

OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



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Executive Director Letter

Hello Chamber Members,

The weather is finally starting to show signs of turning to the more usual crisp fall breezes and temps, but as of this writing we're still not quite there yet. I know I'm ready for sweater weather, and if you are too I'd get out to our local shops and grab some autumn colored clothing and shoes – there's plenty to choose from, but it won't be around for long!



This month we're excited to bring back our annual Legislative Luncheon! We will be joined by Senator Jil Tracy and Representative Norine Hammond for a legislative update, a buffet lunch, and a chance to ask your questions and share your concerns. We are keeping table sizes small and spaced out and ask that masks be worn when not eating or drinking. You can register for this informative event at bit.ly/legislativeluncheon21 or contact the Chamber and we'll get you taken care of!

We are busy working on the 2022 Macomb Area Community Guide & Business Directory and look forward to having it in our hands next year! We're excited to continue to produce such a great resource for the community that also serves as a great benefit for all our member businesses and organizations. If your contact information, address, or name has changed in the last year or two, please contact the Chamber to ensure your directory listing is correct.

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.

Wishing you all a wonderful October and a Happy Halloween!

Lauren

Email Lauren



Marketing Director Letter

Welcome to October!

It may only be Fall, but our office is always planning ahead months in advance. We are hard at work of putting together our 2022-2023 Macomb Area Community Guide & Business Directory to be ready to welcome locals, visitors, and students to the new year.

We pack this little book with loads of community information, photos, events, and more - including your Chamber business/organization listing! This directory is becoming the go-to read at area hotels, medical waiting rooms, college campuses, restaurants, government buildings, the train station, and more. We want to make sure all those readers (and potential customers) know how to find you and your services as easily as possible!

A lot can happen in a year, so we invite you to update your Macomb Area Chamber business directory page via the Member Information Center (if you need your personalized log-in, please contact our office) visit our website, or simply call me and we can go over it all low-tech style. We'll get it all spruced up now, so the new year can have you reaching those goals, connecting with clients, and engaging with your community.

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

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your
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Contact your marketing consultant today!
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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 Macomb continues with improvements

The City of Macomb is currently moving forward with Phase II of their Downtown Revitalization Project, which features updates to sidewalks, lighting, and landscaping. The estimated date of completion for the entire project is December 2021. For detailed information, visit the city website.



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Announcements & Opportunities

The Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to our annual...

Legislative LUNCHEON 2021

Friday, October 22

Featured Speakers




**State Senator
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**State Representative
Norine Hammond,
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11:30 a.m. - Buffet lunch
Noon - Speakers



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Name _____ E-mail _____

Name _____ E-mail _____

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214 N. Lafayette St.
Macomb, IL 61455



or register online at bit.ly/legislativeluncheon21

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Non-Member reservation	_____ x \$40
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Register

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2021 MBA presentations

Thank you to local government and community leaders who took the time to present to our 2021 Macomb Business Academy class on September 17. Pictured are City of Macomb Mayor Michael Inman; City Alderman Dennis Moon; County Board Member Terra Litchfield, and City of Macomb Alderman at Large Tammie Leigh Brown-Edwards.



Thank you to our panel of local healthcare professionals who took part in speaking with members of our 2021 Macomb Business Academy on September 28. Pictured are Adrian MacGregor (VP of Business Development/Outreach/ Compliance/Strategic Planning) and Peter Rao (VP of McDonough District Hospital Medical Group), MBA moderators Ketra Roselieb and Justin Schuch. Not pictured are Robin Wike (Director of Bickford Senior Living) and Kelsey Reeder (Director of Resident Services at Wesley Village).



McDonough County CEO announces new class

McDonough County CEO is pleased to introduce their third class of student entrepreneurs, making up the McDonough County CEO Class of 2022.



Throughout the program year, students will visit local businesses, learn from guest speakers, participate in operating a class business, write a business plan, and, from concept to reality, build their own legal, functioning business entity. Students meet for class each weekday from 7:30 to 9 a.m., arriving at a local business or meeting location dressed in business attire, ready to meet community members, and learn life skills. CEO works to foster skills like problem-solving, teamwork, self-motivation, responsibility, critical thinking, communication and curiosity.

