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OUR MISSION: TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF THE MACOMB AREA. OUR VISION: TO SERVE AS A CATALYST FOR THE BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY'S COLLECTIVE EFFORTS TO ENHANCE THE ECONOMIC CLIMATE AND QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL OUR CITIZENS.









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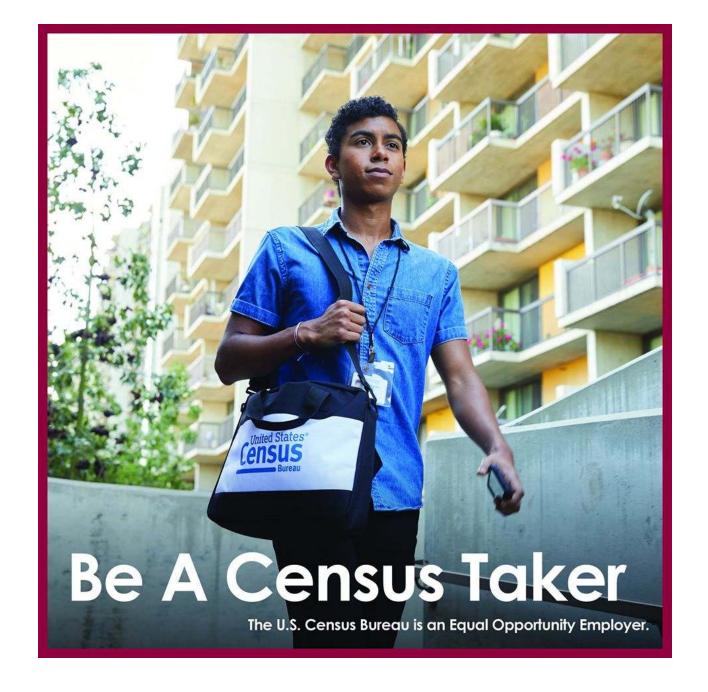
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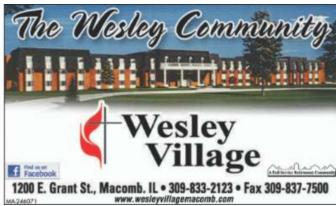


Be a part of the 2020 Census

Be a Census Taker and get paid \$17.50 per hour! 2020 Census Jobs are temporary, provide extra income and weekly pay, flexible hours and even your training is paid. Businesses are encouraged to promote this opportunity to their part-time employees, as a flexible way to earn extra income. Apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs.







The Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce looks forward to another year of serving your businesses

and our community. We have been an integral part of the growth and development of the Macomb area for over 80 years. Through our commitment to pro-business efforts, the Chamber offers all the resources necessary for our members to assure that while you are working on your business, we are working for your business.



I hope you had a wonderful holiday with loved ones and I really hope you all had a chance to relax, at least for a little bit. I love a new year and a fresh start and I look forward to seeing what 2020 has in store for Macomb!

As always, contact me at any time by emailing <u>lauren@macombareachamber.com</u> or calling the Chamber office at (309) 837-4855. I always welcome your questions, comments, and concerns.

Lauren Merritt
Executive Director



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For more information, contact the MACC @ 309.837.4855 or info@macombareachamber.com

Marketing Director Update

Happy 2020!

We hope you had a joyous holiday season! It's a new year and after a festive break the Chamber

office is ready to get back to work to ensure our business community has all they need to fulfill those professional new year's resolutions. With renewed 20-20 vision (yes, we went there!), we are committed now, more than ever, to providing a fresh perspective this year. We have a newly rebranded community and business guide coming out to get locals, students, and visitors familiar with your business and all of the great assets that our area has to offer.



With a wealth of resources, networking, and marketing opportunities at your disposal; we want to help you increase your career productivity, enhance your client list, tap into the latest business news in your community, engage with local leaders, and become more involved in the city you call home.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or need more information on using your marketing benefits; you can find me at shay@macombareachamber.com. Not an email person, call the office at (309) 837-4855 and we'll walk through all that the Chamber has to offer you!

Let's make it a great month,

Shay Holland Marketing Director

Learn More

Sponsorship Opportunities



We are always hard at work to help advocate, promote, and support the local business community. In order to help us better fulfill our mission, we have put together a comprehensive list of opportunities for you to invest in the vibrancy of the Macomb Area region. For a full list of sponsorship options, visit our website at www.macombareachamber.com.

