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## November 2023 Newsletter

City Hall Office Hours  
 Monday-Friday  
 8 am-4:30 pm

### NOVEMBER

14—Council Meeting 7 pm, City Hall

17, 18, 19—Grist Mill’s Happy Hollandaise, Grist Mill McCready Theater, Fri & Sat 7:30 pm, Sun 2:00 pm

17, 18, 19—Pioneer Trail Museum Open House

### DECEMBER

3—Soup with Santa by Macedonia Heart & Soul, DeWitt Building 11 am—1 pm

3— Pioneer Trail Museum Open House

4— “Light Up Macedonia” Christmas Lights Contest

12—Council Meeting 7 pm, City Hall

17— “Light Up Macedonia” Contest Judging



## Jacob Miller, Macedonia’s Lamplighter

By Ruby Bentley

Many of us remember the song written in 1946, “The Old Lamplighter” by Charles Tobias and Nate Simon. The Browns renewed the song in the 1960’s. The lyrics say, “He made the night a little brighter where ever he would go. The old lamplighter of long, long ago.” Do you remember the lamplighter in the movie “Mary Poppins”?

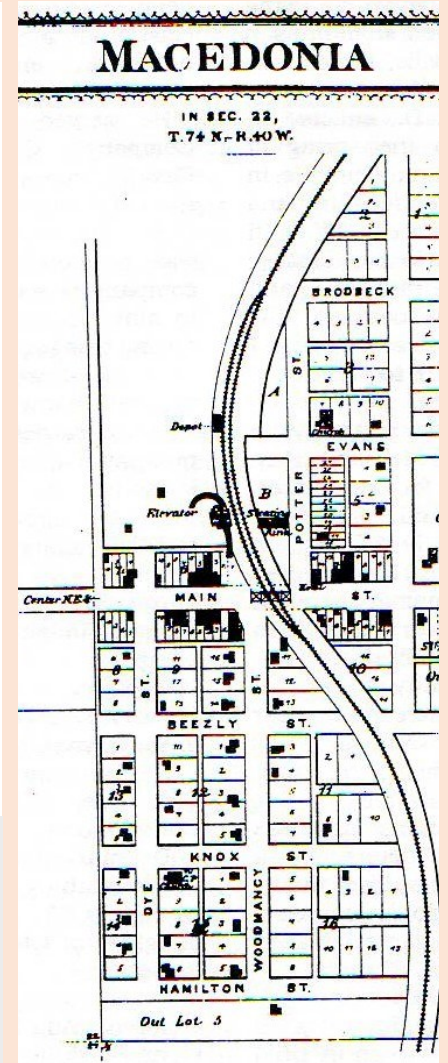
A lamplighter was a person hired to light and maintain the candle, or in later years, gas carbide street lights. The lights were lit every night using a wick on a long pole, sometimes carrying a ladder to replace candles, oil, or the gas. Most nights, being the lamplighter was a lonesome job. He was sort of the town watchman, sometimes seeing a little more interesting happenings such as “sweethearts in the park” where he’d “pass a lamp, and leave it dark.”

Macedonia City Council minutes from April 1, 1912 quotes, “On motion made by Sheaffer and seconded by Smith, Jacob Miller’s bill for \$8.00 for lighting the street lamp for the months of December 1911 and January, February, and March 1912 was allowed and the Clerk instructed to issue order on Treasurer for same.”

Jacob Miller, lamplighter, would be responsible for lighting the street lights when dark was near and turning them off or snuffing the candle wick when day was dawning.

Two dollars per month for 30 days times two, one for lighting and one for extinguishing, was a bargain! If you consider the weather conditions, one wonders if you’d want to keep the job.

So, when you pass through town in the night and see the beautiful street lamps glowing, appreciate their beauty and their automated turning on and off. Think of the “Old Lamplighter” of long ago!



