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WILL COUNTY CELEBRATES GROUNDBREAKING ON GAS-TO-ENERGY PLANT

Will County and Waste Management celebrated an historic partnership on September 27 with the groundbreaking of a gas-to-energy plant at the County's Prairie View landfill in Wilmington.

Earlier this year, the County entered into a public-private partnership with Waste Management to construct a gas-to-energy plant coupling \$1 million of grant dollars from the United States Department of Energy with a \$6 million investment from Waste Management.

Waste Management pioneered landfill gas-to-energy technology in North America. The Company now operates more than 100 landfill gas-to-energy plants, which produce the equivalent of almost 500 megawatts of power, enough to meet the energy needs of about 400,000 homes.

"The partnership with Waste Management will convert trash into cash for the benefit of our taxpayers." Will County Board Chairman Jim Moustis said. "This facility is not only environmentally friendly it is also economically friendly. This effort is a long time coming, and was included in the original siting of the landfill. This concept has been discussed over the years by the County Board and the County Executive's office. Today we see that hard work start to take shape with this ground breaking."

Will County will receive revenue from the sale of the gas created from decomposing garbage which will be harnessed and converted to energy and used to power potentially 8,000 homes. The future revenue generated from the sale of the gas and the sale of the electricity could reach \$1 million annually.

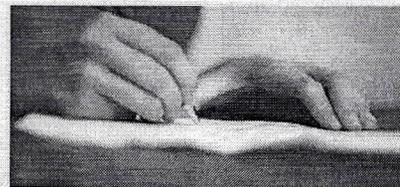
Pictured from left to right: Dale Hoeskstra, Waste Management; Mark Johnson, U.S. Department of Energy; Walter Adamic, Will County Board member; Larry Walsh, Will County Executive; Debbie Halvorson, United States Congresswoman; Jim Moustis, Will County Board Chairman; Chuck Maher, Will County Board member; and Steve Batchelor, Waste Management were all on hand to celebrate this historic partnership.

CIRMA

Welcomes Carroll County as newest member

Counties of Illinois Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) is proud to welcome Carroll County to the program. CIRMA is a protected self-insurance risk management program that is county owned and county managed. For additional information contact Rich Stokluska at 630-285-4012.

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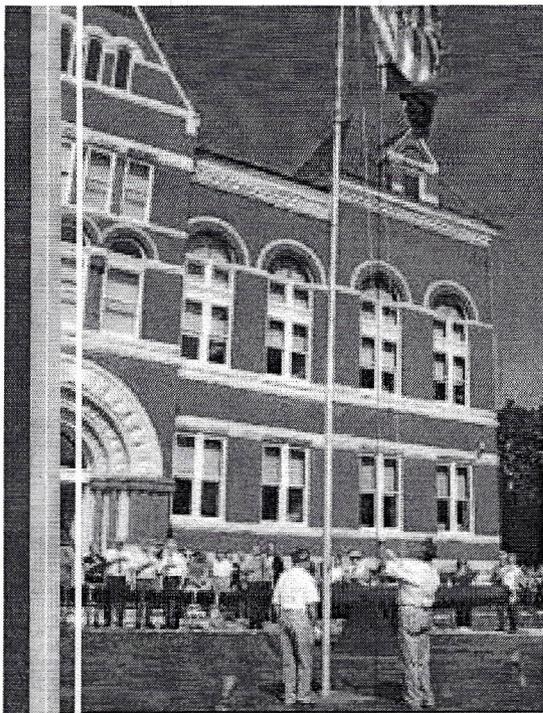
Application deadline

Requests for Proposals are now being accepted for projects to reduce stormwater runoff and discharges into Illinois waterways under the state's new Green Infrastructure Grant program for stormwater management.

The grant with an initial \$5 million authorization from dedicated federal funding through U.S. EPA, has its impetus in the Green Infrastructure for Clean Water Act passed by the Illinois General Assembly. Illinois EPA will accept proposals from Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) and MS4 areas in three program categories.

More information is available on the IEPA web site www.epa.state.il.us. The deadline for applications is December 15.

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OGLE COUNTY UNVEILS RENOVATED COURTHOUSE

Ogle County officials showcased the results of more than a decade of planning and a year of remodeling when the newly renovated Ogle County Courthouse was rededicated.

W. Ed Rice, Ogle County Board chairman, performed the role of Master of Ceremonies. He pointed out how the renovation came about in a slow process of discussions and voting which is how the democratic process put in place by the founding fathers was meant to operate.

The project included a geothermal heating and cooling system, new windows, and a renovation of the interior, keeping the historic appeal by reusing light fixtures, doors and flooring.

The Ogle County Courthouse remodeling project is an example to American towns and cities of how downtowns should be treated. Studies have found when the administrative buildings are removed from the heart of municipalities those places begin to die.

The rededication was held on the 119th anniversary of the original dedication of the building, which took place on Aug. 20, 1891.

Source: *The Journal-Standard, Freeport, Illinois.* Photo by PJ Francis.

Union County approves option for board increase

Union County commissioners approved a resolution to place an option on the November ballot to expand the board from three commissioners to five. The option was approved by voters in 2006, but the vote was invalid as enacted state legislation did not apply to Union County. The Farm Bureau lobbied to have the legislation rewritten and to place the option back on the ballot this fall. If approved, two seats will be added to the Union County Board in the 2012 election cycle.

Convicted Sheriff Ousted

The Gallatin County Board was finally able to fire its jailed sheriff. The former sheriff was convicted last month on 15 felony counts related to drug trafficking while on the job. Incarcerated since May 2009, as an elected official, he was legally entitled to his \$40,000-a-year salary until he either resigned or was convicted. The county hopes to recoup the 16 month salary paid out. "It would have been easier to hold his pay and let him sue us, but legally we couldn't do that," said Gallatin County Board Chairman Randy Drone. "We're going to pursue what we feel we're owed for what he put the county through."

Macon County gets grant for mental health court

Macon County has received a \$250,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to implement and administer a mental health court for the next two years. "Most of the contractual money is for the actual treatment," State's Attorney Jack Ahola said. The end goal is to provide mental health treatment to 75 people or more as a condition of diverting them from the criminal justice system. The award follows a \$50,000 planning grant received a year ago which instituted a pilot project.

