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WEATHER

Today
 **HIGH 75**
LOW 58

Saturday
 **HIGH 75**
LOW 62

Sunday
 **HIGH 78**
LOW 64

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B-PC Board recognizes district retirees



LAINIE STEELMAN/THE VOICE

The Bushnell-Prairie City Board of Education recognized the district's retirees and an outgoing board member during a regular meeting Wednesday evening. From left, are B-PC Board President Steve Hess, who presented the plaques; outgoing board member Brad Coates; Debbie Downs, administrative assistant, 13 years; Mary Jane Chase, 15 years, preschool teacher and Jean Davenport, 34 years, Title I language arts teacher.

ARREST

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In those matters, nothing has been reported

missing. An investigation led to Doss and a male juvenile, who were taken in by authorities Wednesday afternoon.

The juvenile was ques-

tioned and released to a guardian. Doss was charged with three counts of burglary to a place of worship, a Class 1 felony, and lodged in the McDonough County Jail.

During an initial court appearance, his bond was set at \$40,000.

Doss will later be transported to Warren County to face burglary charges there.

HISTORY

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Chandler gradually acquired the land for the park, which at the time had two churches, a lumberyard, businesses and homes. He later donated the land for a public park and waterworks in 1893. Chandler joined the 78th Infantry, fought in many

battles and was wounded at Chickamauga. He continued to serve but his injuries forced him to retire before the end of the Civil War.

He returned to Macomb and became president of First National Bank, treasurer of the Western Illinois Normal School, city treasurer and an alderman.

In the 1910s, Chandler lobbied for the construction of a railroad between

Macomb and Lewistown to transport Macomb goods to the Illinois River. Unfortunately, the project failed, rendering Chandler bankrupt.

Chandler spent the rest of his life with his son in Indianapolis and died in 1934. He is buried in Macomb's Oakwood Cemetery.

"I like to call (the park) the heart of Macomb, because I think it really em-

bodies the spirit of the community and still does after all these years," Burnett said. "I think if Mr. Chandler was alive today he would be very pleased with how it has evolved over the years."

"Hopefully (the tours will be) something people will enjoy and learn a little bit about their community from, because if we don't tell younger generations, they won't know."

GARDEN

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Through a United States Department of Agriculture grant, WIU's Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration, the McDonough County Housing Authority and FIG have worked together to plant wading pool gardens at Fitch Manor and Greenbriar Townhomes in Bushnell, and at Lincoln Elementary School, Prairie View Townhomes and Project Insight alternative school in Ma-

comb, with the goal providing community gardens and a source of local, fresh produce.

"My goal is to wear them out," chuckled Bloom about her charges, who, along with Gruver, planted beets, onions, peppers, cucumbers, tomatoes and purple sweet potatoes.

Lettuces and spinaches were planted earlier in the spring.

Bloom said her students' participation provided "some muscle" for the project and gave them an opportunity to learn more about container gardening

from Gruver.

A few of Fitch Manor's residents also helped with the planting on Wednesday, including Daryl Gray, who has helped maintain Fitch Manor's gardens since WIU and FIG started the project last year. Gray, along with some other residents who do most of the wading pool garden maintenance, received large tubs to place in front of their homes and plant with the vegetable of their choice. Gray chose the purple sweet potatoes.

"I cut lettuce last week and made salad for our annual (Fitch Manor) potluck

and everyone just loved it," she said of how she has enjoyed the wading pool gardens. "I can't wait for the tomatoes to come on."

Over 50 families have participated in the community garden, which consist of individual plots that are open for anyone to use, at Prairie View Townhomes, Harpman said.

She encourages anyone who is interested in learning more about the Prairie View community garden or in helping with its maintenance to call the McDonough County Housing Authority at 837-2363.

PARKS

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Those standards include the material that equipment is made out of, as well as ground bedding for playgrounds and safety perimeters around swing sets.

Peterson said the area at Patton will be razed as early as this fall. The rocket at Glenwood would likely be taken down next year and possibly replaced with more equipment. Since the playground at Everly would be a large-scale process, it will be longer for an update there.

Peterson said replacing the playgrounds could cost between \$50,000 and \$100,000. He said that required materials for safety standards are becoming increasingly more expen-

sive.

"These are shocking numbers for playgrounds, but that's the way it's gone in the past," he said.

In other business:

- Peterson addressed recent vandalism done at the new Veterans Park on University Drive in which all-wheel vehicles have torn up turf areas, walking paths and grass lawns.

Peterson said that since last fall, \$3,500 worth of damage has been done.

"These are the kinds of things that we don't need to be spending our money on when we're trying to get money to do other things," Peterson said. "It's really is frustrating." Peterson said there are

plans to enclose the park to keep such incidents from happening.

"We'll create a barrier along University Drive," he said. "We don't want to create something that's going to look like a fence. It'll be in terms of plantings and berms so it still looks inviting."

Peterson said gates will be locked after 11 p.m. daily during the warm seasons and closed in the winter months.

- Also on Tuesday, the board re-elected three officers.

Lois Nickson was re-elected as board president, John Hemingway as vice president and Jim Bloom as treasurer.

CALENDAR

Friday - Sunday

MACOMB

Heritage Days celebration in Macomb: A variety of events are planned around the multi-day event, including entertainment, the annual parade and a carnival.

Friday

MACOMB

Friends of the Library book sale: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., south of the library, 109 E. Jefferson St. All proceeds are reinvested in the library.

Saturday

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Friends of the Library book sale: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., south of the library, 109 E. Jefferson St. Bag sale from 3 - 4 p.m. All proceeds are reinvested in the library.

LAHARPE

Cpl. Joshua D. Palmer Tribute & Remembrance Ride: 8 - 9 a.m. - sign-up.

The Annex, LaHarpe. Ride kicks off at 10 a.m. Donation dinner and auction to follow at the Annex at 5 p.m. The event is open to public.

Sunday

MACOMB

Macomb Municipal Airport Fly in/Drive in Pancake Breakfast, 7 a.m. to noon and American Farmer Tractor Show.

Project H.O.P.E.'s monthly Soup and More Dinner: 4 - 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church of Macomb, 400 E. Carroll St. For free transportation call Patricia at (309) 333-7747.

Tuesday

BUSHNELL

Health and Fitness Day at Courtyard Estates of Bushnell: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 1201 N. Cole St., variety of sessions on exercise, healthy eating and fitness. Call (309) 772-8000 to reserve a spot.

July 25

MACOMB

McDonough County Democratic Central Committee, 6:30 p.m., City Hall community room.

McDonough County Democratic Coalition, 7:30 p.m., City Hall community room.

Aug. 22

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Print Exclusives

FIRST IN PRINT

Below is a list of stories you will find today only in the printed edition of The McDonough County Voice:

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Pet of the Week



Kittens! Rocket & Thomas are two cute guys looking for a new home! They are 5-6 months old and would love to play with you! There are many great cats and kittens of all ages and colors at the shelter in need of new homes!

Humane Society of McDonough County

www.hsmcil.org • 309-837-2989

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 11am-5pm & Sat. 10am-12pm

Please remember, donations of kitty litter, cleaning supplies and pet food are always welcome.

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- ◆ Acupuncture
- ◆ Low Level Laser Therapy
- ◆ Palmer College Graduates



What's your go-to

summer drink recipe?

Now that summer is heating up, we want your recipes for refreshing cold drinks, alcoholic or not. We will run some in the newspaper and some at mcdonoughvoice.com. Send with your name and a daytime phone number to newsroom@mcdonoughvoice.com at by July 14.