### MAYOR OF MACEDONIA

- Melia Clark

### CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- James Croson
- Suzann Duede
- Patrick Emge
- Bradley Swope

### CITY CLERK

- Moriah Mahan

### TREASURER

- Makenna Kenyon

### MOWING/SNOW REMOVAL

- Wong Antunez

Please have articles, event dates, and all happenings that include the community to City Hall by the 17th of each month.



## Care & Share Warmth Project

By Ruby Bentley

It's that time of year again when the weather turns cold and colder. There are people who need boots, coats, hats, scarves, gloves, sweatshirts, and sweaters—anything warm! Maybe you have an extra blanket!

There is a donation box in City Hall for those items you could donate. They will be delivered to CARE and SHARE. Care and Share gives what is needed to those in need.

Can you help? Take your "warm extras" to City Hall. Let's Care and Share!



*All City Ordinances can be found online at [www.macedoniaiowa.com](http://www.macedoniaiowa.com)*

### **Macedonia is currently under a Level 2 Water**

**Warning.** Please conserve water & refrain from watering lawns & filling pools/hot tubs. Visit [www.macedoniaiowa.com](http://www.macedoniaiowa.com) for more details.

### Pottawattamie County Recycling Trailer

*Parked in Macedonia every 3rd week behind the Stempel Bird Museum  
Friday, Nov 10– Friday, Nov 17 Friday, Dec 1– Friday, Dec 8  
Items Accepted: Cardboard, (1-5) Plastic, Paper (NO PLASTIC BAGS)*

*Tin Can Recycling–Wednesday, Nov 15–Tuesday, Nov 21*

### Curbside Recycling & Yard Waste

*Nov 9th & 23th*

*Recycling bins should be at curb on Wednesday night*

*Items Accepted: (1-5) Plastic & Paper*

### SERVICES AVAILABLE AT CITY HALL

Notary Public– Free

Copies– \$0.10 per copy

Color Copies– \$0.20 per copy

Fax– \$1.00 per fax

Lending Library

Free Wi-Fi Internet Access

Deposit Box in City Hall Door

Pottawattamie County Animal Control provides animal control services to Macedonia and is authorized to enforce the City's ordinances pertaining to animal control. 712-366-1143

[animalcontrol@pottcounty.com](mailto:animalcontrol@pottcounty.com)

### ANIMAL EMERGENCY

712-328-5737

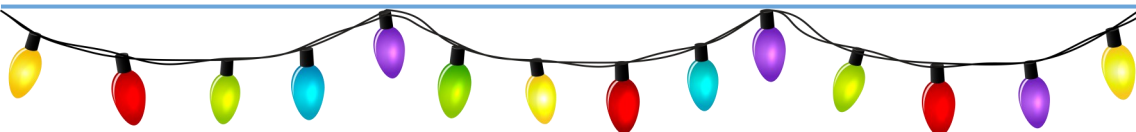
Dewitt Community Building

Call City Hall at 486-2323 to reserve a date for your event. Cash or Check only.

## NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT & DEBIT CARDS FOR CITY UTILITY PAYMENTS

Pay online at [GovPayNow.com](http://GovPayNow.com) Pay Location Code: a00328

Or pay by phone (1-800-604-7888).



## “Light Up Macedonia” Christmas Lights Contest

Get your holiday lights up for Macedonia's Christmas lighting contest and have them 'lit up' in December! The Macedonia Hamilton Development Corp encourages all Macedonia residents to decorate their homes and businesses for the Christmas holiday. Monetary prizes will be awarded.

This year, there will be three prizes awarded. Prizes will be awarded for First Place (\$75.00), Second Place (\$50.00), and Third Place (\$25.00).

Macedonia Hamilton Development Corporation will be judging the light displays on the evening of Sunday, December 17th, so be sure to have the lights turned on!



Invoices are mailed out on the 1st of each month, and payment is due on the 25th. A \$10 late fee will be applied if payment is not received by the due date.