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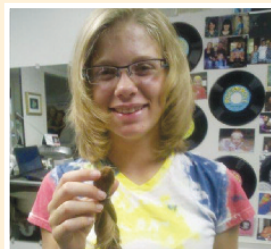
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City Hall, WIU providing cool centers

The University Union Prairie Lounge on the Western Illinois University Macomb campus has been designated as a cooling center for area residents through Saturday, July 23. Sodexo Campus Services has provided complimentary water, and individuals are welcome to watch television in the Murray Street Cafe.

The University Union is open from 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday through Friday; 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday.

Other cooling centers open in Macomb include The McDonough County Red Cross, 1224 Maple Ave. (7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., through Friday) and the Salvation Army, 505 N. Randolph St., (9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m., through Friday).

In addition, the City Hall Community Room, located on the first floor of City Hall, 232 E. Jackson St., will be open as a cooling center from 5-10 p.m. daily through Friday, July 22.

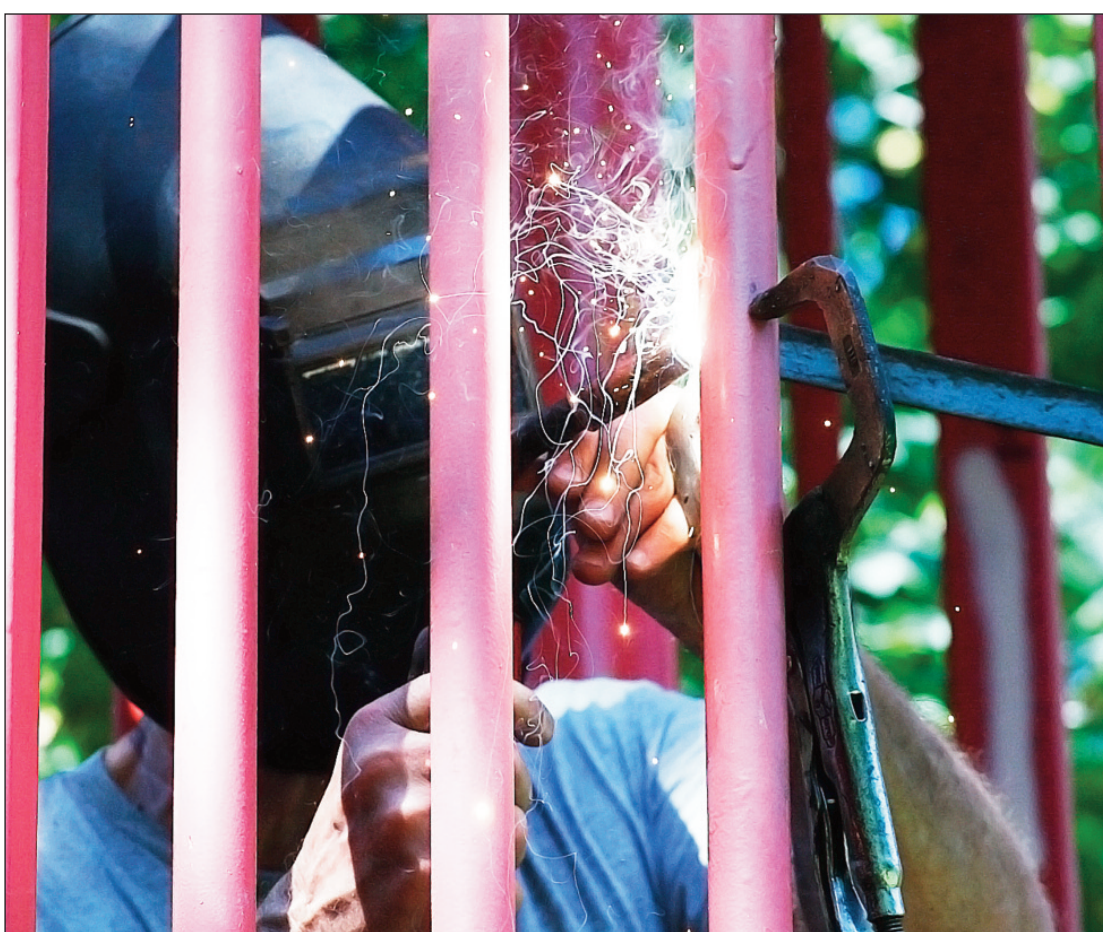
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MACOMB PARK DISTRICT SPACE PROGRAM:

Decommissioned

Park Board deems playground rocket deadly



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Jim Wells, hired by the Macomb Park District, welds cross bars to an opening on the rocket in Glenwood Park on Wednesday. The play apparatus was decommissioned by the Macomb Park Board on Tuesday due to safety concerns.

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The Macomb Park Board on Tuesday ordered an icon of area youth out of commission citing startling safety hazards.

By 10 a.m. on Wednesday, the red rocket of Glenwood Park was permanently shuttered.

"Structurally, it's sound," said Macomb Park District Director Ray Peterson. "This is a lousy design for a piece of playground equipment. Statistically, there have been kids killed with exactly these kinds of hazards."