Learn More







Macomb Business Academy (MBA) is a program designed to develop leadership potential within the community to meet the demands of tomorrow. MBA identifies emerging leaders within the Macomb area and provides a broad view of civic leadership through direct contact with the leaders and institutions shaping the community. The program runs from September through November with weekly, two-hour sessions. Participants will expand their knowledge and contacts within their community. Each week MBA will meet from 8-10 am and will hear from a different speaker(s) each week. Participants will explore "Strengths Based Leadership," while further developing their leadership skills and building connections.

Sessions for 2020 September 3 - November 19

Introduction and Team Development
Economic Development
Local & Area Government
Not For Profit & Service Organizations
Health Care
Agriculture in our Community
Local Safety & Crisis Response
Manufacturing in our Community
Education
Shop Local
Transportation
Creating an Inclusive Community

Registration materials for the 2020 MBA class will be distributed via the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce office when sign ups have started. For more information, visit <u>macombareachamber.com</u>.



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Ambassadors

You may have heard the words "Ambassador" several times at our events. Who are the real people behind those shiny, silver name tags? Allow us to shine some light on the this month's featured Ambassador with our Ambassador Spotlight!



Jessica Butcher

Jessica Butcher works as the Assistant Director of Residence Life in University Housing and Dining Services at Western Illinois University. She has been at WIU since 1998, serving previously as Complex Director in Thompson Hall, Asst. Director of Student Development and Orientation, and Assistant to the Vice President for Student Services. She received her Bachelor's degree in English and Speech Communication from Monmouth College and her Master's degree in College Student Personnel from WIU. Prior to working at WIU, Jessica spent two years as a Residence Hall Director at University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign. In her time at WIU, Jessica has worked on numerous committees including the First Year Experience Committee, Community University Partnership Program, and supervised the founding team of Big Pink Volleyball to raise money for breast cancer research. She teaches University 100 class to first year students, and has chaired and served on numerous search committees over the years. Jessica serves as a Chamber of Commerce Ambassador, Performing Arts Society Board member, Community Prayer Breakfast Committee member, Brownie Troop Leader, St. Paul Parish Council and St. Paul School volunteer. She fundraises and runs each summer for the Macomb to Peoria St. Jude run. She was awarded the Chamber of Commerce Chairman's Award in 2016 and the WIU Council of Administrative Personnel Employee of the Year for 2017. Jessica enjoys working out and spending time with friends and family. Her husband, Chris, is a sergeantwith the Macomb Police Department, and they have two daughters, Mullen Grace and Cain Christine





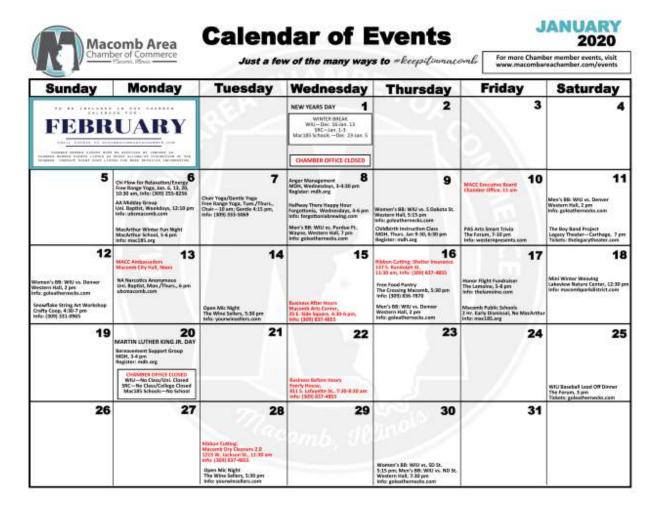


Upcoming Events

Welcome to January 2020; packed with local events, right in your community, that may impact and increase your business. Make the most of your membership by staying informed about the latest and greatest happening in the Macomb area. Some events are big, some small; but they all help us #keepitinmacomb!



Be in the know. Find the Chamber calendar right here by clicking the gray box, on our website, on social media and in our office. Get out there, get involved, get engaged, and have some fun!





Calendar

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This is the spot where we show off all the cool, unique things the Chamber and our members discover as they live, work, and play in this place we call home. We welcome you to submit your latest and greatest moments below and we'd love to share them! Here are just a few of the ways our community likes to:

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Local non-profit seeks your help

The Alzheimer's Association is currently looking for volunteers, community members, and organizations who wish to be part of the 2020 Walk to End Alzheimer's Planning Committee. The walk will be held September 19, 2020 in Chandler Park, Downtown

Macomb. The association is seeking a variety of committee positions and is community resources as they prepare for the upcoming event.

