## **JANUARY 2022**



## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

A DIGITAL LOOK AT YOUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY



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.



THE MACOMB AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE







## THANK YOU TO OUR CHAMBER COMMUNITY LEADERS





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Ketra Roselieb Executive Director of Financial Affairs Western Illinois University



lan Nelson Owner Nelson's Clothing



Lisa Ward Owner Magnolia's Restaurant & Catering



The Chamber's Board of Directors consists of 15 members, each serving a three year term. Nominees are recommended by the Board's Nominating Committee and elected by the Board of Directors. Nominees are chosen based on their involvement in the Chamber with an emphasis on ensuring a broad representation of businesses in the area to ensure diversity and a voice for businesses of all types and sizes.

## **Restore Illinois**

As McDonough County remains in Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois plan, we invite you to visit the links below to keep up on the latest COVID-19 information, mask mandates, and resources.



Macomb Area Chamber Illinois Health Dept.

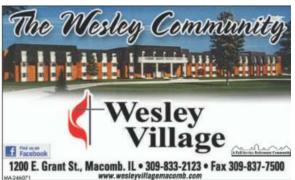
State of Illinois

McDonough Health

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## **Executive Director Letter**

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a fun and relaxing holiday with loved ones. The Chamber office is always closed for the week between Christmas and New Year's, and I find it a great time unplug from work and focus on family and friends instead. I come back recharged and ready to tackle whatever comes next!



This month be on the lookout for our 2022 Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce Community Guide & Business Directory! The Chamber has already placed display stands on the WIU campus and will be adding more at Spoon River College, McDonough District Hospital, some area hotels and more! Plus, we always have them out at the Amtrak station and City Hall!

I look forward to seeing what 2022 has in store. We're not quite out of the COVID-19 woods yet, but hopefully this year we can get enough of the community vaccinated to get this under control. Until then, please continue to practice caution when out in public.

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

I wish you and yours a prosperous and happy 2022.

Lauren

**Email Lauren** 



## **Marketing Director Letter**

It's 2022! We all made it another year together as a community. We realize some of you are ready to run right into a new year, because that number change represents new possibilities, opportunities, and goals to meet. But we also recognize that there are some



of you still limping across the finish line just trying to hold it all together, let alone greet another year with any kind of enthusiasm and vigor. However you are coming into January, we're here for you. We're ready to meet you wherever you are.

We have a new 2022 Macomb Area Community Guide and Business Directory coming your way, full of exciting updates and the same solid, business resources you have come to know and love. We have a lot to celebrate in the local business community; great area amenities, education, healthcare, manufacturing, agriculture, and all the amazing things that you all so passionately bring to our region. So thank you for allowing us the pleasure of showing off how much you have to offer locals, customers, students, and visitors to Macomb. We hope you have a great new year and we will continue to offer up new and innovative marketing ideas paired with the same personalized service your business needs to succeed each day.

Per usual, if you need to reach me with any marketing or member needs, hit up <a href="mailto:shay@macombareachamber.com">shay@macombareachamber.com</a> or call the office at (309) 837-4855. Let's make it a great month!

Happy holidays from us to you!

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## **Gift Certificates**

The Holiday Season may be over, but there is always an occasion to celebrate with Macomb Area Chamber Gift Certificates! Weddings. Baby Gifts. Birthdays. Anniversaries. Or Just Because. They never expire. They never go out of style. They make the perfect Shop Local gift all year!



## The City of Macomb

The City of Macomb is actively working with several local agencies and state authorities to provide the clearest and most up-to-date information, events, and municipal developments for all citizens. For more information, visit their website.



The City of Macomb continues to routinely share community updates on a variety of topics via a series of videos which can be viewed via the City of Macomb on YouTube.

City of Macomb Website

City of Macomb - YouTube

Downtown





## **Announcements & Opportunities**

## Submit your 2021 Business/Business Leader of the Year

We are preparing for our 2021 Annual Awards. Every year, the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce awards a Business of the Year and a Business Leader of the Year. Before the Chamber Board of Directors can vote on the recipients of these distinguished awards, we need nominations.

Who can nominate? Anyone may nominate a Business of the Year or Business Leader of the Year.

Please include the NOMINEE name and contact information, as well as YOUR name and contact information. You must also write a brief explanation of why you are nominating the business or person. If this is not included, your nomination is not valid and will not be entered. Winners will be announced at our annual awards reception, date and location TBD.



Nomination Deadline: January 15, 2022

## **Business of the Year Criteria**

- 1. Nominee must be an active business with a location in the Macomb Area. 1
- 2. Nominee must be a member in good standing with the Chamber of Commerce.
- 3. Nominee must have been in business for at least 3 years.
- 4. Nominee must have demonstrated one or more of the following characteristics:
  - Revenue growth and/or job growth.
  - Innovative products or services.
  - · Provides exemplary customer service.
  - Encourages and provides professional development of staff.
  - Volunteers in the Macomb Area community.

