

MACOUPIN COUNTY REVOLVING LOAN FUND

JULY 2012 REPORT

REPORT DATE: JULY 31, 2012

INVOICE DATE RANGE: THROUGH 7/15/2012 INVOICES

Invoice Date	RLF Loanee	Amount Paid	Due Date	Date Amount Remitted
2/15/12	159 Fitness	\$495.83	3/17/2012	3/16/2012
3/15/12	159 Fitness	\$482.83	4/17/2012	4/17/2012
4/15/12	159 Fitness	\$485.83	5/17/2012	5/17/2012
5/15/12	159 Fitness	\$490.83	6/17/2012	6/15/2012
6/15/12	159 Fitness	\$485.83	7/17/2012	7/17/2012
7/15/12	159 Fitness		8/17/2012	
159 Fitness Initial Principal Balance/Current Principal Balance: \$50,000.00/\$41,920.12				
2/15/12	All Type Hydraulics	\$478.40	2/28/2011	2/28/2012
3/15/12	All Type Hydraulics	\$478.40	3/28/2011	3/30/2012
4/15/12	All Type Hydraulics	\$478.40	4/28/2011	4/30/2012
5/15/12	All Type Hydraulics	\$478.40	5/28/2011	5/30/2012
6/15/12	All Type Hydraulics	\$478.40	6/28/2011	6/28/2012
7/15/12	All Type Hydraulics	\$478.40	7/28/2011	7/30/2012
All Type Hydraulics Initial Principal Balance/Current Principal Balance: \$35,000.00/\$16,627.46				
N/A	Connexus, Inc.	\$250.00	Per Agrmt	Payment Made 1/31/12
N/A	Connexus, Inc.	\$100.00	4/10/2012	4/20/2012
4/23/12	Connexus, Inc.	\$100.00	5/10/2012	6/7/2012
5/15/12	Connexus, Inc.	\$100.00	6/10/2012	7/16/2012
6/15/12	Connexus, Inc.	\$100.00	7/10/2012	7/16/2012
7/15/12	Connexus, Inc.		8/10/2012	
Connexus Initial Principal Balance/Current Principal Balance: \$8,380.00/\$6,005.62***				
2/15/12	R&A Enterprises	\$201.85	3/1/2012	3/14/2012
3/15/12	R&A Enterprises	\$201.85	4/1/2012	4/13/2012
4/15/12	R&A Enterprises	\$201.85	5/1/2012	5/1/2012
5/15/12	R&A Enterprises	\$201.85	6/1/2012	6/7/2012
6/15/12	R&A Enterprises	\$201.85	7/1/2012	7/24/2012
7/15/12	R&A Enterprises		8/1/2012	
R&A Enterprises Initial Principal Balance/Current Principal Balance: \$25,000.00/\$12,978.89				
1/15/12	Mertcantile Center	N/A	1/1/2013	
Mercantile Center Initial Principal Balance/Current Principal Balance: \$10,000.00/\$10,000.00				
Legend: M=Missed; L=Received Late; (*)=see previous monthly reports for detail				

***Does not include lump sum additional payment at end of note of \$100.00 due to incurring of late fees prior to the writing of the March 2012 note. Also see Note 2.

Note1: Certain balance figures may be slightly different due to not re-amortizing balances every month after an extra payment toward principal. Actual balances will be determined prior to final collection if necessary in any instance. Listed principal balances reflect amortization schedules.

Note2: In March, a new note was re-negotiated to supplant the verbal agreement and went into effect after signing with first payment due in April. Mr. Ambrose was given a grace period on his first payment due 4/10/12 because of a mailing issue with the State's Attorney's Office who mailed the new note to be signed by Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose. First payment remitted 4/20/12 with all future payments under new note to be remitted on 10th of the month. Late fees are being assessed on all future late payments. ***Does not account for late fees due to County for May/June/July outstanding or lump sum additional payment noted above which will be paid at end of note per terms.

Note3: A \$10,000.00 loan at 3% interest / one-pay note to the Mercantile Center (formerly listed with a separate, current loan under R&A Enterprises) was approved by the County Board at its December 2011 meeting. Per terms of the note, the Mercantile Center is required to appear before the County Board's Economic Development Committee to provide appropriate financial updates and foreclosures in the event the loan has not yet been prepaid. Repayment of the single-pay note is due no later than January 1, 2013.



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MEDP Receives Regional Accolades



Macoupin County Board Chairman Andy Manar presenting MEDP Executive Director Shari Albrecht with the St. Louis Commerce Plaque.

Shari Albrecht, Executive Director of Macoupin Economic Development Partnership, was recently honored by St. Louis Commerce in its 2012 selection of "Who's Who In St. Louis: Business Leaders." Albrecht and the Partnership appeared in the March issue of St. Louis Commerce, a publication of the St. Louis Regional Commerce & Growth Association.

"This is truly a privilege to be considered part of RCGA's Who's Who In St. Louis: Business Leaders," said Albrecht. "MEDP is only beginning its fourth year, but we are working

hard to build a foundation of instrumental and cutting edge programs and services to meet Macoupin County's business sector needs."

Earlier this year, the Partnership unveiled a new Business Development Program setting a strong business recruitment/retention focus for 2012 and beyond. This marks the second regional/statewide award for the young Partnership in less than a year. Richard Schien of Karmak received the 2011 Ameren Illinois Development Council Business Partnership Award for his groundbreaking

leadership in the formation of the Partnership itself.

The Macoupin County Board, a charter member and largest contributor to the Partnership, presented Albrecht with the plaque at their Regular May Board Meeting.