Jackson County hires firms to run nursing home

The Jackson County Board approved a three-year, \$540,000 contract with Management Performance Associates (MPA) of Missouri to assume management responsibilities at the county nursing home. Last year, the Jackson County Rehab and Care Center operated with a \$1.1 million deficit. It's funding included a \$485,000 targeted tax levy. MPA manages county-run facilities in DeKalb and Champaign counties.

Grundy County tries new ice melt

Grundy County is switching to a vegetable-based salt additive to melt winter ice. GeoMelt 55 is a replacement for calcium chloride. Derived from beet juice, the product is not a corrosive, therefore, will lengthen the life of roadways and bridges. GeoMelt 55 costs more – \$1.45 a gallon compared to 85 cents – but the long-term savings on roadway and equipment repair may prove worthwhile. McHenry County has used the substance for years.

Lee County halts wind projects

Lee County passed a 6-month moratorium on all commercial wind developments. The action came in response to pressure from residents living near existing and proposed developments. Lee County has over 250 turbines built or under construction. Declining property values and future property tax revenues are among the issues of concern. The three major developments in Lee County are no longer owned by the original builders. New owners have attempted to change a tower's legal description from "property improvement" to "personal property" or "pollution control device" to avoid property tax payments.

Agreement with deputies reached

The Williamson County Board has reached an agreement with the FOP. The new contract, which is retroactive to December, provides for a 55 cent per hour raise for each of the three years of the contract and health insurance for retired deputies. Current 10-hour a day schedules are referenced in the contract, however, the sheriff maintains the right to change schedules if staffing levels drop.

County approves Administrative Adjudication Program

In an effort to achieve code compliance in a more efficient and cost effective manner, the DuPage County Board approved a new Administrative Adjudication Program (AAP). The new program will simplify code enforcement process by creating a stand alone hearing procedure apart from the current circuit court system for adjudication of code violations. The new system provides flexible hearing dates and times for property owners and staff, and reduces duplicative administrative process. The AAP will enable the County to use existing County staff of the Department of Economic Development and Planning, (EDP) to administer the program.

Macoupin County to ticket truants

Under a new ordinance approved by the Macoupin County Board, juveniles found to be absent from school without a valid reason and their parents or guardians can be ticketed by local and county law enforcement. Fines range from \$25 up to \$100 per offense. Neighboring Christian and Montgomery counties already have truancy ordinances on the books. Truancy tickets will be forwarded to the circuit clerk and state's attorney for prosecution as petty offenses.

Ogle County pursues detention center

Ogle County is pursuing an immigration detention center. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) asked the county to submit a proposal. The estimated \$30-35 million construction project could bring more than 150 permanent jobs to the area. ICE would pay a fee to the county per day for each detainee and guarantee a bed quota. The facility could house upwards of 600 beds. A similar plan was considered in 2002, but the county board voted it down after public outcry. "I just think the mood might be better," stated Lyle Hopkins, Ogle County Board Vice Chairman. "We need revenue for the county."

LaSalle sticks with night meetings

The LaSalle County Board will continue night meetings for now despite dwindling attendance by the public. Following years of complaints that afternoon meetings prevented people who worked days from attending, the county moved to night meetings in March of 2008. Board Chairman Jerry Hicks plans to poll members about adjusting the start time.

Edgar County accepts bond swap

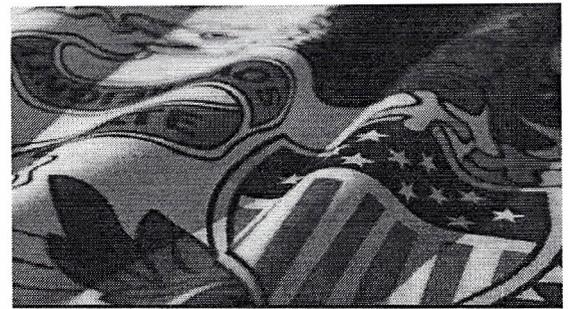
Edgar County is transferring nearly \$3 million of unused Recovery Zone bonds to DuPage County. While the county used a portion of the bonds to fund repair work to the courthouse clock tower, it was restricted in its application for the remainder of the bonding potential which expires at the end of the year. In return, Edgar County will receive a \$3,000 payment for making the switch and will have access to disaster bonds that are more flexible and have a 2013 expiration. "We are letting DuPage County use our bonds in return for bonds that last longer," said Edgar County Board Chairman James Keller.

Madison County files suit against FEMA

Madison County has joined a lawsuit against FEMA. The lawsuit challenges the issuance and finalization of digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps in St. Clair, Madison and Monroe counties. FEMA has decertified the Metro East's levees on the Mississippi River. The county board approved the issuance of \$100 million in bonds to pay for improvements to the levee system. If the levees are not fixed, the new maps will increase the cost of flood insurance for property owners.

More wind farms coming to central Illinois

The McLean County Board approved a plan that could bring over 200 more wind turbines to central Illinois. The turbines will be located over 37,800 acres in eastern McLean County. Construction could start before the end of the year.



STATE GOVERNMENT

New coal mine in Hamilton County

Governor Quinn announced approval of a new coal mine to be opened in Hamilton County. The mine will create 300 construction jobs and 350 permanent jobs and provide a significant economic boost to southern Illinois. The White Oak Mine #1, operated by White Oak Resources LLC, will be located northeast of McLeansboro. The company will invest more than \$400 million in construction of the mine, which is expected to open in late 2012 or early 2013. The IDNR Office of Mines and Minerals reports Hamilton County will receive \$6.2 million in mining royalties during the mine's first five years, while the mine operation will also mean new tax revenues supporting state and local services.

State appeals FEMA decision

The State has appealed the federal government's denial of assistance to local governments in Cook County, saying federal assistance is necessary to help affected communities recover from severe storms and flooding. On Sept. 13, the request for federal assistance to local governments was approved for seven counties affected by a series of storms in July and August. However, Cook and five other counties were denied federal assistance. Staff from IEMA has worked with local officials in the denied counties to determine if there was any additional information that would support an appeal.

Wind Project on Warren County Farm gets \$5 million grant

DCEO awarded the Monarch Wind Project \$5 million to construct a 12 turbine wind farm on about 750 acres in Warren County. The project will connect to an Ameren line that runs along Route 67. Monarch's project is expected to create nearly 90 new jobs. In addition, Unytite, headquarter in Peru, will receive a nearly \$874,000 grant to help the company purchase equipment that will enable it to produce larger nuts and bolts used in the construction of wind turbines.



FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Justice Department reaches agreement with Illinois officials

The Justice Department has reached an agreement with Illinois officials to help ensure that military service members and other U.S. citizens living overseas have an opportunity to participate fully in the Nov. 2 general election. The agreement was necessary to ensure Illinois's compliance with the 2009 Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE Act).

The agreement, which must be approved by the federal district court in Chicago, was filed in conjunction with a lawsuit alleging the state violated federal law when numerous election authorities in Illinois counties failed to transmit ballots by Sept. 18, 2010, to military and overseas voters who requested absentee ballots, and in some counties failed to transmit ballots electronically to voters who had made such requests.

The agreement provides additional time beyond the state's existing Nov. 16, 2010, deadline – 14 days after election day – for receipt of ballots from military and overseas voters in six counties: Boone, Hancock, Jersey, Massac, Schuyler and St. Clair. The agreement also extends the date by which ballots from those counties must be postmarked from Nov. 1 to Nov. 2, 2010. In addition, the agreement requires that any voters who asked to receive their ballots electronically, but were sent the ballot by mail instead, will be transmitted a ballot by the requested electronic method.

As part of the agreement, the state will take steps to investigate the cause of the late mailing of ballots and failure to transmit ballots electronically and to ensure compliance in future federal elections and provide a report to the Department of Justice on those efforts.

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Bureau County voters to decide fate of jail and coroner

The Bureau County Board placed a referendum on the November ballot requesting authorization to issue up to \$15 million in bonds to build a new jail. While space is a continuous problem, the building is also not ADA compliant and updates are needed to the jail's HVAC, plumbing and electrical services. The county has secured three professional studies which concluded there is no future for the current facility. Voters will also decide if they want to elect the coroner in the future.

Woodford County raises tax levy

To cover the budget deficit, the Woodford County Board voted to raise the tax levy by \$500,000 rather than cut services. As a result certain programs were reinstated including DARE, University of Illinois 4-H, and maintaining the courthouse office hours at 40 instead of the proposed 32.

Judge orders circuit clerk to use special funds

Kane County Circuit Court Judge Stephen Sullivan has ordered Circuit Clerk Deb Seyller to use special funds to continue operations of her office. Seyller filed a lawsuit against the county in September after the Kane County Board denied her office an additional allocation of \$550,000 for budget overruns. In response to Seyller's claim that she did not have sufficient funds to meet the legal mandates of her office. Sullivan said "the record at this point does not support that conclusion." Seyller received over \$1 million more in her budget than what she spent the previous year.

E-filing launched in St. Clair County

St. Clair County is the fifth county in Illinois to be approved by the Illinois Supreme Court to provide electronic filing of court documents. The first paperless court case was filed earlier this month. "This is a big piece of the bridge we've been building from the paper world to the digital world for our local justice system," said Circuit Clerk Brendan Kelly. The e-filing process will be phased in over several months.

Effingham County organizes safety committee

In an effort to lower property/casualty insurance rates, Effingham County officials have organized a safety committee. The committee includes county board members, the Sheriff, maintenance supervisor, County Engineer, Health Department administrator and EMA director. Effingham County is with CIRMA, which encourages its members to establish safety committees, recognizing it is both the employer and employee's responsibility to maintain a safe work environment. "I think it's a good thing that keeps us on our toes," said County Board Chairman Carolyn Willenburg.

Marshall County examines sick leave

The Marshall County policy committee is considering placing new restrictions on sick leave and personal days. Currently, full-time employees receive seven paid sick days a year and are allowed to carry over up to 75 unused days. While employees are not compensated for unused sick time, it can count towards retirement benefits under IMRF. The committee proposed capping accumulated sick leave at its existing level and limiting new employees to seven days a year with no carry over.

Tazewell County may be site of new pork plant

According to the *Peoria Journal Star*, city, county and state officials are in talks to bring a Colorado-based hog processing plant to the Pekin area that could create up to 2,500 factory-level, union jobs. Tazewell County Board Chairman Dave Zimmerman would only say details are "time sensitive" and there are "things in the works right now." An official announcement is expected soon.



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MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK

Dear County Officials:

Enclosed please find a copy of the 2010 Illinois Livestock Brand Book. The Department is statutorily required to supply a copy to each county clerk and sheriff in the State of Illinois.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Ernst, DVM
State Veterinarian
Bureau of Animal Health & Welfare

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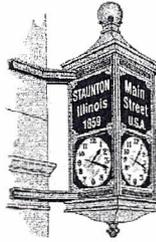
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Notice of Proposed Annexation Certified Mail – Return Receipt Requested

October 11, 2010

TO: Andy Manar
Macoupin County Board Chairman
Macoupin County Board Office
215 S. East Street
Carlinville, IL 62626

Being the Representative of the **Macoupin County Board:**

You and each of you are hereby notified that the City of Staunton, County of Macoupin, is about to annex territory hereinafter described pursuant to the provisions of Article 7, Division 1, of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/7-1-13, et seq.) And that such annexation will take place not less than ten days after service of this notice on you. The City Council intends to consider the annexation of its territory at the City Council meeting to be held at the MEDP Building, 111 W Main St., Staunton, Illinois at **7:00 p.m. Monday, October 25, 2010**. The real estate is described as follows:

The East One Hundred Eighty (180) feet of the following described real estate, to wit:

Beginning at a stone at the Northwest corner of Lot Lettered "S" as shown by Plat of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter and part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Thirty-one (31) in Township Numbered Seven (7) North. Range Number Six (6) West of the Third Principal Meridian, in the County of Macoupin and State of Illinois, made by commissioners of the Circuit Court of said County, and recorded in Chancery Record "W" at page 192 of the Records of the said Circuit Court of said County; Thence running South 9 degrees 48 minutes West 378.5 feet to a stone; Thence running East 483 feet to a stone; Thence running North 176.5 feet to a stone; Thence running North 63 degrees 5 minutes and 313 feet to a point. Thence running 68 degrees 25 minutes West 161 feet to the place of beginning. Coal and mining rights underlying said lands are excepted.

