerless-only and chronic

wasting disease deer seasons in select counties only, Dec. 26-29 and Jan. 17-19.

Archery deer season continues through Jan. 19. Please note that archery deer hunting is closed Dec. 5-8 in counties open for firearm deer season.

Go online to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' website for more information about deer hunting.

A table of preliminary Illinois firearm deer harvest totals by county for the first weekend of the 2024 season and comparable totals for 2023 and 2022 follows: See Deer on page 12

Birds, Brunch & Beverages - Macomb, IL



Prairie Land Conservancy prepares to host a bus tour focused on local conservation history and birding! You won't want to miss this opportunity to visit one of Aldo Leopold's childhood homes with a guided tour led by Leopold Landscape Alliance. Afterwards, lunch will be served at The Som followed by the beginning of the birding part of the tour. See Birds on page 15

Festival of Trees
December 6-9, 2024
Macomb Arts Center | 25 E. Side Square

Friday
December 6
4-8 p.m.

Saturday
December 7
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday
December 8
Noon-4 p.m.

Monday
December 9
9 a.m.-Noon

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POLICE REPORTS

Macomb Police Department

11/21

Blaise C. Durkin 27, Macomb, was charged with illegal passing of school bus
Tanner A. Easton, 40, Macomb, was charged with possession of open alcohol in vehicle

11/22

Xanthe A. Gast, 23, Macomb, was charged with illegal passing of school bus
Masequa L. Drummond, 37, Macomb, was charged with careless driving
Jarrett D. Brown, 24, Macomb, was charged with operating an uninsured motor vehicle

McDonough County Sheriff

11/21

Damion Michael Taber, 45, Colchester, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant, domestic battery/bodily harm, domestic battery
Ronnie Wayne Adams, 53, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

11/22

Barbara Lois Floyd, 38, Macomb, was arrested on a foreign warrant
Tonya Marie Roy, 41, Avon, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant
Molly Marie Rusher, 43, Macomb, was charged with retail theft over \$300
Simon Bradley Crabtree, 18, Macomb, was charged with criminal damage to property

11/23

James Jeffery Benson, 62, Roseville, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant
James Everett Dooley, 50, Carthage, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant
All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

TODAY'S JOKES

Q: Why does the golfer wear two pairs of pants?
A: He might get a "Hole-in-one!"
Q: What's Forrest Gump's email password?
A: 1Forrest1!

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Concert

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The Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Mike Fansler, WIU director of Bands, welcomes the members of the United Township High School Symphonic Band, conducted by Mike Wawrzynski.

This performance is open free for general audience seating and will be live-streamed on the School of Music's YouTube channel and Facebook page.

The program includes:

Midnight Sleigh Ride - arr. Tom Wallace
Sleigh Ride - Leroy Anderson
Fracas - Randall Standridge

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(1969) - Warren Benson (1924-2005)
Huntingtower Ballad for Band
(1932) - Ottorino Respighi (1879 - 1936)
Bay State Commandery March
(1915/1948) - William Franklin Burrell
(1855-1909)/arr. Scott

WIU WIND ENSEMBLE

Mike Fansler, conductor
The Eighth Candle - Steve Reisteter

COMBINED ENSEMBLE

Mike Wawrzynski, conductor
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Death Notices

Wade P. Bowman

55, of Bushnell

Wade P. Bowman, 55, of Bushnell, Illinois passed away at 6:02 am on Thursday November 28, 2024 with his family and a friend by his side.

Cremation Rites Have been accorded. Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday December 7, 2024 from 1:00 until 3:00 pm at the Martin-Hollis Funeral Home. He will be laid to rest next to other family members in Kansas at a later date. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Peyton Bowman Education Fund or to the Bushnell Fire and Rescue Squad. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

Delano "Dee" Kruzan

91, of Macomb

Delano "Dee" Kruzan, 91, of Macomb passed away at 6:01 p.m. Wednesday, November 27, 2024 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, December 6, 2024 at Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb with Reverend Jim Clayton officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services. Full military rites will be conducted at the funeral home following the service by the Macomb American Legion and Macomb VFW. Private burial of ashes will be held at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Macomb.

