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October 2023 Newsletter

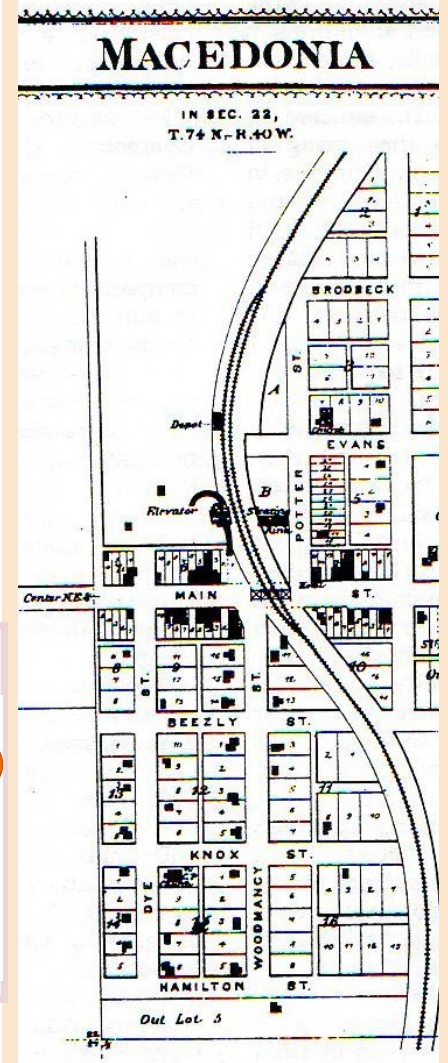
City Hall Office Hours
 Monday-Friday
 8 am-4:30 pm

OCTOBER

- 10—Council Meeting 7 pm, City Hall
- 15—Fall Harvest Luncheon by Macedonia Heart & Soul 11 am—1 pm, DeWitt Community Center
- 27—Trick-or-Treat on Main Street & Spaghetti Dinner at the DeWitt Center 4:30—6:30 pm

NOVEMBER

- 14—Council Meeting 7 pm, City Hall



Trick-or-Treat on Main Street Friday, October 27th 4:30—6:30 pm

Start your Halloween ‘Trick-or-Treat’ fun on Main Street! Businesses & Local Organizations will be giving out treats on Main Street on Friday, October 27th from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Macedonia Heart & Soul will be hosting kids’ activities and a free-will donation spaghetti dinner at the DeWitt Center.



Basketball Court at the City Park

Thanks to the Forgivable Loan dispersed by the Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors, we now have a basketball court in the park! Make sure you check it out next time you’re there, and take a walk on the newly completed trail while you’re at it!

Thank you to Pat Emge for donating one of the basketball hoops as well as the matching red, white, and blue nets!



MAYOR OF MACEDONIA

- Melia Clark

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- James Croson
- Suzann Duede
- Patrick Emge
- Susan Goos
- 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.

Macedonia Historical Preservation Society

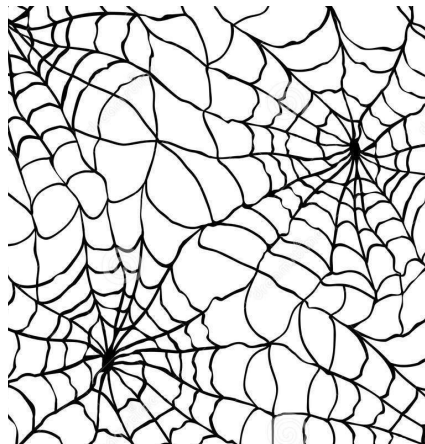
Macedonia Historical Preservation Society would like to thank everyone that donated to or bid on items for the Donia Day Silent Auction! It was the best silent auction fundraiser ever taking in around \$2,500. This helps pay the bills and supports ongoing projects!

One Room Country Schools Information Gathering

Macedonia Historical Preservation Society is gathering information on one room country schools! If you have pictures or information on country schools, please share with us! Some counties have small signs on fence rows at the location of their one room school with the name and years of operation. We want to do this too! Did you know there were over 180 country schools in Pottawattamie County?

Contact Kandis Cole-Skank, kskank@cox.net or 402-690-0403

All City Ordinances can be found online at 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 for more details.

Pottawattamie County Recycling Trailer

Parked in Macedonia every 3rd week behind the Stempel Bird Museum
Friday, Oct 20– Friday, Oct 27 Friday, Nov 10– Friday, Nov 17
Items Accepted: Cardboard, (1-5) Plastic, Paper (NO PLASTIC BAGS)

Tin Can Recycling–Wednesday, Oct 11–Tuesday, Oct 17

Curbside Recycling & Yard Waste Oct 12th & 26th

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

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.