Subject to an easement to use fifteen (15) feet off the East side of the above described tract of land for a road as set forth in a deed from N.F. Camp and his wife, to Frank Rohr dated October 31, 1916 and filed February 5, 1917, in Book 265 on page 418 in the Recorder's Office of Macoupin County, Illinois

Parcel ID # 01-000-419-01
Robert & Brenda McEnery
311 Hilltop Ln
Staunton, IL 62088

Respectfully submitted,


Lori Grandone
Office Manager

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A part of Lot "S" located in the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 31, Township 7 North, Range 6 West of the Third Principal Meridian, in Macoupin County, Illinois, being a part of a Subdivision the plat of which is recorded in Chancery Record in the Macoupin County Court House in Book "W" at page 192, said tract being a part of the lands acquired by the owner with Warranty Deed dated February 20, 1919 and recorded in Book 297 at page 572 of the Deed Records at said Court House.

A detailed description of the said tract is as follows: Commencing at the most Westerly corner of said Lot "S" running thence North 8 degrees 43 minutes East 130.3 feet along the Westerly line of Lot "S" to the point of intersection with the Easterly right-of-way line of the Macoupin County Extension Railway Company, being the Point of Beginning.

From the Point of Beginning running thence North 8 degrees 43 minutes East 141.8 feet, along the Westerly line of the Lot "S" and along the Easterly right-of-way line of said Railway Company to the existing fence corner post at the Northwest corner of the lands of the said owner; thence South 89 Degrees 39 Minutes East 453.9 feet, along the North line of the lands of the said owner and along the existing property line fence, to a point; thence South Zero degrees and 2 minutes West 431.96 feet, parallel with the 40 feet perpendicularly distance West of the East line of said Lot "S", to a point thence North 65 degrees 30 minutes West 519 feet, along the existing Southwesterly line of the lands of the said Owner, to a point on the Easterly right-of-way line of said Railway Company; thence North One Degree 51 Minutes West 79.8 feet, along the Easterly right-of-way line of said Railway Company, to the Point of Beginning, the said tract containing 3.51 acres, more or less.

The Grantor herein conveys to said Grantees a Fifteen (15) foot roadway which provides access to the public highway and which provides ingress and egress to said premises, which roadway Grantor acquired by Warranty Deed dated February 20, 1919, wherein Newton F Camp and May Camp, his wife, were the Grantors, said deed being recorded July 11, 1919, in Book 297 of Deeds, page 572, in the Recorder's Office, Macoupin County, Illinois, This roadway is subject to an easement granted to Edna Odorizzi, et al, said easement contained in a Warranty Deed dated Nov. 2, 1960 and recorded February 6, 1961, in Book 558 Page 437, Macoupin County, Illinois.

The Grantor assigns to said Grantees the easement to a Forty (40) foot roadway which borders on the East side of the above described premises herein granted, which easement she reserved as shown by Warranty Deed from herself to Edna Odorizzi, et al. which deed is dated Nov 2, 1960, recorded Feb 6, 1961, Book 558 page 437, Recorder's Office, Macoupin County, Illinois

Parcel ID # 01-000-417-00

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Lori P Grandone
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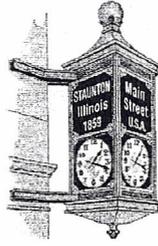
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A detailed description of the said tract is as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot "S"; running thence North 57 degrees and 54 minutes West 234.58 feet, along the Southwesterly line of Lot "S", to a point; thence North 53 degrees and 46 minutes West 369.7 feet, along the Southwesterly line of said Lot "S", to a point on the Easterly Right-of-way line of the Macoupin County Extension Railway Company; thence North 2 degrees and 39 minutes West 68.2 feet, along the Easterly Right-of-way line of said Railway Company, to a point; thence South 65 degrees and 30 minutes East 519 feet to a point; thence North Zero degrees and 2 minutes East 431.96 feet, parallel with and 40 feet perpendicularly distant West of the East line of said Lot "S", to a point on the North line of lands of Marie Meyer; thence South 89 degrees and 39 minutes East 40 feet, along the North line of lands of Marie Meyer, to a point on the East line of Lot "S", thence South Zero degrees and 2 Minutes West 636.8 feet to the point of beginning, and containing 1.96 acres, more or less.

Tract No. 2: A part of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section 31, Township 7 North, Range 6 West of the Third Principal Meridian in Macoupin County, Illinois, the said tract containing 3.25 acres, more or less.

Tract No. 1 and Tract No. 2 containing a total of 5.21 acres, more or less.

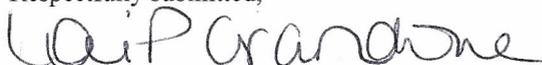
Subject to an easement for road purposes of a strip of land Forty (40) feet in width and 454.06 feet in length off the East side of Tract No. 1, as recorded in a Warranty Deed from Marie Meyer, to Edna Odorizzi, et al, dated Nov. 2, 1960, and recorded Feb 6, 1961, in Book 558 of Deeds, Page 437, Recorder's Office, Macoupin County, Illinois.

Also the right to use a Fifteen (15) foot roadway, located directly North of the above mentioned Forty (40) foot road, which provides ingress and egress to the public highway, as contained in a Warranty Deed from Marie Meyer to Edna Odorizzi, et al, dated Nov. 2, 1060, and recorded Feb. 6, 1961, in Book 558 of Deeds, Page 437, Recorder's Office, Macoupin County, Illinois.

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Doyle & Joann Heim
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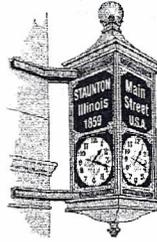
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Excepting a strip of land Fifteen (15) feet in width off the South side of the above described real estate which has been deeded to Kenneth P Hainut and Jean A Hainut, his wife, in Deed Record Book 681 at Page 5.

Parcel ID # 01-000-431-00
Jacqueline Kay Valent, Richard Knaus & Glenda Heck
505 S Fairbanks
Staunton, IL 62088

Respectfully submitted,


Lori Grandone
Office Manager

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This deed is further subject to existing easements and rights-of-way, if any, which have been previously granted with respect to the above described real estate.

Parcel ID # 01-000-420-00
1227 W Henry St
Staunton, IL 62088

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Lori Grandone.