Students in the McDonough County CEO program come from schools throughout the county, including Bushnell-Prairie City, Macomb, West Prairie, Trinity Academy, and homeschool. Twelve juniors and seniors were selected for the 2021-22 class



Participants are: Thalia Adkins-Covert, Macomb; Trinity Christensen, Macomb; Emma Coursey, Bushnell-Prairie City; Kayla Davis, Macomb; Braydon DeCounter, West Prairie; Jake Hyde, Macomb; Ava Kilburn, West Prairie; Sarah Riggins, Macomb; JD Runyan, Trinity Academy; Griffin Skees-Kessler, Macomb ; Nathan Spangler, Bushnell-Prairie City; Aaron Taflinger, homeschool



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Mix + mingle + meet students
in the McDonough County CEO Program

CEO

McDonough County Quality of Life Committee presents awards

On an annual basis, the McDonough County Quality of Life Advisory Committee solicits nominations and selects McDonough County residents and/or organizations who have contributed to improving the safety and quality of life in our County.

It is with great pleasure that the McDonough County Quality of Life Advisory Committee would like to announce its annual award winners who have contributed to improving the safety and quality of life in McDonough County through their outstanding efforts during the unprecedented COVID-19 Pandemic.

The 2021 Outstanding Community Service Awardees are:

- McDonough District Hospital Drive-Thru Staff
- First Presbyterian Church of Macomb
- Wanda Foster (MDH)

Due to the Pandemic, there was not an annual recognition banquet to formally recognize these amazing people. However, these individuals and organizations were independently recognized over the past two weeks. There were many social media postings over the past week or more regarding these presentations.

Also, the annual Clyde Cronkhite Award was officially announced on Tuesday, September 21 in a surprise like fashion. The prestigious Cronkhite Award is given to an individual who demonstrates outstanding leadership, vision, and dedication to the quality of life in McDonough County. It's named after Dr. Clyde L. Cronkhite, the founder of the McDonough Community Quality of Life Committee, who believed in civic development and steadfast commitment to service.

The 2021 Clyde Cronkhite Award was presented to Joe Roselieb. This is one of the highest civic awards given to a McDonough County citizen.

The recipient of this award possesses the following:

- Has a long-term commitment to the quality of life in McDonough County by being engaged with others in the community and giving of his or her time and resources
- Is focused on others through communicating, organizing, supporting, mentoring, championing, and developing individuals or groups of individuals
- Offers his or her time and talents freely

• Is dedicated to the recognition and growth of others.
The McDonough County Quality of Life Advisory Committee wants to congratulate this year's award winners for serving as role models for other County citizens. They are all wonderful examples of improving the Quality of Life in our County through service to our community.



2021 Clyde Cronkrite Award Recipient - Joe Roselieb



2021 Outstanding Service Award - MDH Drive-Thru Staff



2021 Outstanding Service Award - Wanda Foster (MDH)



2021 Outstanding Service Award - First Presbyterian Church of Macomb

“The Brix Challenge 2021”



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The Brix Challenge
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You may also use the PayPal option on the Humane Society website at www.hsmcil.org

Thank you for your support. This year we need you more than ever!!!!
For more information visit www.hsmcil.org

Humane Society



Nathan Cobb \$5,000 Memorial Scholarship

Nathan tragically passed away in January 2020. Janet and Lee Cobb, his parents, are offering this scholarship in collaboration with WIRC-CAA to continue his legacy of helping people in need.

"He deeply cared about his work and the persons that he served; going the extra mile to ensure that a job was done well." - Suzan Nash, WIRC

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Applications are also available for pickup from local guidance counselors, college financial aid offices, or at WIRC-CAA, 133 West Jackson Street, Macomb.

Eligibility Guidelines:

1. You have been a resident of McDonough County for at least one year.
2. Your household's annual income does not exceed the following guidelines: \$38,640 for a one-person household; \$52,260 for a two-person household; \$65,880 for a three-person household; for each additional household member, add \$13,620.
3. You have a high school diploma or GED, or you will graduate by December 31, 2021 from an accredited high school or GED administering institution.
4. You are a full-time student at a college/university, community college, or occupational training program.

One traditional student *and* one non-traditional student will be awarded a scholarship.

Apply by Friday, November 19, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.