"Receiving this award signals that Macoupin County is becoming an emerging player in the St. Louis regional economy," said Macoupin County Board Chairman Andy Manar. "I certainly congratulate Shari and MEDP for this distinguished honor and thank the **RCGA** continued on page 4

Staunton Downtown Receives Touch Up

Youth pastor Nathan Nelson of Staunton had a vision to help Staunton's downtown business district. With a few phone calls, meetings and determination a plan for Staunton's Paint the Town project was born. Mayor Craig Neuhaus went to work gathering business owners' needs, sponsors and volunteers.

One phone call seeking sponsorship went to R.P. Lumber. The owner of the lumber company with 46 locations, Bob Plummer, didn't hesitate to donate materials and supplies to the town that is home to his

first location. Brushes, buckets, applicators, drop clothes, etc. started pouring in from R.P. suppliers. Glidden Paint donated gallons of paint to the project. Do It Best hardware, 3M, Shur-Line and DAP all contributed to Staunton's downtown revitalization.

"This could not have happened if it wasn't for our loyal customers in Staunton and the surrounding communities," said Brad Miller, Manager of Staunton R.P. Lumber. "Mr. Plummer's heart is in Staunton. **Paint**, continued on page 4

West Central Offers Grant Services

The West Central Development Council, Inc. located in Carlinville would like to take this opportunity to inform you that they are available to assist your community in writing grants. The WCDC provides its services free of charge for the preparation and submittal of Construction and/or Design Engineering Grant Applications for the purpose of improving and/or replacing water/sewer systems. Construction grants have a \$400,000 grant ceiling and must be leveraged with at least 25% of commu-

nity funds. Design Engineering grant applications have a \$100,000 grant ceiling with no matching money required.

Please keep in mind that there is a three (3) month lead time in the preparation of a grant because of the federal requirements that have to be met most noticeable the income survey of the project area, a public hearing and the hiring of an engineer to prepare the cost estimates. If you have any questions or would like to discuss their services please call 217-854-9642, ext. 235

SBA, AARP Team Up to Connect Older Americans with Resources to Start, Grow Businesses

The U.S. Small Business Administration and AARP are launching a strategic alliance to provide counseling and training to entrepreneurs over the age of 50 who want to start or grow a small business. Through SBA's online training courses and its nationwide network of business mentors and counselors, the two organizations expect to train 100,000 "encore entrepreneurs," men and women over 50 who are starting or running a small business.

SBA has set up a dedicated web page Americans over the age of 50 featuring: an online self-assessment tool that will help potential small business owners understand their readiness for starting a business as well as information to help with business planning, shaping a winning business idea, professional counseling, financial services and information to find local resources in your area. This web page can be found at: <http://www.sba.gov/content/50-entrepreneurs>.

SBA and AARP also will jointly develop and host a customized online course, self-assessment, and webinar series for older entrepreneurs. SBA already offers a suite of online courses for people who want to start and grow their business. To take a course, go to <http://www.sba.gov/training> under "online courses." Course topics include start-up basics, finance strategies, marketing tactics, overseas trade, and more.

For more information on SBA's programs and services, please visit www.sba.gov.

Credit Helps Small Employers Provide Health Care Coverage

Small employers that pay at least half of the premiums for employee health insurance coverage under a qualifying arrangement may be eligible for the small business health care tax credit. Enacted two years ago, the credit is designed to encourage small employers to offer health insurance coverage for the first time or maintain coverage they already have. Eligible small employers can claim the credit for 2010 through 2013 and for two additional years beginning in 2014. Targeted to small employers that primarily employ low-and moderate-income workers, the maximum credit, in tax-years 2010 through 2013, is 35 percent of premiums paid by small businesses and 25 percent of premiums paid by tax-exempt organizations, increasing to 50 percent and 35 percent, respectively, in 2014.

Small businesses claim the credit on their income tax return using Form 8941 and Form 3800. Tax-exempt organizations also use Form 8941 and then claim the credit on Form 990-T. The recently-revamped Small Business Health Care Tax Credit page on IRS.gov is packed with information and resources designed to help small employers see if they qualify for the credit and then figure it correctly. These include a step-by-step guide for determining eligibility, examples of typical tax savings under various scenarios, answers to frequently-asked questions, a YouTube video and a webinar.

Substantial Payroll Tax Relief

Many businesses can now resolve past worker classification issues at a low cost by voluntarily reclassifying their workers. Better yet, they don't have to wait for an IRS audit to do so.

By prospectively reclassifying workers, making a minimal payment and meeting a few other requirements, eligible businesses can achieve greater certainty for themselves, their workers and the government.

The VCSP is available to many businesses, tax-exempt organizations and government entities that currently treat their workers or a class or group of workers as non-employees or independent contractors, and now want to correctly treat these workers as employees in the future. To be eligible, an employer must:

- Consistently have treated the workers in the past as nonemployees,
- Have filed all required Forms 1099 for the workers for the previous three years
- Not currently be under audit by the IRS or the Department of Labor or a state agency concerning the classification of these workers

Interested employers can apply for the program by filing Form 8952. Employers accepted into the program will pay an amount effectively equaling just over one percent of the wages paid to the reclassified workers for the past year. It's that simple. Moreover, employers will not be audited on payroll taxes related to these workers for prior years.

Details on these and other tax benefits are on IRS.gov. In addition, the Small Business Tax Center (www.irs.gov/smallbiz) has links to a variety of useful tax tools for small business.

Seminar to Help Illinois Food Companies Grow Their Own Business

Illinois food companies can learn how to grow their business on a budget at a seminar being sponsored by the Illinois Department of Agriculture Bureau of Marketing and Promotion. However, they must register soon. The deadline to sign-up for the day-long course is Thursday, June 7th.