Lori Grandone
Office Manager

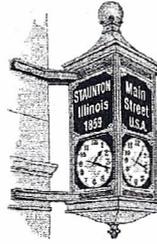
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Tract II:

For road purposes, and easement over the following described real estate to wit: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section Number Thirty-one (31) in Township Number Seven (7) North, Range Number (6) West of the Third Principal Meridian, running thence North Fifty (50) feet; thence West Twenty (20) feet; thence South Fifty (50) feet to the North line of said Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section Number Thirty-one (31); thence East along the North line of said Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) Twenty (20) feet to the place of beginning, which easement for roadway purposes may also be used and enjoyed by Elroy J Bloemker and Doris Bloemker, their heirs, devisees and assigns as a way on ingress and egress to any land owned by them, situated in the County of Macoupin in the State of Illinois.

Parcel ID # 01-000-433-00
Rick & Heather Birdsell
1228 W Henry St
Staunton, IL 62088

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori P Grandone
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Parcel ID #01-000-409-00

GMAC Mortgage Corporation

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Grandone
Office Manager

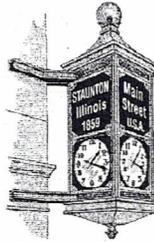
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Parcel ID#01-000-790-00
Paul & Verna Mathenia

Respectfully submitted,

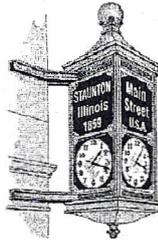
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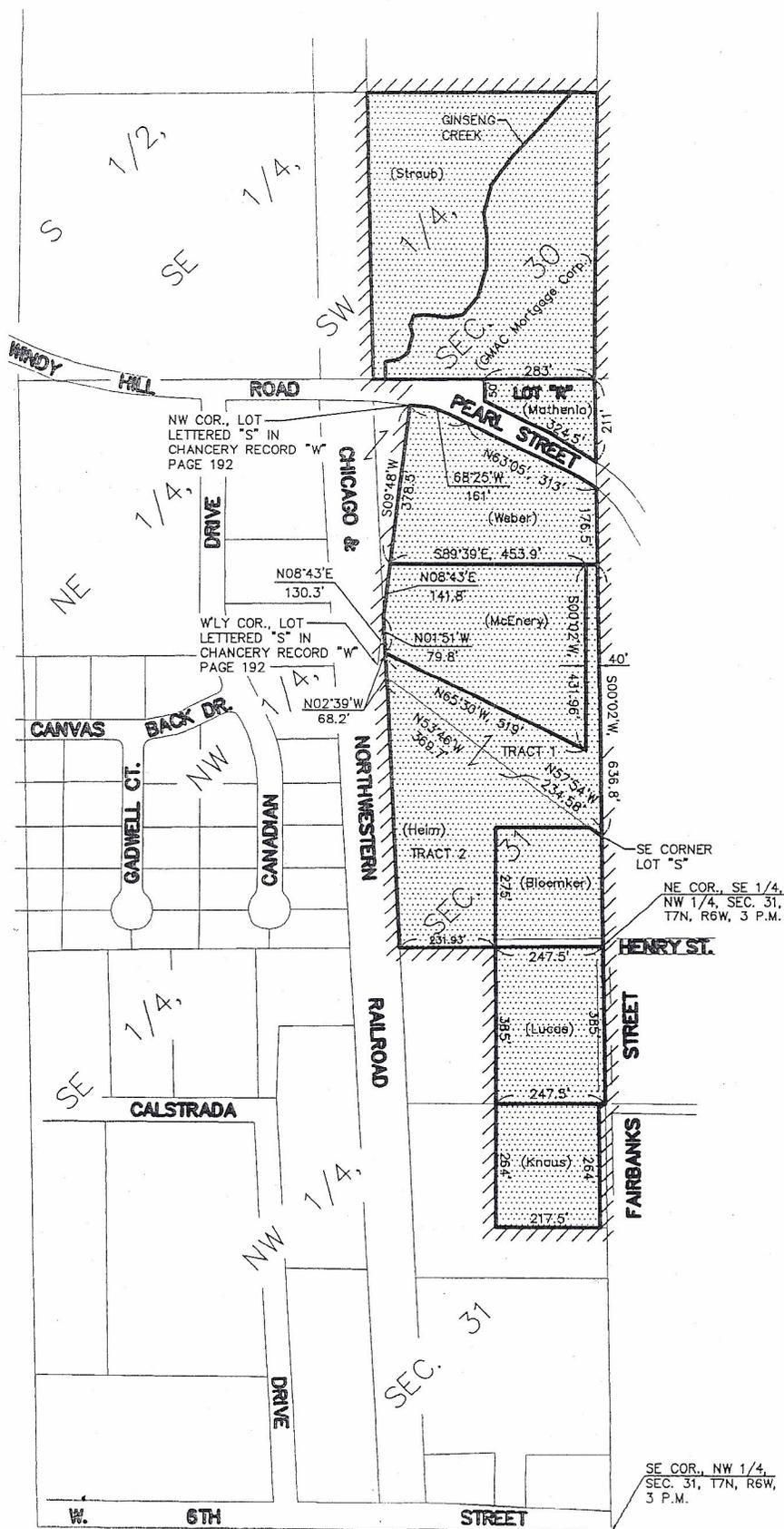
Parcel ID# 01-000-410-00
John & Hazel Straub

Respectfully submitted,


Lori Grandone
Office Manager

ANNEXATION PLAT

TRACT TO BE ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF STAUNTON BY ORDINANCE NO. _____
LOCATED IN SECTIONS 30 AND 31, T7N, R6W, OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN,
MACOUPIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS



SCALE : 1" = 200'
COMBINED TOTAL = ±25 ACRES

- LEGEND**
- EXISTING CITY LIMITS
 - LIMITS AREA TO BE ANNEXED

Kenneth R. Deihl

Presiding Judge
Macoupin County Courthouse
201 East Main Street, POB 673
Carlinville, IL 62626
217.854.3181, ext. 264
217.854-8461, fax
kdeihl@macoupincountyonline.net

Friday, October 08, 2010

Memo to: Hon. Patrick J. Londrigan, Circuit Judge
Hon. Joshua A. Meyer, Associate Judge
Mr. Mike Mathis, Circuit Clerk
Ms. Jennifer Watson, State's Attorney
Mr. Jono Verticchio, Interim Public Defender
Ms. Wanda Hamman, Chief Court Services

From: Hon. Kenneth R. Deihl, Presiding Judge KRO

Re: Fines & Selected Fees are going ↓

Our revenue stream continues to fall and this is quite troubling. It is caused mostly because of fewer State Police tickets being processed. The chart below sets forth the details.