Memorials may be made to the Delano Kruzan Scholarship Fund at WIU Foundation, Humane Society of McDonough County New Animal Shelter or Western Illinois Museum.

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

Ann Landis

67, of Macomb

Ann Landis, 67, of Macomb, Illinois passed away at 7:36 PM Sunday Dec. 1, 2024 at the Calhoun Nursing and Rehab Center in Hardin, Illinois.

Cremation has been accorded. Burial of ashes will be in Oakwood Cemetery. Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign guestbook at www.dodsworthfh.com.

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Harry Herbert Lotz

94, of Colchester

Harry Herbert Lotz age 94 of Colchester, passed away Friday, Nov. 29, 2024 at the Genesis Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House in Bettendorf, IA.

Funeral services will be 11 A.M. Friday, Dec. 6, 2024, at the Macomb Assembly of God Church with pastor Larry Connour. Burial will follow the services at Oakwood Cemetery in Macomb, with pastor Mike Williams, and Military Rites at the grave by the Macomb V.F.W. and Macomb American Legion. Visitation with the family will be 5-7 P.M. Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024, at the Jones Funeral Chapel in Colchester. Friends may view and sign the register book at the funeral home from 8:30 A.M.-7 P.M. Thursday. Memorial is to Macomb Assembly of God Church Missions. Condolences and memories can be expressed to the family at jonesmortuaryfh.com.

Glenna K. Malott

81, of Ipava

Glenna K. Malott, 81, of Ipava, IL, passed away at 1:12 pm on Wednesday, November 27, 2024 at her home.

Services will be held at 11am on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at Shawgo Memorial Home in Astoria, IL. Pastor Matthew Thiner will officiate. A visitation took place on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at Shawgo Memorial Home. Interment will be in the Summum Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Jerry Arthur

86, of Bushnell

Jerry Arthur, 86, of Bushnell, IL, passed away at 8:00 A.M. Monday November 25, 2024 at the Elms Nursing Home in Macomb.

Private family services will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Shaw Creek Golf Course. Martin-Hollis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

Joyia Faye Hoyt

84, of Carthage

Joyia Faye Hoyt, 84, of Carthage, passed away early on Monday, Nov. 25, 2024, at The Elms in Macomb.

A graveside service was held on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2024, at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Macomb. Memorials may be made out to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Printy Funeral home is handling arrangements.

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.

Richard (Dick) Frowein

94, of Macomb

Richard (Dick) Frowein passed away Wednesday, November 28, 2024 at Wesley Village in Macomb.

Memorial Service will be 11 AM Saturday Jan. 18, 2025 at the Wesley United Methodist Church, where visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Pastor Don Long Jr. will officiate. Private burial of ashes will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to either the Jan, Jyl, Robyn Memorial Library, Epperson Household at Wesley Village or The Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758544, Topeka, KS, 66675-8541.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Wesley Village and MDH Hospice for the tender care Dick received in the last months and days of his life. Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign guestbook or leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

Nolan K. Roberts

78, of Revere, MO

Nolan K. Roberts, 78, of Revere, MO., passed away on Saturday, November 30, 2024, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois.

Graveside services for Nolan Roberts will be held at Combs Cemetery in Luray, Missouri on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 11:00 am. Pastor Shawn McAfee officiating. Visitation with family present will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, from 10:00 am to 10:45 am at the Wilson & Triplett Funeral Home, Kahoka, MO. Memorial contributions in memory of Nolan Roberts are suggested to the family checks payable to Wilson & Triplett Funeral Home.

Donald L. Ussery

89, of Plymouth, IL

Donald L. Ussery, 89, of Plymouth, IL passed away at 10:01 pm Sunday December 1, 2024 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm Friday December 6, 2024 at the Plymouth Circle Community Center with Pastor Sheri Renner officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood cemetery in Macomb, IL. Visitation will be held from Noon until the time of service at the PCCC. In lieu of flowers his family request memorial contributions be made the Plymouth Circle Community Center.

The Hamilton Funeral Home in Augusta, IL is handling arrangements.

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Blandinsville

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EVERY WEDNESDAY

Youth Program

Blandinsville First Christian Church Youth Program every Wednesday for 5th thru High School students from 4pm-5:30pm.