The seminar will be held Thursday, June 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Illinois Department of Agriculture, 801 Sangamon Ave., Springfield, Ill. The agenda includes a diverse group of speakers who will offer insight and information about such topics as social marketing, websites, selling items on Ebay, grant and loan opportunities and exporting.

The cost, which includes lunch, is \$30 for one person and \$15 for each additional person from the same company. To make reservations, either visit <https://www.illinoisepay.com/epay/GetSite?cmd=get&siteId=531> online and enter SEMINAR2012 for the invoice number or call Jennifer Tirey at (217) 782-8146.

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www.youtube.com/macoupinpartners

MEDP Executive Board Meetings are now the 4th Tuesday of the Month, 6pm, LCCC Macoupin Center Carlinville
All Members are still welcome to attend.

MEDP Second Annual Dinner A Success

Over 200 business, civic and local supporters turned out Thursday night to show their commitment to Macoupin Economic Development Partnership. The organization's second Annual Dinner Fund-raiser was held once more at the Gillespie Civic Center.

Macoupin County Board Chairman, Andy Manar, took top honors of the night. Manar was named Macoupin Made Young Leader of The Year. He has served as Macoupin County Board Chairman for the last eight years. Manar and his wife Trista reside in Bunker Hill with their three children, Abby, Will and Ben.

The Top 25, Under 45, chosen by an independent panel included Brian Boston of Carlinville, Pete Visintin Jr. of Gillespie, Michelle Dyer of Carlinville, Anthony and Marion Kravanya of Gillespie, Jamie Bray of Carlinville, TJ Allan of Gillespie, Jennifer Watson of Brighton, Sarah LoBue of Carlinville, Mary Beth Bellm of Carlinville, Tracy Koster of Carlinville, Natalie Albrecht of Staunton, Dr. Julie Fleischer of Carlinville, Shawna Heddinghaus, O.D. of Benld, Ron Maedge of Staunton, Jennifer Daine of Bunker Hill, Angie Morenz of Carlinville, Dr. Jim Bray of Carlinville, Jason Cloninger of Carlinville, Amanda Steward of Carlinville, Dean Plovich of Gillespie, Barkley Hassard of Staunton, David Hopper of Carlinville and Matt Smith of Bunker Hill.

Ed Mullins, CEO of Prairie Farms Dairy spoke of the company's National standing, its Carlinville roots and their workers' commitment to the Prairie Farms family. Special Recognition was given to US Marine Stewart Heim of Staunton. A Young Leader nominee who was severely wounded during his second

deployment to Afghanistan.

MEDP Annual Dinner Event Sponsors included: Ameren, Blackburn College, Build Benld, City of Carlinville, Karmak, Richard and Linda Schien, Village of Brighton, CNB Bank & Trust, N.A., Cherry's IGA, Taylor & Soapes, Madison Communications, Prairie Farms, Shipman Elevator, Carlinville Area Hospital, Community Memorial Hospital, Watson Law Office, Andy Manar - Macoupin County Board Chairman, Frontier, Macoupin Energy, Macoupin County Housing Authority, The Zilm Family, Shari Albrecht - MEDP Executive Director.

Macoupin Made products were highlighted throughout the venue. Items from Barn Trash, Broom Orchard, Little White Shed, Meehan's IGA, Plainview Vineyard and Prairie Farms Dairy made guests aware of wonderful merchandise created and sold in Macoupin.



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Benld Bands Together to Save Post Office

When Build Benld became aware that the US Post Office in Benld was to be "temporarily" closed, they joined ranks with Mayor Jeff Hendricks and the City of Benld to schedule a meeting with the Manager of Postal Operations, Sue Betts, of Gateway District and a public meeting on April 4 was scheduled at the Benld Post Office. About 40 residents, members of the City Council, members of Build Benld gathered to ask pertinent questions. Ms. Betts informed the group that although Benld had a large enough population to warrant having their own post office, the bottom line with Gateway was money. Sue stated that negotiations with the owner of the building, Leonad Spodek (New York) were unsuccessful and that Benld's Post Office was to be "temporarily" closed. If no other building was available to house the post office - then it would be terminated and Benld residents would be forced to use the Gillespie facility. As a matter of note, Gateway also plans to close the Eagarville and Sawyerville post offices in the foreseeable future.

Area citizens suggested other sites but it was Mayor Hendricks who offered the best suggestion. He offered a 450 square foot portion of the Benld Police

Office on Central Avenue. Although Gateway was slow to inspect the building and get back to the Mayor, they finally agreed the site would suffice. Gateway was adamant that they could not pay a rental agreement or pay for utilities & Mayor Hendrick waived those fees in order to keep a post office in Benld. Gateway normally likes to use "village" post office approach and have an employee in an existing business serve as the postal clerk (saving Gateway even more money), however, in negotiations it was agreed that they would supply a part-time postal clerk to man this site. It was the City's understanding that Gateway would assist in the renovation of the portion of the BPD that would serve as a postal office, however, recently Gateway announced it was solely the City's responsibility to do the renovations and move the postal mail boxes (that have been in storage) to the new site. In June Gateway did supply a drop off mail box which is located in the rear of the BPD site.

Although the new location was scheduled to open in Benld on July 1, 2012, Gateway's lack of communication with the City has delayed that. Mayor Hendricks continues to communicate with Gateway and hopes to see the new site open in the next 30 days.