## MACC Previous Winners (ineligible for 3 years):

2020 - Magnolia's Restaurant & Catering

2019 - Nelson's Clothing

2018 - Nostalgia on the Square

## **Business Leader of the Year Criteria**

- 1. Nominee has demonstrated excellence in their profession.
- 2. Nominee is an active Chamber member.
- 3. Nominee has often gone the extra mile to get involved in programs and activities that benefit our community.
- 4. Nominee displays leadership, initiative, creativity and dedication professionally.
- 5. Nominee inspires others to get involved or makes a difference in the lives of others.

## MACC Previous Winners (ineligible for 3 years):

2020 - John Biernbaum "JB", Western Illinois University

2019 - Eric & Karen Blakeley, Macomb Dry Cleaners 2.0

2018 - Rachel Lenz, Macomb Park District

PLEASE MAIL OR E-MAIL YOUR NOMINATION(S) TO:
Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce
214 N. Lafayette St.

## Macomb, IL 61455 or <u>lauren@macombareachamber.com</u>

Nominations

## **December Business After Hours - MidAmerica National Bank**

















BAH/BBH Schedule

## **Ambassadors**

The Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Committee serve as the public relations arm of the Chamber. They enhance the image of our business community and the organization by presenting a positive and professional attitude at Chamber events and



throughout their interactions with the business community.

These 20+ volunteers are the ultimate Chamber cheerleaders.

Ambassadors













## **PROFESSIONALS** OF MACOMB

Open to young professionals and college students in the Macomb Area



## What We Offer 🗡



- Networking Opportunities
- Educational Knowledge-Based Professional Development
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Linkage to other young professionals

For more information visit macombareachamber.com/ypm or contact

info@macombareachamber.com









## **Sponsorship Opportunities**

As a sponsor of Young Professionals of Macomb, you will be assisting with the funding of our resurging group that has been in hiatus due to the pandemic. Your generosity will provide a group of dedicated young adults in Macomb the opportunity to connect with each other and the business community, while increasing their personal and professional development.

Sponsoring the YPM group will grant you exclusive access to these energized and aspiring young professionals. These sponsorships allow people of various professional backgrounds to engage in this group with minimal dues. As the group expands these sponsorships will ensure the program is providing the most efficient resources, including professional speakers, networking opportunities, and the educational materials needed for their success.

Audience: Young professionals, business owners, aspiring entrepreneurs, graduate students

**Meetings:** Monthly (last week of every month)

### **Executive Sponsor**

- Recognition as an Executive sponsor for YPM.
- Logo and link to website on MACC homepage.
- · Name and logo included on all promotional items (brochures, flyers, signage, etc.)
- Special signage during all YPM events.
- Ability to address crowd once per year.
- · Ability to distribute material at YPM events.
- · Four email blasts per year to YPM group.
- · Up to four memberships will be given to sponsor.

......Sponsorship cost - \$1,000

## **Professional Sponsor**

- · Recognition as Professional Sponsor for YPM group.
- · Logo and link to website on MACC homepage.
- · Name and logo included on all promotional items.
- · Special signage during all YPM events.
- · Two email blasts per year to YPM group.
- Up to two memberships will be given to sponsor.

......Sponsorship cost - \$500

## YPM Supporter

- · Designation and recognition as an official supporter of YPM.
- The sponsor's logo and link will be listed on the MACC YPM website.

......Sponsorship cost - \$100

For information on how to become a sponsor contact us!

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## **Ribbon Cuttings**



**Schedule A Ribbon Cutting** 



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## **Calendar of Events**

Welcome to a new month! Local events are in full swing this holiday season. You will find a full range of Chamber member events on our monthly calendar.



**Chamber Calendar** 

**Submit Your Events** 

## Jefferson House

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Household head/co-head must be 62+ or disabled for Section 8 eligibility. Subsidy available to reduce rent to 30% of income. Income limits apply.

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## **Member Renewals**

Thank you to our members who have continued their yearly investment with the Macomb Area Chamber of



Commerce within the last month. Your support of the local business community is critical, now more than ever, as we look forward to working with you to serve as a platform that provides opportunities for growth and development for your organization and the Macomb area as a whole.



**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS** & TECHNOLOGY













































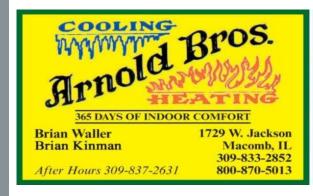






Galesburg Builders Supply Monmouth Ready Mix Wayland Ready Mix







**New Members** 



Ron Elbe Auto Sales



The Shop



**Phoenix Food Shack** 

Join the Chamber





Convenient & Affordable Service to Your Destination!

## **Job Postings**

With several industries and career opportunities in our region, the Job Postings section on the Macomb Area Chamber website has become a onestop shop for posting and finding



quality positions and ideal candidates right in the immediate area. You can find job openings, training programs, and and more on our website below.



# HIRE & BEHIRED

Explore and post exciting career opportunities in a variety of fields directly in the Macomb Area!

macombareachamber.com/jobs









**Macomb Real Estate** 

McDonough County Real Estate Quarterly Market Report







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