EVERY THURSDAY

After-School Program

Blandinsville First Christian Church After-School Program every Thursday for Kindergarten through High School students from 4:00 pm until 5:00 pm.

Bushnell

DECEMBER 7 & 8

No Tax Weekend

at participating businesses. On Dec. 8, stop by the Depot for carriage rides, Ernie the Train and Santa starting at 12pm.

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

VFW Breakfast with Santa

from 7-10 a.m. at the Post 1422 Hall, 181 E. Hail. Santa will greet the children beginning at 8am. Children will eat for free. They provide on-site, takeout, and curbside service - for takeout and curbside service please call 3093339919. We are serving biscuits and gravy, sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes and French Toast. Santa would like to see all the children on Saturday and would also ask for any non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry for those in need this holiday season.

Bushnell Lights Parade

This annual event features scores of vehicles, intricately and painstakingly dressed in awe-inspiring yuletide lighting and festive seasonal decorations. If you would like to be in the parade, line up at 6pm at the B-PC High School.

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

VFW Annual Craft Show

at the Bushnell VFW from 12-4pm. There will be a variety of handmade crafts, decor, baked goods, sweet treats, and more! Scentsy and Paperpie Books will be there and new this year, Permanent Jewelry by Courtney and the hot chocolate bar is back! Spots are still available, call or text Dawn 309-313-2031 or Courtney 309-351-3388.

Colchester

EVERY MONDAY

Move & Groove and Story Hour

Move and Groove is held from 9:45-10:45am. Music & physical literacy skills help prepare early learners. Story Hour is held from 10:45-11:45 with stories, songs, crafts and fingerplays.

FRIDAY, DEC. 6

Colchester Christmas Around the Prairie

Santa will arrive on the firetruck at 6 PM. Children can visit him at the Lions Den until 8pm. We are seeking entries for a lighted parade to accompany Santa and the firetruck. Businesses around town will be open with refreshments and entertainment.

Good Hope

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

Christmas in the Park

in the Village of Good Hope. The United Methodist Church and the Good Hope/Sciota Fire Protection District invites you to Christmas in the Park from 4-7pm. There will be a Soup Supper, popcorn, cookie and hot cocoa bar, cookie walk, kids crafts and more. Santa will be stopping by too!! Everyone is welcome!

Industry

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

Industry Fire Department Light Parade

will begin at 5:30pm. Come and get some soup & hotdogs at the firehouse, while they last, and Santa will be there to greet the kids!

Macomb

FRIDAY, DEC. 6 & SATURDAY, DEC. 7

Dickens on the Square

held in Macomb's Historic Downtown, presents the perfect opportunity to slow down, take a step back in time and experience the nostalgic small town charm the Christmas season brings. Experience this magical holiday festival featuring colorful characters, food, music, Clydesdale drawn carriage rides, live reindeer, the Festival of Trees and of course Santa Claus meeting children all evening in his magic cabin in the Square!

St. Paul Women's Guild Cookie Walk

St. Paul Cookie Walk will be held in the Community Room of Macomb City Hall. Stop by from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. to get a sneak peak of the enormous selection and have the first opportunity to purchase a full tray of your favorite Christmas treats. On Saturday, December 7th, from 8-Noon to select the individual cookies and candies you want. Be sure to come early to get the best selection.

FRIDAY, DEC. 6

Pinkmas at The Small Town Event Venue

A Holiday Shopping event from 5-9pm for the whole family during Dickens on the Square! It's going to be filled with more fun and more PINK. Warm up during Dickens on the Square with Spreadz's hot chocolate bar and do some holiday shopping!

Prairieland Barbershop Chorus

will be singing from 6-7PM at The MDH Annual Festival of Trees in the Macomb Arts Center.

Visit The Lamoine during Dickens

We will have Hot Cocoa and Carols from 6-8pm.

**Submit your calendar item to
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SATURDAY, DEC. 7

Friends of the Library Specialty Book Sale

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Library Annex, 109 E. Jefferson St. the Friends of the Library are offering a specialty books & media sale featuring Non Fiction, History/biography, Religion, Wellness, over-sized books, along with Children/Youth books and CDs, DVDs, and Audio Books. Proceeds are invested in the Macomb Public Library.