Submitted by:
Lynn Fraelle

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MEDP Membership Renewals

Thank you to our
members who have
renewed for 2012
(April 27 - July 12, 2012)

Bates Motor Company

Mary Beth Bellm



Staunton Paint the Town Project Sponsors: R.P. Lumber, Glidden Paint, Staunton City Officials, Assembly of God – Mission Reach youth and volunteers officially kick off Staunton's downtown makeover.



Staunton Alderman Rick Johnson, Staunton Zoning Michelle Streeb, Staunton Art Council Shirley Heidbrink, R.P. Lumber Corporate Jeff Schmidt, Glidden Paint Bob Bellucci, Staunton Mayor Craig Neuhaus, Glidden Paint William Lissimore and Staunton R.P. Lumber Brad Miller.

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He has contributed to other projects in Staunton such as Duda Park and will continue to support Staunton in future plans."

"R.P. is a great customer of ours. We try to participate in projects similar to this throughout the Midwest. When they

approached us about contributing we felt this was a worthwhile project for Glidden to get involved," said William Lissimore Glidden Business Development Manager.

Over 50 Assembly of God – Mission Reach volunteers, from more than eight communities and two states, filed into

Staunton on June 20 with enthusiasm and paint brushes in hand.

"We did a mission like this last year in Macomb and Warsaw, Illinois. It's really awesome to be able to reach out to communities and bless people," said 16-year-old Elizabeth Shaffer of Bowen, IL.

"Staunton is around the same size as where I live. It feels good to be helping a community that reminds me of home," said 20-year-old Becca Jeffries of Shelbyville, IL.

Several local Staunton organizations and businesses have also invested time, money and food to the project, Neuhaus stated. Prep work was done before the youth volunteers arrived and there will be finishing touches after they depart on June 24. Neuhaus said there is still plenty to be done, and if someone can contribute in any

form it would be greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Staunton City Hall at 618-635-2233.

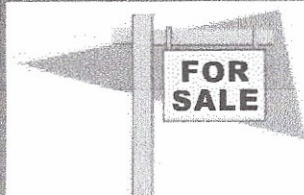
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Partnership for its hard work in maintaining a growing focus on economic development in Macoupin County."

MEDP's mission is through dynamic leadership and effective use of public and private support, the Macoupin Economic Development Partnership drives economic growth in the County by conducting and sponsoring activities that help existing businesses prosper and grow, attract new businesses, and promote responsible development. For information visit www.macoupinpartners.com



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Manar Named Young Leader of the Year



MEDP Executive Director Shari Albrecht, County Board Chairman Andy Manar, MEDP President Brian Zilm.

Name: Natalie Nicole Albrecht
Position & Co.: Customer Service Representative
Age: 22

Email: albe_n23@hotmail.com

Education: Blackburn College: Bachelor of Arts – Marketing (Graduated 2011)
McKendree University – Master of Business Administration (Anticipated Graduation 12/2012)

Family: Daughter of Mark and Brenda Albrecht of Staunton
Affiliations: Staunton Chamber of Commerce

If you were to compare your life to a TV sitcom, which would it be and why?

If I were to compare my life

to a TV sitcom, it would have to be Everybody Loves Raymond. Growing up I lived across the street from my grandparents. Let's just say there unexpected visits – and telephone calls were more than a daily occurrence.

What was your first job?
Dairy Queen of Staunton at the age of 16

What was the last book you read?

The Wedding by Nicholas Sparks

Favorite restaurant or shop in Macoupin County? What do you order or buy there?

My favorite restaurant in Macoupin County is Cavatio's Restaurant. They have amazing

This is a special NewsFlash dedicated to those Named Top 25, Under 45 Macoupin Made Young Leaders at the MEDP Annual Dinner on June 14, 2012.

Candidates were selected based on their attributes/qualities/characteristics that enable them to inspire others. Professional achievements, activities and community involvement. Particular attention was paid to the nominee's overall commitment to and impact on the Macoupin County region. One nominee was named Leader of the Year.

pizza!

One person alive or dead you would like to have dinner with?

If I could choose to have dinner with one person, it would be my grandfather, Bill Ranger. Even though he passed away when I was 15, I feel like there is so much more to know about his past. I would love to have dinner with him to catch up on my life, enjoy the funny/embarrassing stories in his past and give me some advice for my future.



Name: T.J. Allan

Position & Co.: Pharmacist, Sullivan's Drugs, owner, Age-

less LLC, owner G-Pie Media LLC

Age: 29

Email: tjallan30@gmail.com

Education: Doctorate of Pharmacy from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, 2007, Gillespie High School 2001
Family: Father Terry Allan, Mother Jan Allan, Brother Zak Allan, Sister Corrie Laux, Wife Amber Allan

Affiliations: Illinois Pharmacist's Association, National Community Pharmacist's Association, National Strength Coach Association, Coal Country Chamber of Commerce

If you were to compare your life to a TV sitcom, which would it be and why?

Andy Griffith Show – Sometimes life moves really slow in Gillespie.

What was your first job?

Loveless Pig Farm

What was the last book you read?