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For more information, call WIRC-CAA at (309) 837-2997 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Scholarship

September Business After Hours - McDonough District Hospital



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. Here is just one of the 24 volunteers who are the ultimate Chamber cheerleaders.

AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT



Jodi Hyde joined MidAmerica National Bank as a Mortgage Loan Officer in September 2017. She received her BA in Public Communications and Human Relations and a minor in Finance from Western Illinois University.

She is married to JR Hyde, who retired as Fire Chief from the Macomb Fire Department and currently works at McDonough District Hospital. Jodi and JR reside near Spring Lake in Macomb with their two children, son, Jake (18) and daughter, Dru (13).

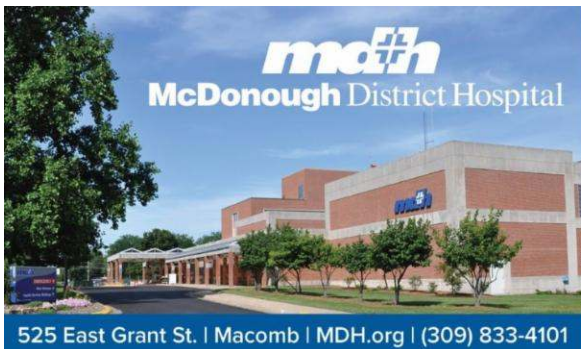
Jodi enjoys watching Jake and Dru participate in sports and many school activities. In her spare time, she enjoys running and has been a St. Jude fundraiser and runner since 2007. She also enjoys spending time with family and friends and Jeep rides.

- Jodi Hyde, MidAmerica National Bank



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Ambassadors



Ribbon Cuttings

Jackie & Dave Thompson Dog Park: The Ambassador Committee of the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting on September 1 for the Macomb Park District's Jackie and Dave Thompson Dog Park located within Patton Park in Macomb. The brand new dog park, which was generously financed by the Thompsons and other grants, features a half acre space for canines to roam free, as well as separate play areas to cater to animals of various sizes, dispositions, health needs, and more. The dog park, which is open year round, can be accessed via the South Ward entrance of Patton Park. Additional landscaping, brick accents, and shade features will be added to the facility at a later date. For off-leash guidelines and more information, visit the Macomb Park District website.



Macomb Park District

Sutton Law & Mediation, P.C.: The Ambassador Committee of the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting on September 10 for Sutton Law & Mediation, P.C. Principal Attorney Emily Sutton was appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court to serve as circuit court judge in the Ninth Judicial Circuit in August 2019. Her term ended in December 2020, and she returned to private practice opening Sutton Law & Mediation, P.C. in January 2021 and joined the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce in the same month. For information, call (701) 484-2224 or visit their website.





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Calendar of Events

Welcome to a new month! Local events are starting to make a comeback this Summer. You will find a full range of Chamber member events on our monthly calendar.

As a FREE member benefit, we invite you to send your events to us and we will include them on our website calendar. Whether virtual or in person, we want to help get the word out about the new ways you are helping us all #keepitnmacomb!



Submit Your Events

October Calendar

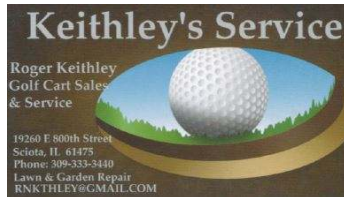
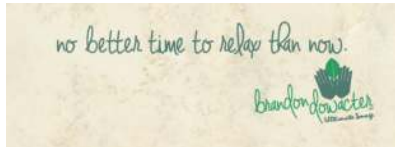
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Jobs

Local Stats

A monthly look at the city/region

INCOME AUGUST

- SALES: \$311,720.29
- BED: \$18,731.64
- MOTOR FUEL: \$41,573.07

Source: City of Macomb, Business Office

AIRPORT AUGUST

- LANDINGS: 301
- FUEL SOLD (gallons): 15,303.9

Source: Macomb Municipal Airport

BUILDING PERMITS AUGUST

- TOTAL ISSUED: 33

Source: City of Macomb, Zoning Office

LABOR FORCE (Macomb Micropolitan Area) JUNE

- LABOR FORCE: 11,439
- UNEMPLOYMENT: 6.6%

Source: Illinois Dept. of Employment Security



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