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Fly-in, drive-in breakfast is Sunday at airport

The 2011 fly-in, drive-in breakfast will be held June 26 at the Macomb Municipal Airport.

The Macomb airport is located three miles north of Macomb and one mile east of U.S. Route 67.

There will be free breakfast for all pilots flying in.

An American Farmer tractor show will also be held from 6:30 a.m. to noon.

The breakfast runs from 7 a.m. - noon and admission is \$5 per person in advance or \$6 at the door.

A variety of pilot awards will be given and airplane rides will be available for \$40 each from 7 a.m. - noon. There will also be free hovercraft rides for kids.

The event is sponsored by the Colchester and Macomb Lions Clubs, Cobb Aviation and the Macomb Municipal Airport.

MACOMB PUBLIC LIBRARY

Hear no medieval



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The Society for Creative Anachronism recreated a medieval battle ground outside the Macomb Public Library Wednesday night as part of the facility's summer reading program. Pictured, at top, from left, Shawn Riggan, of Macomb, battles Bo Ring, of Quincy in the first match of the night. Below, left, Corda Adkins-Covert, 4, of Macomb, shields her ears from the sounds of clashing armor. Below, right, Riggan battles a new competitor.

Park report recommends safety update

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A new report indicates that three parks managed by the Macomb Park District are in need of serious updates to catch up with current safety standards.

At Tuesday's Macomb Park District meeting, Director Ray Peterson went through a report critiquing Macomb's current parks.

Peterson said the small park on the west end of Patton Park, the "rocket" area of Glenwood Park and the main play area

at Everly Park were all pegged for updates.

Peterson said it's not that the parks are unsafe, but playground safety guidelines for new parks are constantly being tightened and the parks listed have been in operation for as long as 30 years.

"They do not comply with current playground standards," Peterson said. "As far as condition, they're structurally sound. We're not talking about something that could collapse or fall. They just don't comply with current safety standards."

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Fitch Manor gets spruce up from Community Gardens project

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A group of five Bushnell-Prairie City Elementary School students happily sang the Chia Pet commercial theme song, "Ch-Ch-Ch-Chia" as they worked in the yards of Bushnell's Fitch Manor Wednesday.

But rather than plastering mud on ceramic heads, they were helping residents of the McDonough County Housing Authority homes fill wading pool gardens with vegetable plants. They also planted a few large tubs that will be located in front of some of the residents' homes.

The students doing the planting were from resource teacher Patti Bloom's Garden Club, which meets regularly during the summer to help maintain the B-PC Ele-



LAINIE STEELMAN/THE VOICE

From left, B-PC Elementary School students Tyler Donaldson, Sky Lafary, Kanaan Wohlfeil, Remington Lindsey and Brenna Eddington helped Joel Gruver, WIU professor of agriculture, plant tubs at Fitch Manor Wednesday.

mentary School's gardens and participate in community service projects related to gardening. Guiding the students were the project's coordinators, Angeline Harpman, a graduate student with Western Illinois

University's Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration, and Joel Gruver, WIU professor of agriculture and member of Macomb's Food Initiatives Group, or FIG. See GARDEN - Page A2

Detectives nab church burglar

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Police have arrested a Macomb man in connection with three church burglaries that occurred this week in Bushnell and Roseville.

Following a joint investigation, detectives from McDonough and Warren counties have arrested 27-year-old Charles Doss in connection with a burglary spree that hit three churches within two days this week.

On Tuesday, it was reported that a window on the east end of First Baptist Church on Bushnell's Murphy Road had been broken out. Inside, a safe, a guitar amplifier and speakers were missing.

The safe was later found in a roadside ditch near Kirkwood.

McDonough County Sheriff Rick VanBrooker said the amplifier and speakers have since been recovered.

According to Warren County Sheriff Martin Edwards, two more churches were discovered burglarized Wednesday in Roseville. Windows had been broken out of the Christian and Methodist churches and it appeared that someone had made entry.

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HERITAGE DAYS

Chandler Park: 118 years young

A historical spotlight on a Macomb landmark, Macomb's Renaissance Man: C.V. Chandler

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Walter Burnett will be giving free historic tours of Chandler Park at 1:30 and 3 p.m. Saturday as part of the Macomb's Heritage Days celebration.

Beginning at the arch on the north end of the park, Burnett's tour will include information on C.V. Chandler, a man Burnett called, "a model citizen," as well as information on the park's monuments.

"The first thing my wife and I saw coming into town was this park with (the) Flags of Love up," Burnett said. "We pretty much said to each other if this community will put that kind of spirit into its veterans and its memories, then it's a place we want to live...The history of the park has become my hobby and passion."

The Flags of Love are the park's display of over 725 American flags, put up on national holidays.

Burnett said his research has led him through many documents and Macomb Daily Journal articles.

"It's going to be an ongoing project to find more and more about it," Burnett said.

Burnett said the life of C.V. Chandler was, "a testament to that of a citizen, a businessman, and someone who stayed involved in his country and his city and certainly was one of the early promoters of Macomb that led to the prosperity of the early 1900s of this community."

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Macomb **HERITAGE DAYS, 2011**
 Thursday, June 23 - Sunday, June 26
 150th Civil War Anniversary
Heritage Days events today include the flower show at Citizens Bank from 6 - 8 p.m. and musical entertainment throughout the afternoon and evening.