Man's Search For Meaning – Viktor Frankl

Favorite restaurant or shop

2012 Top 25, Under 45 Macoupin Made Young Leaders



Front Row: Jamie Bray, Jennifer Daine, Mary Beth Bellm, Shawna Heddinghaus O.D., Dr. Julie Fleischer, Natalie Albrecht. Second Row: Jennifer Watson, Tracy Koster, Matt Smith, Leader of the Year Andy Manar, Brian Boston, Amanda Steward, Michelle Dyer, Marion Kravanya. Back Row: Angie Morenz, Jason Cloninger, Ron Maedge, Dean Plovich, Pete Visintin Jr., Anthony Kravanya. Not Pictured: TJ Allan, Sarah LoBue, Dr. Jim Bray, Bart Hassard, David Hopper.

in Macoupin County? What do you order or buy there?
CP's Five and Dine – Toasted Ravs

One person alive or dead you would like to have dinner with? Nikola Tesla



Name: Jamie M. Bray
Position & Co.: Director of Development, Director of Admitting/Registration, Auxiliary Liaison, Lifeline Coordinator @ Carlinville Area Hospital
Age: 35
Email: jbray@cahcare.com
Education: Bachelors of Science from Eastern IL Uni., Master's Degree in Public Administration from SIUE, currently taking Fundraising Courses at Purdue University, Indiana

Family: I have a son named Chewy, he is an 8 year old Shih-Tzu

If you were to compare your life to a TV sitcom, which would it be and why?

Friends; I am single and have a strong group of friends that I can always count on.

What was your first job?

Cookie Factory Bakery at Alton Square

What was the last book you read? *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

Favorite restaurant or shop in Macoupin County? What do you order or buy there?

My current favorite shop in Macoupin County is My Sister's Closet. I enjoy buying my nephews' clothes and clothes for my friends children. The clothing is very unique.

One person alive or dead you would like to have dinner with? I would like to have dinner with Oprah Winfrey.



Name: Jennifer Daine
Position & Co.: AVP/Assistant Bank Manager, United Community Bank of Bunker Hill
Age: 27
Email: jdaine@ucbbank.com

Social Networking: Facebook
Education: Bachelor in Science: Medical Sciences
Family: Daniel Daine, husband
Affiliations: Bunker Hill 20th Century Club; Bunker Hill Quarterback Club, Treasurer

If you were to compare your life to a TV Sitcom, which would it be and why?
 Everybody Loves Raymond. I live next door to my in-laws who absolutely adore my husband and we spend a lot of quality family time together.

What was your first job?
 My first job was Village Drive In in Bunker Hill

What was the last book you read:

The Help

Favorite restaurant or shop in Macoupin County?
What do you order or buy there?

Pinups in Bunker Hill. I order a lot of things, but fried pickles are my favorite.

One person alive or dead you would like to have dinner with?

JFK



Name: Michelle Dyer
Position & Co.: President Pharmacist, Michelle's Pharmacy Inc.

Age: 37
Email: michelle@michellespharmay.com

Social Networking: Facebook

Education: BS of Pharmacy - St. Louis College of Pharmacy-1998

Family: Married to Wally Dyer, Acacia-age 7, Nathan-age 6

Affiliations: IL Pharmacist Assoc. National Community Pharmacist Association, Carlinville Chamber of Commerce, Coal Country Chamber of Commerce, Shop Local First

If you were to compare your life to a TV Sitcom, which would it be and why?
 Parenthood-not a sitcom, but multi-generational family dealing with life, love, highs, lows, kids & parents, so true of my life!

What was your first job?
 Bus boy at RJ's (now Angus Baileys)

What was the last book you read:

The Hunger Games Series

Favorite restaurant or shop in Macoupin County?
What do you order or buy there?

Taylor & Soapes for lunch with the girls. My Sister's Closet for a personal treat.

One person alive or dead you would like to have dinner with?

My grandmothers Anna Qualls & Virginia Lippold



Name: Shawna Heddinghaus, O.D.

Position & Co.: Doctor of Optometry/Owner of Fireside Eye Care, P.C.

Age: 39

Work email: firesideeyecare@frontiernet.net

Personal email: shawnaheddinghaus@yahoo.com

Social Networking:

facebook: firesideeyecare

twitter: shawnaod

linkedin: shawnaheddinghaus

Education:

Graduated from Moberly Sr. High in 1990

Bachelor of Science in Life Sciences/Pre-Optometry in 1993 from Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS

Doctor of Optometry in 1999 from University of Missouri- St. Louis School of Optometry

Family:

Husband: Toby, Principal at Gray Design Group - Architecture Firm

Children: Lily, age 9 and Ella, age 7

Affiliations:

Member of Vision Source

Member of American Optometric Association

Member of Illinois Optometric Association

Illinois State Police vision testing site

Vice-President of The Partnership for Educational Excellence

Past President of the Benld Rotary

Member of the Coal Country Chamber of Commerce

Parishoner: St. Boniface Catholic Church

Board Member of Homeowner's Association for Country Club View Estates

If you were to compare your life to a TV Sitcom, which would it be and why?

A cross between Designing Women and Friends because of our homey-type setting and our close working relationships.

What was your first job?

Gymnastics Teacher at Moberly Gymnastics Academy

What was the last book you read:

Lessons from the Mouse by Dennis Snow

Favorite restaurant or shop in Macoupin County? What do you order or buy there?

Toprani's Gift Shop. I buy coloring books and supplies for our children's waiting area.

One person alive or dead I would like to have dinner with:

Katy Perry because she is quirky, fun, energetic and is a good singer/role model for kids



Name: David Hopper

Position & Co.: Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Macoupin County Public Health Department

Age: 35

Email: hopperdavid@ymail.com

Education: Bachelor's of Arts/ History

Family: Wife and Ruby the Yorkie

Affiliations: Macoupin T.A.I.L.S. President; Medical Reserve Corps Coordi-

nator; American Red Cross volunteer

If you were to compare your life to a TV sitcom, which would it be and why?

Big Bang Theory – I am a lifelong fan of comic books and superheroes and I am usually unsure of myself in most social situations.

What was your first job?

Diesel Washer at Hays Trucking in Carlinville when I was 16.

What was the last book you read?

Team of Rivals by Doris Kearns

Favorite restaurant or shop in Macoupin County? What do you order or buy there?