The hazards that Peterson spoke of came to light during a safety audit performed at all parks this summer. Tests and measurements done on the rocket indicated that the apparatus was so far from standard safety guidelines, the board voted unanimously to close it immediately.

Board Member John Hemingway said that he has heard of no serious injuries on the rocket, which has been in the park since the late 1950s or early 1960s.

However, Hemingway said that one serious injury would be too many.

"You spend some time walking around it and looking," he said. "In your own mind, you walk through children using it. As you do that, you begin to see what could happen. It's not about insurance or lawsuits, it's about the safety of kids."

Peterson listed eight severe design flaws in the rocket. At three, he said, could cause death.

One of the hazards Peterson noted was a gap between the slide and its connection to one of the rocket's three floors.

"That's an entanglement," Peterson said. "A garment, a hood off a sweatshirt, the kid goes down, the momentum is pulling him down the steep slope, it snaps them back. There would probably be a loss of consciousness immediately, three minutes later they're dead."

Another hazard, the drop zones in between floors that are nearly vertical to each other.

"A kid falls, they spend the rest of their life in a wheelchair, if they

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Chamber offers eBay class to members

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The Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Development recently hosted an eBay class for Chamber members.

Taught by former Western Illinois University communications professor Rebecca Parker, she is a dedicated eBay seller having sold some 3,000 items since 2002.

When Parker first started listing items it took her approximately 20 to 30 hours to list 30 items. Now, with nine years of experience at the helm, it takes her just 10 minutes to list one item.

Her class entitled "Understanding eBay: Power and Pitfalls," covered all the bases of listing items on eBay including getting started, researching, selling, the process, PayPal and security, power and pitfalls.

There are numerous incentives, some obvious and some not, that eBay offers its sellers. A seller is allowed to list up to 50 items at no charge. Parker continuously described eBay as being highly user-friendly.

She feels that it is very important to learn about items being sold and to really research them before listing. Sellers can do this by using the ad-

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Sullivan fields CAFO questions

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State senator John Sullivan fielded questions about the proposed Shamrock Acres hog confinement in southeastern McDonough County during his visit to Macomb City Hall on Tuesday evening.

One man asked, "How big is too big?" For nearly a half hour, many residents expressed concern over the sheer size of the proposed CAFO, or Confined Animal Feeding Operation,

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A look back at 1860s Macomb

Editor's note: To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War The McDonough County Voice is embarking on a series of columns to portray local life during that time. The articles will be written by Robert Welch, a doctoral candidate in history from Iowa State University, who lives in Macomb.

Each week, The Voice will run a column which coordinates to the date 150 years ago. Thanks to the faculty and staff in the Special Collections and Archives Department of the Western Illinois Libraries for their assistance in researching these articles.

Macomb Journal July 19, 1861

Treason Sympathizers. Every succeeding day is developing the fact that there is an element in the Democratic party, not alone confined to this State, which

is in sympathy with treason and opposed to all measures calculated to suppress rebellion and preserve the Union. In this section of the State the evidences are apparent, that such an element exists. We do not suppose that this sympathy with rebellion is prompted by any hostility to our form of government, but it seems to grow out of a violent partizan feeling which cannot brook submission to the Administration of a Republican President. Hence these violent partizans, while professing a love for the Union, harbor the wish that the government may be broken up, and with it the Republican Administration. They convince themselves that they love our Union, its constitution, and its laws, and perhaps they do, but they undoubtedly prefer dissolution to the reign of a Republican Administration, and are thus in fact traitors

at heart. It is this class of traitors that we find just now bellying at the top of their lungs for peace or compromise. They declaim in saintly tones against the war as though "fifty-four forty, or fight" had never been a part of their creed. — And in order to create as much mischief as possible, the characterize it as "Lincoln's War," "a Black Republican War," &c., and they draw dark pictures of the evils of war, and portray the ruin of our trade, commerce, &c., in consequence of the war, and then in derision exclaim, "Hoora for Lincoln."

They know full well it is a war to suppress rebellion, and to talk of peace while there is an armed force in the country determined to resist the lawful authority of the government, is something more than folly — it is a desire to see rebellion triumph. If they honestly and sincerely desire to see this Union preserved — the constitution and the laws respected and obeyed in every one of the thirty-four states, they would be in favor of using the means to accomplish that end. Will a suspension of hostilities on the part of the government accomplish it? Suppose Congress should follow the lead of these peace brawlers and refuse to vote a dollar for the war, and should call in and disperse the army, would such a proceeding preserve the Union? It might be called peace, but would it bring the rebels to their allegiance? Would it

preserve the Union? Of course not. These treason sympathizers know very well that if such a policy should be pursued the government is virtually at an end — it is surrendered to Jeff Davis and his cohorts. It is a matter to be deplored that we should have in our own county so many of these peace brawlers who sympathize with treason. The Eagle of last week contains two communications, the writers of which we have no doubt would rather see the government crumble to pieces, and Illinois annexed to the Southern Confederacy, than that President Lincoln should serve his official term of four years. Like the Tories of the Revolution, they may cry "peace, peace," but we all know their treasonable desires. The evidences are thickening, that these traitors are now busy plotting

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