Clock Tower Bank Children's Mall

from 10am-12pm in the Main Bank Lobby. This provides a safe, structured shopping experience for children ages 3-13 years old. Merchandise is priced under \$20.

Performing Arts Society Wine Tasting

The Western Illinois University Performing Arts Society will have a Wine Tasting at Park Place in Macomb from 6:30-8:30pm. The cost is \$45 reservations, \$30 non-alcoholic. Enjoy over 40 national and international wines, including two special releases! Visit westernpresents.com/wine.

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

First Baptist Church Christmas Dinner

It will immediately follow the worship service (which begins at 9:30 a.m.).

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

Macomb Art Center Art & Gift Market

from 5-8pm. Need a unique, beautiful gift? Shopping locally was never so easy! Our much anticipated arts and crafts market features local artists. A wide variety of items will complete your gift list - ceramics, wood, fiber, jewelry, home decor and more.

Table Grove

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

11th Annual Table Grove Winter Play Day

Fun begins at 1pm at Table Grove Community Church with Little Miss & Master. 2-4:30 Face painting and cookie decorating at Table Grove Village Hall; Table Grove State Bank will have Ornament making, letters to Santa and visit Santa & Mrs. Claus and Life-size inflatable holiday themed snow globe, Horse Drawn Trolley rides & more on the Square. Food served at the Community Center. Light parade starting at 5pm.

DEC. 8TH
12-4PM

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Macomb CUSD Holiday Band Concerts

The Macomb High School Winter Choir Concert will be held Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 7pm in Fellheimer Auditorium. The Macomb High School Band Concert is Monday, Dec. 16 in Fellheimer Auditorium and the Middle School will perform on Wednesday, Dec. 18 in Fellheimer Auditorium.

The Café

We're always looking for new talent and if you want to get some stage time, this is your opportunity! Open Mic night Thursday, December 5, signup starts at 7:30. Limited spots available. Come out and show us what you got. Or come and support your favorite local musicians.

WIU School of Music Tuba Christmas

The WIU School of Music Community Tuba Christmas and the WIU Percussion Ensemble will perform at the Western Illinois Museum at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6.

The Forum

Which list will you be on? Get your ugliest Christmas sweater and head up for the Naughty or Nice Ugly Sweater Christmas Party on Friday, December 6.

Wesley United Methodist Church

We are pleased to bring you the Annual Holiday Festival of Choirs on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 2-4pm and 7:30-9:30pm with performances for the Macomb and WIU community. We will present three performances of beautiful and inspirational holiday/winter themed choral and instrumental music. The concert features Western Illinois School of Music ensembles and many special guests from the WIU, Macomb, and surrounding communities. Audience members will join us in a carol sing-along including our traditional singing of "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah.

Forgottonia Brewing

We will have Songwriter, guitarist, and vocal powerhouse Sullivan's Daughter on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 7-9pm. Sullivan's Daughter is an independent musician from Illinois. Her style spans a spectrum: Americana, Rock, Singer-Songwriter, Vocal/Musical, Dark Country, Muddy Folk, and more.

Macomb American Legion

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"The Night Before"

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Holiday Festivities & Shopping Kicks Off in Bushnell!

VFW Breakfast with Santa Saturday, Dec. 7

Join Santa for breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 7th at the Post 1422 Hall, 181 E. Hail. Santa will greet the children beginning at 8am. Children will eat for free.

Biscuits and gravy, sausage, eggs, hash

browns, pancakes and French Toast will be served from 7-10 a.m. The VFW provides on-site, takeout, and curb service - call ahead 309-333-9919.

Santa would like to see all the children

on Saturday and would also ask for any non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry for those in need this holiday season.

Happy Holidays!

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Bushnell VFW Annual Craft Show

181 E Hail St. Bushnell, IL 61455
8th DEC
12-4
Soups and desserts served by the Auxiliary.

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We will have a variety of handmade crafts, decor, baked goods, sweet treats, and more. We will also be joined by Scentsy & Paperpie Books.