Taylor's Chili – I am a fan of chili and theirs is the best that I have had.

One person alive or dead you would like to have dinner with?

Clarence Darrow – I respect many of his viewpoints regarding society including the death penalty and his progressive stance on social rights issues. Darrow was a man ahead of his time, drive more by integrity and values than ambition and power.



Name: Tracy Koster
Position & Co.: Director Human Resources/Community Outreach, Carlinville Area Hospital
Age: 39
Email: tkoster@cahcare.com
Education: Bachelor's Degree in Business Admin-

istration/Accounting from Blackburn College

Family: Dan Koster, Husband & Ryan Koster, son

Affiliations: CISHHRA, SHRM

What was your first job?

Kentucky Fried Chicken

What was the last book you read?

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People

Favorite restaurant or shop in Macoupin County?

What do you order or buy there? DiCarlos – Deluxe Pizza

One person alive or dead you would like to have dinner with?

Barry Motley, my deceased brother



Name: Amanda Steward
Position & Co.: Financial Manager, Macoupin County Housing Authority
Age: 28
Email: amandaschwab83@gmail.com
Social Networking: Facebook

Education: Bachelor in Science Eastern Illinois University

Family: Husband-Jacob Steward, Son-Carter Zilm, 3 years old

Affiliations: American Cancer Society, Ss. Mary & Joseph Church

What was your first job?

First to the Finish – Marketing Manager

What was the last book you read:

Heaven is for Real

Favorite restaurant or shop in Macoupin County? What do you order or buy there?

My Sister's Closet-clothes, jewelry

One person alive or dead you would like to have dinner with?

My Dad, who passed away in May of this year



Name: Angie Morenz
Position & Co.: Professor of Physical Education and Sport Management, Blackburn College
Age: 37

Email: awats@blackburn.edu

Social Networking: Facebook- Angie Morenz

Education: Currently a Doctoral student, Masters in Athletic Training, Bachelors in Physical Education Management
Family: Tim Morenz (Husband), Brooke and Sydney Morenz (Stepdaughters)

If you were to compare your life to a TV sitcom,

which would it be and why?

The Big Bang Theory- it's always full of laughs, and we are kind of nerdy

What was your first job?

Summer custodian at an elementary school in St. Louis

What was the last book you read?

The Tipping Point

Favorite restaurant or shop in Macoupin County?

What do you order or buy there?

Market on the Square- We buy their fresh meats, eggs, cheese, and of course the great home decor

One person alive or dead you would like to have dinner with?

Muhammad Ali

Thank you to all those who submitted a profile. Congratulations to all of MEDP's Top 25, Under 45 Macoupin Made Young Leaders. Congratulations to Andy Manar for being named Macoupin Made Leader of the Year. Thank you to all our nominees, your work and volunteerism is greatly appreciated. Thank you to all our nominators for taking the time to nominate such wonderful men and women throughout Macoupin County.

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To View Photos of The Award Ceremony and Others From MEDP's Annual Dinner Visit MEDP's Flickr® Photo Stream at www.macoupinpartners.com or www.flickr.com/photos/comegrowwithus/



MEDP'S NewsFlash

AUGUST 2012

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Ground Breaking - Macoupin Business Park Drive

Macoupin County Business Park completing next phase



From left to right (Front Row): County Board Member Fran Goodman with grandchildren, County Board Member Judy Bacon, Russell Poggenpohl, Carlinville Public Works Director Mary Beth Bellm, Carlinville Alderman Mark Staerk, Macoupin County Board Chairman Andy Manar, MEDP Executive Director Shari Albrecht, Bruce Poggenpohl, County Board Member Mike Tranter. Second Row: County CFO Gabe Springer, County Board Member Bob Vojas, County Engineer Tom Reinhart, Sheriff Don Albrecht, County Board Member Tony Wiggins, MEDP President Brian Zilm, Joe Poggenpohl and Wesley Poggenpohl.

Carlinville – Macoupin County, Carlinville City officials and interested business park stakeholders gathered Friday for the official ground breaking ceremony of the Macoupin County Business Park's main internal road – Macoupin Business Park

Drive.

The construction of the roadway is just the next phase in the County's plan to offer a shovel-ready business park. In September of 2011, a water main extension project brought Carlinville City water to 'anchor

site' Poggenpohl Redi-Mix and future park tenants.

Macoupin County Board Chairman Andy Manar said the county aggressively sought funding through the Illinois Department of Transportation's Economic Development Pro-

gram (EDP) to help cover the costs of constructing the new roadway to service the business park. "The grant that the county received through IDOT will pay for more than half of the cost of the project which will reduce the burden on our county funds and local taxpayers," said Manar.

According to Manar, the county will receive up to \$123,053 in matching funds through the IDOT grant in addition to \$33,250 that will be committed to the county due to the fact that the new roadway will serve as a designated truck route.

Poggenpohl Redi-Mix and the Macoupin County Animal Shelter, located inside the business park, are open, operational and ready for business. The Park is located just north of Carlinville on Illinois Route 4. Both facilities were open for tours following the ceremony on Friday.

This roadway construction comes just 16 months after the County board unanimously approved the sale of just over 8 acres of property to Poggenpohl Redi-Mix. Macoupin Economic Development Partnership has overseen every aspect of the business park and will be at the forefront of recruitment.

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Macoupin Made Products Debut at the Macoupin County Fair



Macoupin Made products booth inside the Bates Building during the 2012 Macoupin County Fair.