<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>09/30/09</u>	<u>09/30/10</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Traffic – State Police	\$340,308	\$225,993	(\$114,315)
Traffic – Other Juris.	\$044,982	\$033,126	(\$011,856)
Criminal Fines	\$154,308	\$126,489	(\$027,819)
Law Library	\$019,212	\$016,896	(\$002,316)
Guardian ad Litem	\$025,109	\$017,029	(\$008,080)
Public Defender	<u>\$007,319</u>	<u>\$008,708</u>	<u>\$001,389</u>
Totals	\$599,318	\$428,241	(\$162,997)

I'd like your input on ways to fairly improve our revenue situation. Please forward your suggestions.

cc: ✓ Mr. Andy Manar, County Board Chairman



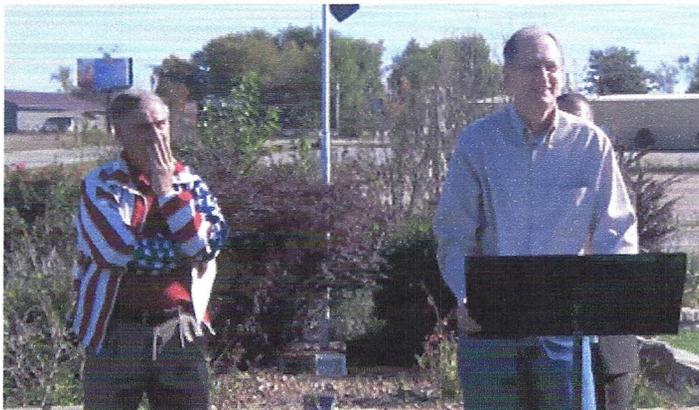
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OCTOBER 2010

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City of Staunton Awarded \$350,000 to Alleviate Flood Damage

Community Development Assistance Grants Will Support Needed Improvements in Illinois Smaller Communities



Staunton Alderman Richard Ficker speaks on behalf of the City of Staunton along with Township Supervisor Ray Spulich.

City of Staunton announced as one of 40 communities throughout the state to be awarded competitive Public Infrastructure grants totaling over 12 million through the

federally-funded Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP).

Infrastructure projects being funded in this round include construction on water and sewer lines. The City of Staunton in Macoupin County is receiving \$350,000 to upgrade its sewer drainage system to alleviate recurring flooding along the main road into town from I-55.

"This grant will enable Staunton to pursue a permanent solution to a long-existing problem," said Mayor John Willmon. "On behalf of the residents of Staunton, I want to

say how very appreciative we are to DCEO. This is a culmination of an awful lot of work for a lot of people."

Illinois will receive approximately \$35 million total in federal funds through the Community Development Block Grant Program (known in Illinois as CDAP). CDAP serves communities with populations under 50,000 that are not located within a US Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-designated entitlement community, or one of the eight designated entitlement urban counties.

DCEO Director Warren Ribley visited Staunton to announce the *CDAP, continued on page 2*

MEDP Member, First National Bank Boasts Superior Performance Rating

First National Bank in Staunton stands strong in the current environment while many financial institutions are faltering. You don't have to take their word for it, though; First National Bank has earned a 5-Star Superior rating from BAUER-FINANCIAL, Inc. of Coral Gables, FL, the nation's leading independent bank rating and research firm. The 5-Star rating is

based on the overall financial picture of the bank and indicates that First National Bank is one of the strongest banks in the nation.

In a climate where it is increasingly difficult to shine, First National Bank proves it can be done. In fact, local residents should be proud that their community bank is one of the elite *FNB, continued on page 3*

Mt. Olive and Staunton Organizations Receive Governor's Home Town Award

Mt. Olive Academic Foundation and Staunton FFA Alumni Association "Friends of Ag" were among 26 projects announced as 2010 Governor's Home Town Award recipients. The awards recognize the contributions of thousands of Illinois' volunteers for their hard work and dedication towards improving their communities.

The recipients were chosen

by a group of volunteer judges who reviewed and ranked applications based on local need, volunteer participation, use of resources and results. The projects were judged within their population category as well as within an assigned project category, such as services and mentorship, memorials and monuments, parks and *Award, continued on page 2*



Governor Home Town Award Winners, Staunton FFA. From Left to right: Rob Peterson, Shari Albrecht, Senator Demuzio, Debra Kraner, Eli Peterson, Kathy Ahrens, Warren Ribley, Barb Kraner, Roger Dustmann, Representative Hannig, Rob Werden.



From Left to Right: Superintendent of Mt. Olive Schools Patrick Murphy, Representative Betsy Hannig, Academic Foundation Board Member Carol Hamby, Foundation Treasurer Mary Kratochvil, Foundation President Roger Kratochvil, Director Warren Ribley, Senator Deanna Demuzio, and School Board President and Mt. Olive Mayor John Skertich.

Award, continued from page 1 recreation, beautification and sustainability, and history and historic preservation. The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) administers the program.

Each of the award-winning communities receives a road sign and plaque recognizing its effort.

The community of Mt. Olive believes that "Children are the Future". The Mt. Olive Academic Foundation was developed to help the local school district purchase items they could not be able to afford within their budget. This is especially important when the State is having budgetary difficulties in providing timely funding.

Total Number of Volunteers: 14; Total Volunteer Hours: 400; Total Value of Donated Materials: \$500; Private Funds Raised: \$800,000.

The Staunton FFA has a long and proud tradition but was limited by a lack of financial support. A forward-thinking parent of an agricultural student presented the idea of forming an FFA Support group to a

group of like-minded friends. Soon after "Friends of Ag" was formed. To raise funds the "Friends of Ag" hold an annual fundraiser dinner and auction. The sold out events raise approximately \$28,500 annually. Total Number of Volunteers: 100+; Total Volunteer Hours: Unlimited; Total Value of Donated Materials: \$34,840 annually; Private Funds Raised: annually \$28,500.

MEDP's Executive Director, Shari Albrecht, attended the ceremony in support of both MEDP member communities.

"I am so proud of both of these organizations. Their efforts to provide Macoupin County students with the tools and resources they need to succeed is worthy of admiration," said Albrecht.