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Shop Local this Christmas

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Don't forget to purchase your Bushnell Bucks!

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- * Improve the local economy
- * Keeps your community unique & exclusive
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- * Creates more jobs

Plaid Friday, Nov. 29
Small Business Saturday, Nov. 30

Keep It Real for the Holidays!
FRESH CHRISTMAS TREES
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SUNDAY, DEC 8th TRAILS END CONCESSIONS 11AM-4PM weather permitting

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 7 & Dec. 8

NO TAX at participating Merchants

Saturday, Dec. 7

VFW Breakfast with Santa from 7-10am

Christmas Light Parade 6pm

Sunday, Dec. 8

VFW Craft Show, Carriage Rides &
Ernie the Train. (Rides 1- 4pm)

Mayor, Robin Wilt

BUSHNELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Christmas Extravaganza

**NO TAX WEEKEND
DEC. 7 & 8 NOON-4**

at Participating merchants

- Hart's Nursery
 - M&B Furniture
 - Vintage Connection
 - Vintage Treasures & Toys
 - Rosemary & Rust
- (No Tax on merchandise Sunday only.)

SUNDAY, DEC. 8TH

At the Depot Noon-4pm

- Carriage Rides • Ernie the Train

VFW Auxiliary Holiday Craft Show Noon-4pm

Hosted by the VFW Ladies Auxiliary - serving soup

- Carolers & Live Music

Visit Santa at the Depot and

SIGN UP FOR DRAWINGS!

2 Adult Prizes - (2) \$200 Bushnell Market Gift Card

2 Kid Prizes - 2 Boys & 2 Girls - \$50 value each

(Need not be present to win)

Christmas at the Barn HOLIDAY MARKET

Friday, Dec. 6th • 5:30-8pm

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December 6-9, 2024

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Festival of Trees & Teddy Bear Drive

Friday
December 6
4-8 p.m.

Saturday
December 7
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday
December 8
Noon-4 p.m.

Monday
December 9
9 a.m.-Noon



\$5 Admission
Children 10 &
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Bring a teddy bear or stuffed
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event to add to the display.

All Stuffed animals will be taken back to MDH and
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Teddy Bear Drive
throughout the Festival

"I Spy" Game

People's Choice Award

\$200 Cash Raffle

Live Entertainment

Festival of Trees Gala

Thursday, December 5, 6-9 p.m. | Park Place | 127 E. Carroll Street

Ticketed Event
\$50 per adult

www.MDH.org/Festival

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, draft beer and wine

Please RSVP for the gala to
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The Macomb Arts Center will be open 6 - 7 pm
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Funds raised will benefit the MDH Surgical
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Festival
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A Magical Holiday

December 6 & 7

Friday 6 pm-9 pm

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Festival of Trees
Santa Claus
Children's Shopping Mall
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Happy 25th, Johnny!
Happy 50th, Travis!



December 2nd December 8th

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TOUR OF LIGHTS

Do you decorate your home or business for the holiday season? Add your address to the Tour of Lights for all to enjoy!

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County	2022	2023	2024
ADAMS	1437	1423	1414
ALEXANDER	239	199	225
BOND	537	562	594
BOONE	71	74	80
BROWN	655	591	629
BUREAU	609	695	628
CALHOUN	465	476	499
CARROLL	331	389	387
CASS	423	448	434
CHAMPAIGN	137	144	165
CHRISTIAN	403	417	412
CLARK	721	721	783
CLAY	889	1007	1118
CLINTON	606	588	735
COLES	487	415	523
CRAWFORD	673	729	788
CUMBERLAND	542	511	575
DEKALB	73	83	97
DEWITT	220	220	261
DOUGLAS	120	121	129
EDGAR	424	413	407
EDWARDS	317	283	309
EFFINGHAM	653	696	763
FAYETTE	1184	1166	1298
FORD	86	85	86
FRANKLIN	956	888	879
FULTON	1249	1296	1317
GALLATIN	305	306	301
GREENE	634	624	660
GRUNDY	172	217	204
HAMILTON	741	750	838
HANCOCK	1128	992	1102