Gail Bivin of Palmyra is the big winner of the Macoupin Made County Fair basket. Taking home Dilled Asparagus from Backwoods Berry Farm, Apple & Peach Butter from Broom Orchard, Flip Flop Heal Helper from Little White Shed, Inc., Seasoning Rub from Meehan's IGA, two bottles of Wine from Plainview Vineyard & Winery, basket from Firnhaber Florist and decorative wall hook from Barn Trash. Courtney Wood- MEDP, Winner-Gail Bivin and daughter Kimberly Bivin.



Dee-Dee's Designs Under New Ownership

As of July 1, Dee-Dee Designs in Gillespie is now owned by Laura Kozemczak. Kozemczak, a Benld native, plans to keep the original name and quality service started by original owner Dee-Dee Goode in 2005. The shop located at 103 N. Macoupin St. will still offer a wide array of florals, décor, gifts and more. Dee-Dee's Designs is open Mon-Friday 9am-5pm, Sat. 9am-Noon, 217-839-2169. (L to R): Shari Albrecht, Executive Director of Macoupin Economic Development Partnership presented both Kozemczak and Goode with certificates of appreciation for their commitment to small business development. Jenni Alepra and Lindsay Westhoff of United Community Bank in Gillespie (MEDP member) assisted in the business retention process.

SAVE THE DATE



For the Next MEDP
Night of Networking!!

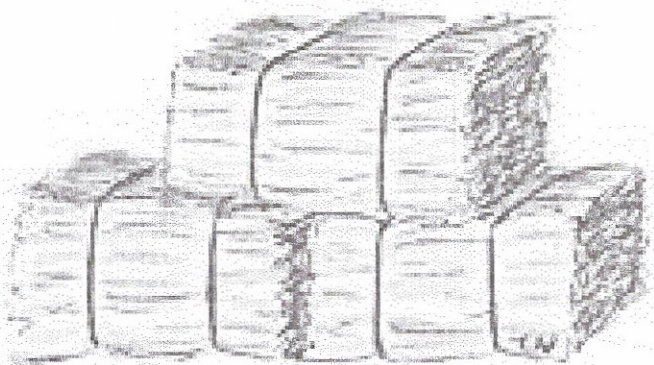
Get Ready to Kick Your Heels Up at

Wild Pickins Winery

14223 Rt. 111, Chesterfield, 6-8:30pm

Thursday, September 13

Watch for Details!



Free Frontier Webinar: Security for Small Business

The threat of computer hackers or viruses compromising company data is enough to keep a small-business owner up at night. Attacks from on-line threats can mean disrupted productivity and identity theft to, in the worst case, business failure.

Q: So, what can small-business owners do to keep their data and systems safe?

A: Join our one-hour webinar on August 15 to find out!

Title: Security for Small Business

Date: Wednesday, August 15

Time: 1:00-2:00pm EST

About the Presenter

Bryan Ford is Head of North American Operator Sales at F-Secure. Under Bryan's leadership, thousands of businesses enjoy peace of mind for millions of consumers and business customers worldwide.

About the Webinar

Small business owners will get a deep dive on cyber attacks and learn how to identify and mitigate threats. Removing vulnerabilities in today's digital landscape is paramount to any small business owners' success.

• Noteworthy facts about the dangers of cyber-attacks on small business owners

• Common security threats that could endanger your company and its customers

• How to identify threats as they are happening

• How to ensure that your company has strong firewalls to prevent attacks

• How and why attackers use these threats and target everyday users

• Tips to protect yourself from security threats

Don't forget to reserve your spot at the webinar. To register visit: <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/493714607>

Thinking about joining MEDP...

Contact Brian Zilm 217.825.7042



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- Business Assistance at Every Phase
- Business Recruitment & Retention Program
- Macoupin Matters - Shop Local Effort
- Business Referrals
- A Voice on Legislative Issues
- Business Marketing Assistance
- Coffee & Commerce (Business Leader Breakfasts)
- Business Education Opportunities
- Advertise commercial property for free

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Attendees of the ground breaking enjoyed tours of Poggenpohl Redi-Mix and the Macoupin County Animal Shelter.

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"Following the completion of Macoupin Business Park Drive, MEDP's strategy to ramp up marketing of the business park will begin," said Executive Director Shari Albrecht. "With basic amenities on the path to completion, the County is soon to have shovel-ready sites available."

"The completion of Macoupin Business Park Drive will signal a new beginning and will undoubtedly aid in attracting new business to our county," said Manar.

Watch us on MEDP's NEW
YouTube Channel
www.youtube.com/macoupinpartners

**MEDP Executive
Board Meetings
are now the
4th Tuesday of the
Month, 6pm, LCCC
Macoupin Center
Carlinville**
All Members are still
welcome to attend.



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Upcoming Vegetation Activities Notification

Please be advised that Ameren will perform vegetation management in your community in the near future. Our professional vegetation management specialists will be managing vegetation on rights-of-way that could affect our electric lines. This vegetation management work is necessary to protect the integrity of the electric system and to prevent potential safety hazards.

This work might include: aerial or manual trimming, removal of vegetation, mowing, application of environmentally-safe herbicides, and inspections, as necessary in your community. Interested persons may call the Ameren toll free number 1-800-232-2477 or visit www.mysafetrees.com to understand any potential dispute resolution opportunities, processes, rights and/or remedies. Common addresses of properties affected by this planned vegetation management in your area are provided with this letter to be available for those affected to review. You may receive calls from residents inquiring about these vegetation work locations because our notification letters to the residents inform them that the list of addresses has been provided to your office. Illinois Statute requires us to provide this list to you and to advise the residents that the list has been provided to you. Customers and property owners may appeal the particular vegetation work planned on their property by 1) calling the Ameren toll free number mentioned above referencing Code TMT or 2) accessing the website mentioned above referencing Code TMT or 3) contacting the Illinois Commerce Commission Consumer Services Division at 1-800-524-0795.