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CDAP awards.

"Many of Illinois' smaller communities have been hardest hit by the economic recession, but funding through the state's CDAP program allows us to build up the infrastructure of our smaller and rural communities," said DCEO Director Warren Ribley. "These improvements create jobs and set the stage for future economic development."

Staunton aldermen, township, Macoupin Economic Development Partnership and state officials were in attendance.

MEDP Welcomes NEW Members

OCTOBER

Heneghan & Associates*
Bob Manns

1004 State Highway 16
Jerseyville, IL 62052

*MEDP meetings are the 3rd
Tuesday of every month.

macoupinpartners.com

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Linda Prante (center) and Kim Harber (right) are pictured above on behalf of Madison Communications who recently donated free advertising on Madison's Channel 8 in support of the County's shop local effort. Courtney Wood (left) of MEDP.



Bill German, on behalf of NewWave Communications, recently donated free advertising on NewWave's local channel in support of the County's shop local effort. Courtney Wood (left), Community Development Specialist MEDP.



Brian Stawar and Don Wall of United Community Bank in Bunker Hill present a check worth \$250 to Courtney Wood of MEDP towards the Macoupin Matters Shop Local effort.

Madison, New Wave and UCB Bunker Hill Donate to Macoupin Matters

MEDP has partnered with the Chambers of Commerce in Macoupin County in an effort to raise sales tax revenue. Madison, NewWave and United Community Bank of Bunker Hill are members of MEDP and now official sponsors of Macoupin Matters. The campaign's slogan is 'Shop Your Hometown First, Shop Your County Second.' To learn more about the campaign visit www.macoupinpartners.com or www.facebook.com/macoupinmatters.

Macoupin Matters – 5 Reasons to Shop Local

1. You kept dollars in our economy
When you purchase at locally owned businesses, more money is kept in the community because locally-owned businesses often purchase from other local businesses, service providers and farms. Purchasing local helps grow other businesses as well as the local tax base.
2. You created local jobs
Local businesses are better at creating jobs for our neighbors.
3. You nurtured community
Local businesses contribute more to charities and give a town a unique character.
4. You helped the environment
Buying from a local business conserves energy and resources in the form of less fuel for transportation, less packaging, and products that you know are safe and well made, because we stand behind them.
5. You conserved your tax dollars
Shopping in a local business district means less public infrastructure and make more efficient use of city services making more money available to beautify our community. Also, spending locally instead of online ensures that your sales taxes are reinvested where they belong – right here in your community.

For more reasons to shop local visit www.macoupinpartners.com. Click on the free resource sheet under the Shop Local heading. Customize the flyer with your business name and logo, then print copies for your customers or storefront.

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financial institutions in the nation. They can rest assured that their deposits are well-placed in this 5-Star bank.

Established in 1934, First National Bank has been pleased to fulfill the financial needs of its neighbors and friends for over 75 years. It currently operates through ten conveniently located offices in Madison and Macoupin counties and can also be found on the internet at www.fnbstaunton.com. The 10 locations include Staunton, Benld,

Livingston, Worden, Bethalto, Holiday Shores, Troy, Hamel, Maryville and Mt. Olive.

First National Bank: "Everybody Is Somebody To Us"

BAUERFINANCIAL, INC., Coral Gables, Florida, the nation's leading independent bank rating and research firm, has been reporting on and analyzing the performance of U.S. banks and credit unions since 1983. No institution pays for its rating, nor can they elude it. Consumers may obtain star-ratings by visiting www.bauerfinancial.com.

Shari Albrecht Attends Midwest Community Development Institute

Moline, IL: More than 80 community leaders, including MEDP Executive Director Shari Albrecht participated in the Midwest Community Development Institute (CDI) held from August 9-12 at the Stoney Creek Inn in Moline, Illinois. The Midwest CDI is a nationally-recognized training program in community and economic development designed for development professionals, community leaders, and elected officials. CDI is hosted by the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs (IIRA) at Western Illinois University.

The Midwest CDI trains community and economic development professionals, elected officials, and community volunteers in the "how tos" of community and economic development and the techniques to bring positive change to their communities. CDI can also lead to a nationally-recognized certification as a Professional Community and Economic Developer, a valuable credential for development professionals.

"I found many of the presenters and techniques beneficial to my organization. CDI provides great training for economic developers," said Albrecht. "I plan to incorporate the methods I have learned this week into the economic plans for Macoupin County."

"Every year, I am impressed with the participants, as much as the presenters," says CDI Director John Gruidl. "The participants are remarkably talented and diverse, including local economic developers, community developers, may-

ors, city council members, city and village administrators, staff from state, regional and federal agencies, and community volunteers. These folks are on the front lines leading change in their communities".

The four-day CDI featured speakers from across the country who are experts in community and economic development, including Robert Pittman from Janus Economics, a consulting company, who has 20 years experience in helping businesses find sites internationally and Ron Hustedde from Kentucky who developed an award-winning program in entrepreneurship. Participants also participated in a field trip, such as one along the Mississippi Riverfront in the Quad Cities which is being converted from old industrial properties to an attractive urban environment.

Participants also heard from experts on a variety of topics, including facilitation skills, leadership, marketing your community, the role of the private sector in economic development, strategic planning, and fund-raising.

Completion of three years of CDI is one of the requirements to sit for the Professional Community and Economic Developers (PCED) exam. PCED is a professional certification available through the Community Development Council (CDC). By successfully completing Year Three, Albrecht has moved closer to meeting certification requirements and qualifying for certification as a Professional Community and Economic Developer.

For more information about the Midwest CDI including registration forms visit www.midwestcdi.org, or email info@midwestcdi.org or call 309-298-2237.

Coffee & Commerce Gets Perking

Business, government and professional leaders from Macoupin County met for the first Coffee and Commerce Business Leaders Breakfast on September 15 at the Staunton Country Club to hear guest speaker Tom Franzen of Litchfield's Economic Development and to interact with one another.

Thirty-five leaders attended the exclusive breakfast. Macoupin Economic Development Partnership President, Sue Campbell welcomed guests while highlighting MEDP members in attendance. Staunton Alderman, Bruce Layher, also welcomed invitees to the Staunton area. Don Boeckenstedt, MEDP's Business Recruitment and Retention Chairman and representative for the City of Staunton, shared lessons learned while climbing the leadership ladder and later introduced Franzen.