HARDIN	548	467	366
HENDERSON	283	320	318
HENRY	275	321	300
IROQUOIS	257	344	338
JACKSON	1484	1371	1355
JASPER	794	784	851
JEFFERSON	1249	1286	1406
JERSEY	425	435	475
JO DAVIESS	843	967	936
JOHNSON	874	749	759
KANE	18	27	24
KANKAKEE	114	138	139
KENDALL	43	49	34
KNOX	737	821	715
LAKE	5	4	7
LASALLE	427	499	392
LAWRENCE	399	426	476
LEE	314	385	424
LIVINGSTON	268	310	323
LOGAN	193	215	252
MACON	155	135	156
MACOUPIN	1120	1077	1200
MADISON	509	484	549
MARION	1186	1202	1272
MARSHALL	412	429	462
MASON	249	280	239
MASSAC	268	247	235
MCDONOUGH	495	528	530
MCHENRY	129	204	152
MCLEAN	349	432	407
MENARD	215	262	260
MERCER	509	600	542
MONROE	856	821	798
MONTGOMERY	619	592	707
MORGAN	442	432	435

MOULTRIE	158	156	182
OGLE	356	503	418
PEORIA	576	581	554
PERRY	969	941	918
PIATT	89	84	100
PIKE	1129	1189	1136
POPE	1068	994	895
PULASKI	222	208	206
PUTNAM	228	244	229
RANDOLPH	1518	1506	1565
RICHLAND	487	480	533
ROCK ISLAND	408	526	480
SALINE	628	611	605
SANGAMON	327	357	358
SCHUYLER	904	875	914
SCOTT	190	254	216
SHELBY	883	895	921
ST. CLAIR	576	560	595
STARK	118	150	131
STEPHENSON	342	375	307
TAZEWELL	352	377	371
UNION	812	813	798
VERMILION	369	419	392
WABASH	122	126	156
WARREN	290	337	352
WASHINGTON	771	747	802
WAYNE	1015	938	1113
WHITE	553	542	532
WHITESIDE	335	402	391
WILL	134	167	150
WILLIAMSON	1287	1163	1165
WINNEBAGO	154	181	174
WOODFORD	434	475	528
Total	52,354	53,348	54,661

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The salary range for the CDL Bus Operator position is \$18.08/hr. to \$24.10/hr. For individuals that do not have a CDL at the time of hire, the non-CDL pay rate would apply until the CDL license is obtained. A DOT pre-employment physical, drug screen and background investigation will be required prior to employment. McDonough County residency required.

City of Macomb permanent part-time benefits include prorated vacation/personal/holiday pay and IMRF retirement benefits.

General employment applications are available at the Mayor's Office in Macomb City Hall; 232 E. Jackson Street, Macomb, IL or on-line at: <https://cityofmacomb.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/APPLICATION-FOR-EMPLOYMENT-.pdf> Completed applications for this position must be returned to the Mayor's Office in City Hall no later than **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2024.**

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- Thursdays 6:00–6:30 PM
- Saturdays 9:00–9:30 AM

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- Tuesdays 6:30–7:15 PM
- Thursdays 6:30–7:15 PM
- Saturdays 9:00–9:45 AM

YOUTH 4-5-6 CLASSES

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- Thursdays 6:30–7:15 PM

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- Private Lessons available please contact Stacy for more information

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Birds

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Bird expert Brian "Fox" Ellis will assist with identification along the several stops along the Mississippi River. There will also be time to explore the savory, brewed options at Green Frog Distillery (cash bar).

You can purchase your \$75 tickets online at prairielandconservancy.org/events. You may also mail in or stop by the office at 321 W University Drive in Macomb to drop off a check along with your contact information.

We hope to explore native wildlife and Midwestern conservation history with you all this Spring!

The mission of Prairie Land Conservancy is to protect wildlife habitat, open spaces, natural areas, and sustainable agriculture within west Central Illinois. PLC is a Land Trust Alliance accredited conservation land trust and a division of Prairie Hills Resource Conservation and Development. With over 2,400 acres of land in our care, we work every day to protect, restore, and enhance woodlands, prairies, and wetlands for future generations to enjoy.



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AUTOS FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 2018 red Chrysler Pacifica, 115,000 miles, \$20,000 OBO. Call **309-221-2904**.