Sincerely,

Ameren

NAME	ADDRESS	ADDRESS2	CITY	STATE	ZIP	PIN	COUNTY	LINE
DHUE BILL & VIVIAN		21538 TALL TIMBER ROAD	MT OLIVE	IL	62069	24-15-400-005	MACOUPIN	RW
HENSCHEN JOHN JR & CAROL J		21589 TALL TIMBER ROAD	MT OLIVE	IL	62069	24-22-200-003	MACOUPIN	RW
NIEMHAUS ROBERT A & GRETCHEEN E		3290 ADDEN ROAD	MT OLIVE	IL	62069	24-14-300-001	MACOUPIN	RW
TEBBE ALAN L & ALICE M		23698 TALL TIMBER ROAD	MT OLIVE	IL	62069	24-13-400-003	MACOUPIN	RW
ALBRECHT LORENZ ETAL		8307 ALBRECHT ROAD	STAUNTON	IL	62088	24-14-400-002	MACOUPIN	RW
BURGONE RICHARD A		2915 SHADY PINE ROAD	STAUNTON	IL	62088	24-21-100-010	MACOUPIN	RV
HEIGERT RON & BEV		19228 STREEB LANE	STAUNTON	IL	62088	24-20-100-010	MACOUPIN	RV
MOORE CHERYL L & GEORGE E III	MOORE STEVEN F & JOHN W	215 W SPRING	STAUNTON	IL	62088	24-20-100-012	MACOUPIN	RV
MOORGAN FREDERICK E		RR 2 BOX 285	STAUNTON	IL	62088	24-20-100-006	MACOUPIN	RV
OPEL KENNETH W		19166 STREEB LANE	STAUNTON	IL	62088	24-20-100-009	MACOUPIN	RV
PARTRIDGE CLIFFORD & MAUDIE		16243 WINDY HILL ROAD	STAUNTON	IL	62088	23-26-300-002	MACOUPIN	RV
POOS JOSHUA D		17654 STAUNTON BUNKER HILL RD	STAUNTON	IL	62088	23-24-400-006	MACOUPIN	RV
SANVI ROBERT A		2846 SHADY PINE ROAD	STAUNTON	IL	62088	24-21-100-014	MACOUPIN	RV
SCHULTE VIRGIL D & CAROLYN D		20011 TALL TIMBER ROAD	STAUNTON	IL	62088	24-20-100-017	MACOUPIN	RV
SLIFKA JOSEPH R & SHEILA L		19168 STREEB LANE	STAUNTON	IL	62088	24-20-100-003	MACOUPIN	RV
WAGGONER LANCE E & PEGGY A		17207 STAUNTON BUNKER HILL ROA	STAUNTON	IL	62088	23-24-300-003	MACOUPIN	RV
WEINDEL WILLIAM J & ALICE		2666 ROCK CRUSHER ROAD	STAUNTON	IL	62088	24-20-100-007	MACOUPIN	RV
WISNIEKY PEGGY		2955 BONO ROAD	STAUNTON	IL	62088	24-20-200-011	MACOUPIN	RV
MCBRIDE TAMMY		2320 ROUTE 4	STAUNTON	IL	62088	24-19-400-018	MACOUPIN	RV, RV2

July 16, 2012

Mr. Andrew Manar, Chairman
Macoupin County Board
Macoupin County Courthouse
Carlinville, IL 62626

Dear Mr. Manar:

This letter is being sent to provide an update regarding my concern of the road surface condition on Fosterburg Road earlier this year. My previous letter dated 22 January 2012 included a list of vehicle events that had occurred during 2011. I wish to express a sincere "thank you" for the work that you and the board have exerted toward this project. The results of your efforts have pleased a large number of folks basis the comments I get during various conversations with those living nearby. For your information, I have communicated with Mr. Reinhart via email expressing my appreciation for all he has done. I also stopped by and talked to the crew that has been doing the work and expressed my thanks to them as well.

This letter includes a list of events that have occurred on Fosterburg Road from Terpening Road going south for a distance of approximately ½ of a mile from January 2012 thru April of 2012. Please note two things:

1. The list is "shorter," indicating progress has been made! I should note that there has been increased presence of Macoupin County Sheriff personnel which is also much appreciated.
2. There has not been "one" event since Mr. Reinhart began his work on this road surface! Great news indeed. Granted, the rains have been few and far between, but it has rained.

2012

A trailer truck with a grain bed jack knifed near Hopkins Lane in early February, exact date not recorded.

A gentleman from the Shipman Cutoff Road lost control of his pickup and ended up in the ditch, west side of road, north of Leo Strohbeck's house on 23 Feb. The police responded to this event.

A van lost control and landed in the ditch on the west side on 17 Mar. The police responded to this event as well.

There was an accident that involved a pickup and a car at Hopkins Lane on 19 March. The road was listed as dry on this occasion.

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There was a vehicle that lost control and ended up in the ditch on the west side of the road, just south of Tichenal Road, 20 Mar.

Vehicle tracks in the ditch, north of Leo Strohbeck's house, east side of the road. No damage to fence, no vehicle present when discovered on 14 Apr.

In closing, I want to thank you once again want for your service to our county and for taking the time to address not only my concern, but the concern of others, it is indeed appreciated. If I can be of any further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me. My home phone number is 618 258-1670.

Sincerely,



Jim Strohbeck

3932 Thompson Lane

Alton, IL 62002

Cc: Julia Watson

Frank Long

Paul Quirk