Franzen quickly engaged the crowd with an inspirational reference to basketball legend John Wooden. Wooden was the first man to be named as a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame as both a player and coach. His record for ten NCAA national championships in a 12 year period while at UCLA is still unmatched. Franzen told how Wooden never said go out and win, but simply said go and do the best you can. Advice Franzen felt could be applied to business development.

The tragic sinking of the USS Indianapolis was another anal-

ogy Franzen chose to dissect. USS Indianapolis had requested an escort to deliver critical parts for the first atomic bomb, but was denied. It was later torpedoed by a Japanese submarine and sank in 12 minutes causing the greatest single loss of life at sea in the history of the U.S. Navy. Franzen, an insurance salesman by trade, explained how lack of insurance; of knowing who's steering your business development ship can also lead to disaster.

Coffee & Commerce is sponsored by MEDP's Business Recruitment and Retention committee. "These types of meetings are important because it gives an opportunity to each community in Macoupin County to be represented. Further to that it allows for each of us to draw from the overall knowledge of everyone in the county," said Boeckenstedt. "Ultimately this knowledge and partnership between communities will give Macoupin County some huge advantages in Economic Development for the future."

MEDP's mission is to drive economic growth in the county by conducting and sponsoring activities that help existing businesses prosper and grow, attract new businesses, and promote responsible development. To learn more about MEDP, visit www.macoupinpartners.com.



Co-chairs Lynn Fraelle and Mary Newman hold the BMC Stage One Completion Certification with leadership team members (L to R) Teresa Tucker, Rita Frazer, Lynn Shehorn, Norm Emmons, City Alderman Mickey Robinson, Peyton Bernot, Sharon Adkins and Kelly Vesper.

BMC, Benld, IL and The City of Benld Complete Stage 1

“Build Benld” Leadership Team and the City of Benld have completed stage one of five stages of development with the Macoupin Economic Development Partnership’s Build Macoupin County Program. Stage one, entry level, is the completion of the application, organizational structure and self-assessment. The team will now move forward with the development ready stage, which includes planning and implementation.

The leadership team has identified six categories they feel are the most important in strengthening Benld. These categories are business retention, expansion and recruitment, community volunteer recruitment & building of local civic groups, tourism, beautification, youth & senior services, and recreation. These categories were presented at a public meeting held September first to gain public input and volunteers. A survey was distributed along with an online version to gain further feedback. The team will now look to their action team volunteers to help them as they strive to complete the next phase of the BMC program.

Build Macoupin County is a program based on the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Competitive Communities Initiative model. This model builds a community’s ability to achieve goals while improving the quality of life for residents, while fostering leadership.



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IRS Releases Form to Help Small Businesses Claim New Health Care Tax Credit

The Internal Revenue Service released a draft version of the form that small businesses and tax-exempt organizations will use to calculate the small business health care tax credit when they file income tax returns next year. The IRS also announced how eligible tax-exempt organizations -- which do not generally file income tax returns -- will claim the credit during the 2011 filing season.

The IRS has posted a draft of Form 8941 on IRS.gov. Both small businesses and tax-exempt organizations will use the form to calculate the credit. A small business will then include the amount of the credit as part of the general business credit on its income tax return. The final version of Form 8941 and its instructions will be available later this year.

The small business health care tax credit was included in the Affordable Care Act signed by the President in March and is effective this year. The credit is designed to encourage small employers to offer health insurance coverage for the first time or maintain coverage they already have.

In 2010, the credit is generally available to small employers that contribute an amount equivalent to at least half the cost of single coverage towards buying health insurance for their

employees. The credit is specifically targeted to small businesses and tax-exempt organizations that primarily employ moderate- and lower-income workers.

For tax years 2010 to 2013, the maximum credit is 35% of premiums paid by eligible small business employers and 25% of premiums paid by eligible employers that are tax-exempt organizations. Beginning in 2014, the maximum tax credit will go up to 50% of premiums paid by eligible small business employers and 35% of premiums paid by eligible, tax-exempt organizations for two years. The maximum credit goes to smaller employers -- those with 10 or fewer full-time equivalent (FTE) employees -- paying annual average wages of \$25,000 or less.

The credit is completely phased out for employers that have 25 FTEs or more or that pay average wages of \$50,000 per year or more. Because the eligibility rules are based in part on the number of FTEs, and not simply the number of employees, businesses that use part-time help may qualify even if they employ more than 25 individuals. More information about the credit, including a step-by-step guide and answers to frequently asked questions, is available on the Affordable Care Act page on the IRS website.

Illinois Department of Employment Security hosts Employer Workshops

Illinois Department of Employment Security hosts Employer Workshops / Business Expos around the state. For information regarding in-depth workshops that address Unemployment Insurance claims/protest issues and value-added programs and services available to you, or to schedule a workshop, please contact Bill Harrison, manager of Employer Outreach, at 309.343.3100 ext. 202 or by email, William.Harrison@illinois.gov.

For a list of dates and locations to the following workshops, visit the IDES website at <http://www.ides.state.il.us/employer/workshops/default.asp>.

"Meeting Business Needs" This workshop will provide information on Unemployment Insurance, Veterans Programs, How to Receive Tax Credits for New Hires, Illinois Skills Match, TaxNet, IDES Off-site Recruitment Facilities/Services, Illinois Labor Market Information and Re-Entry Employment Services Program.

"Unemployment Insurance/Employee Services Workshop" This workshop will offer information on employment services and unemployment insurance information.

"Unemployment Insurance--Meeting Business Needs Workshop" This workshop will provide information on Unemployment Insurance along with Veterans Programs, How to Receive Tax Credits for New Hires, Illinois Skills Match, TaxNet, IDES Off-site Recruitment Facilities, Illinois Labor Market information and Re-Entry Employment Services.

Calendar of Events

- October 25: Build Benld Action Team Mtg., Benld Civic Center, 6:30 pm
- October 28: Benld Art Contest and Auction, Benld Civic Center, 6:30 - Build Benld Team
- November 1: MEDP to attend Mt. Olive City Council
- November 15: MEDP BOD Mtg. LCCC, Carlinville, 6 pm
- November 18: Chamber Alliance Mtg, LCCC Carlinville, 9 am
- November 18: Mayor's Council, MEDP Staunton Office, 6:30 pm



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