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Pay online at GovPayNow.com Pay Location Code: a00328

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



It's National Fire Prevention Month!

October Serves as National Fire Prevention Month to Remind Everyone about the Importance of Fire Safety & Prevention.

Please take a moment to thank the Macedonia Volunteer Firefighters & EMTs for their dedication & service during National Fire Prevention Week, October 8th through October 14th!

ABOUT FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Since 1922, the NFPA has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country. During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, & teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.



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.

Macedonia History

Recently, Macedonia Historical Preservation Society was given some handwritten notes from David and Janet Clayton. The Claytons lived in the Wheeler Grove area east of Donia. Claytons were some of the earliest settlers here.

1880—Cyclone hits Grady Farm one mile west of river. Many people killed at Wheeler Grove.

1891, Nov. 24—Donia banquet for returned soldiers (Phillippines) also old soldiers.

1903—Opera House was built. (where Tibbles gas station sits)

1905—1st show after Opera House was completed in the Spring

1909, April 20—Macedonia Implement Store burned

December 31—River highest in 25 years

1910, June—Cement walk from bridge to Opera House

Oct. 29—Corn exhibit at Opera House

1912, Nov. 25—Started ditching for water works

Dec. 5—Began working on water tower

-Dredge work on river

1913, Jan 1—Finished work on the water tower

July 4—Macedonia Celebrated

Dec. 9—Max Stempel auctioned cake for \$25 at Arther Lewis School House (S. on 59)

Dec. 13—Installed new gas fixtures in Drug Store

1914, Aug. 14—Light put on water tower. Electricity installed in Macedonia.

1915, Feb. 18—Old Town bridge washed out (West Nishnabotna)

Oct. 25—Corn show at Opera House

Nov. 14—Carnival at Opera House

1916, Feb.—Oakland, Carson, Henderson, and Macedonia bridges washed out

Oct. 11—Macedonia depot burned at 4:00 am

1918, Feb. 22—Chicken pie supper at Opera House for new furnace

Sept.—Fern Bisbee, night telephone operator.

- John Hamilton gave school \$22,000 for equipment, upkeep, and construction on new building. Gift was unexpected.

1928—Athletic field dedicated. Gift from John Hamilton, memorial plate at entrance of covered amphitheater states, "This park is dedicated to school children in memory of my son."

1930, Oct. 12—Dedication of M.E. Church. Hamilton donated \$45,000 to church and parsonage, later endowed church with 160 acre farm. Annual income estimated at \$1200 to be used to support the church; \$8,000 to cemetery; \$8,000 for school stadium.

Grist Mill's "Happy Hollandaise" Equals Saucy Holiday Humor

By Eileen Adickes

Philip Finley doesn't know, literally, what hit him! He remembers nothing and then he remembers characters from his past. Who is he really?

Claire Finley is genuinely sorry, but bashing people about the noggin seems to solve her problem, in the short term!

George Finley tends toward the dramatic and has a quirky sense of humor.

Vilma Hasenpfeffer keeps secret recipes in her luggage.

Vicar William Abbott is searching for divine inspiration but remains short sighted.

Mary Abbott is predictably uncomfortable in her final days of pregnancy.

Inspector Alice Abernathy from the local police force is amazingly not observant.

Larry Finch likes to work alone but has a student to study his burglary. What – there are burglary students?

Irene Quigley has come from across the Pond to learn from The Lone Wolf Burglar. Obviously not a course at the local community college!

All these mis-guided characters find their way to the joy, tenderness, and magic of the Christmas Season.

Let Grist Mill start your Holiday Season with this funny show on November 17, 18, and 19. Reservations go on sale October 16.

You'll have a great time with Josh Keast as Philip, Sue Duhachek as Claire, Henry Engle as George, Elsa Behrens as Vilma, Eric Duchachek as the Vicar, Emma Lee as Mary, Melody Gregory as the Inspector, Colton Blatny as Larry, and DeeDee Fender as Irene. Lots of your favorites and a new face, too!

Not Benched Yet

By Eileen Adickes

We're still working on a fourth Trex bench for Macedonia, but the process is taking a little longer. The company has doubled the requirements and doubled the amount of time to "earn" a bench by recycling plastic bags.

Just as we began the process for the fourth bench, we were informed that we now needed 1000 pounds of plastic to be recycled. We have a year in which to do it, and we have to provide photographic proof.

We had 3 non-profit organizations collect the previously required 500 pounds each and report it within less than a year. We can pat ourselves on the back for our efforts, but maybe we were "too good."

The fourth bench still requires 516 pounds, but that is quite doable. Gather up your recyclable bags, and keep them from landfills.