If you wish to get involved or find out more information, contact Cheri Robertson, Manager of Special Events at the Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter at (217) 641-0140 or at crobertson@alz.org



Thank you our third grade Adopt-a-Classroom at Lincoln School for having our office come to make #keepitinmacomb local gingerbread businesses with them on December 17.

Chamber Gift Certificates

Looking to use those Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce gift certificates, but need some inspiration? Found a super vintage one and need an updated business list? You can find it right on our website at www.macombareachamber.com or here. If you prefer a print copy, we have them available in our office. With over 144 locations and no expiration date, it's easier than ever to #keepitinmacomb!

Submit yours







New car wash business breaks ground

A groundbreaking on a \$3M community investment by Showroom Shine Express Wash took place on December 12. This will be the region's first automated tunnel car wash will be located in front of the Hampton Inn on East Jackson Street in Macomb. Construction will begin immediately and the business is set to open in September 2020.

Information: maedco.org



WIU to conduct national search for president

The Board of Trustees at Western Illinois University has elected to form a search committee for its new president during a December 13 meeting. The board voted to not approve interim president Martin Abraham to be appointed president, and instead voted approval for the presidential search process to commence.

Information: wiu.edu

Local realtors raise funds for kids

The Lamoine Valley REALTORS® Chapter of the Peoria Area Association of REALTORS® (PAAR) raised \$6,647.65 this year in its sixth annual "Boots for Kids" program, which raises funds to provide winter apparel to local youth . The amount raised tops last year's record of \$5,382, said Robin Briney, managing broker of Key Realtors in Macomb and the program chair. The program has grown every year.

Schools receiving donations this year are West Prairie South Elementary School in Colchester, West Prairie North Elementary School in Good Hope, Bushnell-Prairie City Elementary School and Lincoln School in the Macomb School District.

Information: Illinoisrealtors.org



WIRC director stepping down

After three years of in the position, Shaun Pritchard announced he will be stepping down as Western Illinois Regional Council (WIRC) Executive Director effective January 3, 2020. During their December 12 meeting, the WIRC & CAA

Boards of Directors approved WIRC employee Nathan Cobb as Interim Executive Director.

Cobb has worked at WIRC in multiple departments over the last ten years, and has extensive knowledge of the agency's services and programs. Since January 2014, Cobb has served as Transit Director of McDonough County Public Transportation.

WIRC, based in Macomb, provides technical assistance to local governments and elected officials facing complex community and

economic development issues. WIRC's Community Action Agency department provides efficient and diverse human services to help individuals and families help themselves.

Information: wirpc.org.

Fire Chief Hyde to retire

City of Macomb Fire Chief, J.R. Hyde has voluntarily retired from the position effective December 31, 2019. Deputy Chief Rick Driskell was voted as interim fire chief by the city council to begin January 1, 2020.

Information: (309) 836-7800.





Business After Hours - MidAmerica National Bank December 18







Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce 2020 Business After Hours

4:30-6 pm (Held the 3rd Wednesday of each month)

JANUARY 15

Macomb Arts Center 25 East Side Square, Macomb

FEBRUARY 19

IMEG Corporation

714 East Jackson Street, Macomb

MARCH 18

Grand Prairie Supportive Living 1307 Meadowlark Lane, Macomb

APRIL 15

The Dental ER

1601 West Jackson Street, Macomb

MAY 20

Woodrum Ford Lincoln Toyota 3100 East Jackson Street, Macomb

JUNE 17

Pumo Insurance

19 East Side Square, Macomb

JULY 15

Village at Wheeler Homes 1641 Wheeler Street, Macomb

AUGUST 19

McDonough District Hospital 525 East Grant Street, Macomb

SEPTEMBER 16

Regional Media

1034 West Jackson Street, Macomb

OCTOBER 21

Wesley Village

1200 East Jackson Street, Macomb

NOVEMBER 18

The Whytehouse Restaurant & Catering 127 East Carroll Street, Macomb

DECEMBER 16

First Bankers Trust Company

440 North Lafayette Street, Macomb

Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce 2020 Business Before Hours

7:30—8:30 am (Held the 4th Wednesday in January, April, July, and October)