FOR SALE: 2009 F250, 4x4, short bed super crew, white. AT, diesel. Always shedded and well maintained. Best Offer. **309-833-5697**.

FOR SALE: 2005 Saturn, 4 door sedan, 4 cyl. automatic 157,000 mi. Very Good Condition. \$2900/we take trade-ins. A-1 Automotive, 1002 E Jackson St., Macomb, **309-833-2405**.

FOR SALE: 1992 Dodge Dakota Ex-Cab, V8, auto., 2 wheel drive. Good condition. 144,000 miles. \$1,900. A-1 Automotive, 1002 E. Jackson St., Macomb, **309-833-2405**.

FOR SALE: 2005 Chevrolet Silverado pickup, 111,000 miles, good shape. \$2500 Call **309-252-8655**.

AUTOS FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 1997 GMC 3500 HD one ton dump truck. 113,405 miles, 454 automatic, wooden side boards with two wooden tail gates, also has a gravel tail gate. Needs a muffler, nice looking truck! \$7500 OBO. Call **309-837-3707**.

FOR SALE: 1951 Cadillac 62 convertible, one-family owned, purchased new in Macomb, stored inside all of its life. Has not run since 1968. Call **309-837-2886** for more information.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: One crypt in the Bushnell Mausoleum. \$550. Call **309-221-1959**.

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FOR SALE: Small dog house 32"x32", top lifts up for cleaning. Price \$100. Call **309-255-7423**.

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FOR SALE: 1972 Stereo Console, it works, call **309-337-9885**.

FOR SALE: Triumphs for sale. 2015 Tiger Explorer w/15,000 miles. Loads of accessories, \$8500. 2008 Street Triple 675 w/19,500 miles, fun sport bike, \$3500. Call **309-752-3169**.

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FOR SALE: Golf Clubs, bag, pull cart, balls, tees, etc, \$25. Clubs not matched set. Good for beginner or "duffer". For information and to see **text only 309-333-4448**, phone calls will not be answered.

FOR SALE: Hose reel, like new, used once, \$10. Be ready for Spring. If interested **text only to 309-333-4448**, phone calls will not be answered.

FREE

FREE: Beautiful small Kimball piano w/bench. 36"x56", maple and tuned. Downsizing and needing the room. You pick up. Call **309-772-3703**.

FREE: Agri Fab Leaf Sweeper. Call **309-331-4060**.

FREE: Vinyl shutters uniformed sizes, with hardware., Asphalt shingles -- 1 bundle. Call for more information **309-333-5793**.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT: 2-3 Bedroom trailers or rent, \$300-400 a month, with deposit of equal or lesser value required. For questions call **309-837-3020**.

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LOST: Masonic Ring in Macomb. If found please call **309-997-0872**. Reward.

FOUND: Bracelet found at the Macomb Walmart in the west side parking lot on October 18. Call **Joe 217-430-7730**.

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By Lucie Winborne

* In cities like Seattle and Des Moines, the number of parking spaces per acre is about five to 20 times that of residential units.

* Spiked and studded dog collars derive from the days of the ancient Greeks, who would give their sheepdogs sharply spiked collars to protect their necks from wolves while they watched over a shepherd's flock at night.

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* The "Ding" bowl, purchased for \$3 at a New York garage sale, turned out to be a 1,000-year-old Chinese bowl from the Northern Song Dynasty. It later sold at auction for \$2.2 million.

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* The square dance is the official state dance (or folk dance) of 24 states.

* Ancient Roman artisans created a glass chalice known as the Lycurgus Cup with nanoparticles of gold and silver so the type of liquid it contained would determine its appearance. On display, the cup appears jade-green when lit from the front, but blood-red when lit from behind.

* Nepal's Kusunda language has no words for yes or no, or for directions such as left or right.

* Modern Olympics founder Baron Coubertin tried to create an Olympic event combining a 14-km race with a written essay to demonstrate prowess in mind and body. It never made it to the starting block.

* Contrary to popular belief, the bottom figures on a totem pole usually hold the most significance, as their placement keeps them closer to viewers.

Thought for the Day: "The key is in not spending time, but in investing it."

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