JANUARY 22

Everly House

811 South Lafayette Street, Macomb

APRIL 22

BRIDGEWAY

900 South Deer Road, Macomb

JULY 22

Goodwill Industries

1522 East Carroll Street, Macomb

OCTOBER 28

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Ribbon Cuttings



<u>Sun Kissed Skin - Airbrush Tanning</u>: The Ambassador Committee of the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting on December 4 for Sun Kissed Skin - Airbrush Tanning (104 N. Ward Street, Suite D in Macomb), a Chamber member since June 2019. Owner, Kelly Nelson and staff provide custom spray tans and tanning supplies to match a variety of natural skin tones. To schedule an appointment, call (309) 291-3600 or find them on <u>Facebook</u>.



Azer Clinic: The Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting on December 11 for Azer Clinic (located within the Lamoine Assisted Living and Memory Care - 203 N. Randolph St.). Azer Clinic, a locally owned and operated rehabilitation company, provides on-site speech, occupational and physical therapy to both Lamoine residents and the public. The new clinic operates independently of The Lamoine, serving out-patients with their own Azer Clinic staff members, who care for patients on an individual, one-on-one basis.

To schedule an appointment, call (309) 344-3400

Want to add your picture here?

Good news, you don't have to be a brand new business to hold a ribbon cutting. Redesigned your

office? Added new employees? Want to feature a new product? Just looking for a lot of local exposure? Schedule a ribbon cutting with us. It's a FREE way to tell the business community that you want to #keepitinmacomb! We bring the scissors, take the picture, spread the word to local media, and you reap all the benefits!



To schedule a ribbon cutting



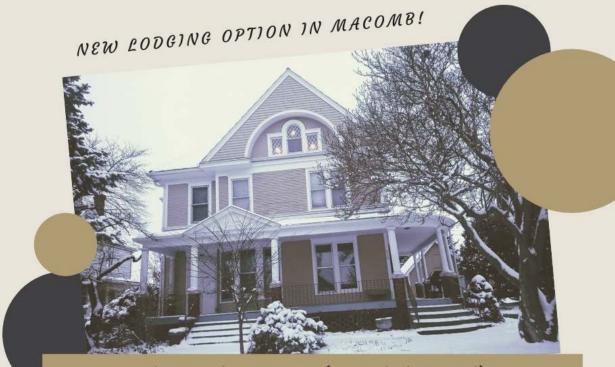


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New Members



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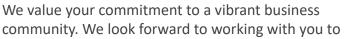
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To join the Chamber

Member Renewal

Thank you to our members who have continued their annual investment with the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce in the month of December 2019.





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Casey's East/West
Terrill Title Co., Inc.
Spring Lake Management
Macomb Country Club
Kent Slater
First Bankers Trust, Co.
McDonough County Soil & Water Conservation District
Smith & Royer Apartments
Macomb City Clerk
All About You

Premier Specialty Advertising

Springfield Clinic

Wesley United Methodist Church

The Attic II

Cobb Aviation

Community News Brief

Brown's Shoe Fit Co.

STC Investments

Western Illinois University

Western Illinois University - College of Business & Technology

Mosaic

Rocky's Bar & Grill

<u>Allegra</u>

Wells Fargo Advisors

McDonough County Voice

Woodrum Ford Lincoln Toyota

Pella Corporation

Century 21 Purdum-Epperson - Lorraine Epperson

Wayland Ready Mix Concrete, Inc.

Purdum Gray Ingledue Beck, Inc.

The Study

Tillitt Collision Repair

Harry Mussatto Golf Course

Vision Consultants

(Members listed in order of renewals received)







Local Statistics

	NOVEMBER 2019	NOVEMBER 2018
TAXES		
Sales	\$241,320.33	\$232,918.43
Bed	\$29,809.29	\$25,547.63
Motor Fuel	\$42,254.37	\$51,547.63
AIRPORT		
Landings	176	199
Fuel Sold (gallons)	11,585	11,794
BUILDING PERMITS		
Total Issued	28	11
REAL ESTATE	OCTOBER 2019	OCTOBER 2018
Listings Sold	15	16
Median Sales Price	\$69,900 \$85,700	\$74,900 \$92,827
Avg. Sale Price Days on Market	\$85,729 213	220
LABOR FORCE	SEPTEMBER 2019	SEPTEMBER 2018
Labor Force	13,693	13,926
Unemployment (Macomb Micro. Area)	5.6%	4.2%





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