

# MACOUPIN COUNTY REVOLVING LOAN FUND

## JANUARY 2012 REPORT

**REPORT DATE:** JANUARY 31, 2012

**INVOICE DATE RANGE:** THROUGH 1/15/2012 INVOICES

Invoice Date	RLF Loanee	Amount Paid	Due Date	Date Amount Remitted
8/15/11	159 Fitness	\$485.00	9/17/2011	9/16/2011
9/15/11	159 Fitness	\$485.00	10/17/2011	10/17/2011
10/15/11	159 Fitness	\$485.00	11/17/2011	11/17/2011
11/15/11	159 Fitness	\$485.00	12/17/2011	12/16/2011
12/15/11	159 Fitness	\$485.00	1/17/2012	1/17/2012
1/15/12	159 Fitness		2/17/2012	
<b>159 Fitness Initial Principal Balance/Current Principal Balance: \$50,000.00/\$44,168.59</b>				
8/15/11	All Type Hydraulics	\$478.40	8/28/2011	8/29/2011
9/15/11	All Type Hydraulics	\$478.40	9/28/2011	9/30/2011
10/15/11	All Type Hydraulics	\$478.40	10/28/2011	10/31/2011
11/15/11	All Type Hydraulics	\$478.40	11/28/2011	11/29/2011
12/15/11	All Type Hydraulics	\$478.40	12/28/2011	12/28/2011
1/15/12	All Type Hydraulics	\$478.40	1/28/2011	1/27/2012
<b>All Type Hydraulics Initial Principal Balance/Current Principal Balance: \$35,000.00/\$19,135.96</b>				
8/15/11	Connexus, Inc.	\$177.94	9/1/2011	8/30/2011
9/15/11	Connexus, Inc.	\$0.00	10/1/2011	UNPAID - See note Below
10/15/11	Connexus, Inc.	\$0.00	11/1/2011	UNPAID - See note Below
11/15/11	Connexus, Inc.	\$0.00	12/1/2011	UNPAID - See note Below
12/15/11	Connexus, Inc.	\$0.00	1/1/2012	UNPAID - See note Below
1/15/12	Connexus, Inc.	N/A	N/A	See Below / Agreement
N/A	Connexus, Inc.	\$250.00	Per Agrmt	Payment Made 1/10/12
N/A	Connexus, Inc.	\$250.00	Per Agrmt	Payment Made 1/31/12
<b>Connexus Initial Principal Balance/Current Principal Balance: \$8,380.00/\$6,378.91***</b>				
8/15/11	R&A Enterprises	\$201.85	9/1/2011	8/12/2011
9/15/11	R&A Enterprises	\$403.70	10/1/2011	10/11/2011
10/15/11	R&A Enterprises	see above	11/1/2011	see above (10/11/2011)
11/15/11	R&A Enterprises	\$201.85	12/1/2011	11/15/2011
12/15/11	R&A Enterprises	\$201.85	1/1/2012	12/8/2011
1/15/12	R&A Enterprises		2/1/2012	
<b>R&amp;A Enterprises Initial Principal Balance/Current Principal Balance: \$25,000.00/ \$13,852.73</b>				
1/15/12	Mercantile Center	N/A	1/1/2013	
<b>Mercantile Center Initial Principal Balance/Current Principal Balance: \$10,000.00/ \$10,000.00</b>				
Legend: M=Missed; L=Received Late; (*)=see previous monthly reports for detail				

**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:** As of the date of this report (1/31/2012), Connexus had entered into a verbal agreement with the State's Attorney's Office concerning repayment of outstanding debt to the Revolving Loan Fund. The current principal balance is an estimate based on principal being paid for due payments on 10/1/11 and 11/1/11 with remaining balance from two payments (1/10/12 and 1/31/12) going to interest and required late fees. Future payments will go toward fulfilling all required late fees, interest due, and principal until Connexus is current with 3/1/12 due payment.

**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.



# MACOUPIN COUNTY LEASE REPORT - JANUARY 2012

**REPORT DATE:** JANUARY 31, 2012

**REPORT RANGE:** 2008 TO PRESENT

Year	Lessee	Amount Paid	Due Date	Date Amount Remitted
2008	Richard Lippold	\$650.00	3/1/2008	3/8/2008
2009	Richard Lippold	\$650.00	3/1/2009	3/18/2009
2010	Richard Lippold	\$650.00	3/1/2010	3/11/2010
2011	Richard Lippold	\$650.00	3/1/2011	3/18/2011
2012	Richard Lippold		3/1/2012	
<b>LEASE PROPERTY #1 --- Terms of Current, Active Lease: Effective 3/1/11 - 2/28/14, \$650 annually on 3/1</b>				
2008	Pleasant View Farms	\$1,500.00	3/1/2008	2/29/2008
2008	Pleasant View Farms	\$1,500.00	11/1/2008	10/31/2008
2009	Illinois Family Farms	\$3,500.00	3/1/2009*	3/2/2009
2009	Illinois Family Farms	\$3,500.00	11/1/2009*	10/28/2009
2010	Illinois Family Farms	\$3,500.00	3/1/2010*	3/2/2010
2010	Illinois Family Farms	\$3,500.00	11/1/2010*	11/1/2010
2011	Illinois Family Farms	\$3,500.00	3/1/2011*	3/2/2011
2011	Illinois Family Farms	\$1,387.60	11/1/2011*	8/8/2011
<b>LEASE PROPERTY #2 --- Terms of Current, Active Lease: Effective 3/1/09 - 2/29/12, \$7,000 annually broken into two semi-annual payments (*See note1)</b>				
2008	CISCO Steel	\$10,400.00	1/30/2008**	10/17/2008
2009	CISCO Steel	See 2011	1/30/2009**	1/31/2011
2010	CISCO Steel	See 2011	1/30/2010**	1/31/2011
2011	CISCO Steel	\$7,800.00	1/30/2011	1/31/2011
2012	CISCO Steel	\$2,600.00	1/30/2012	1/18/2012
<b>LEASE PROPERTY #3 --- Terms of Current, Active Lease: Effective 1/30/1970 - 1/30/2068, \$2,600 annually on 1/30 (**See note2)</b>				
2008	County Fair	\$900.00	1/1/2008	1/23/2008
2009	County Fair	\$900.00	1/1/2009	2/2/2009
2010	County Fair	\$900.00	1/1/2010	1/20/2010
2011	County Fair	\$900.00	1/1/2011	1/31/2011
2012	County Fair		1/1/2012	Notice sent requesting funds
<b>LEASE PROPERTY #4 --- Terms of Current, Active Lease: Effective 1/1/2003 - 1/1/2028, \$900 annually on 1/1 (**See note3)</b>				

**Note1:** With the Illinois Family Farms, LLC lease effective 3/1/09 – 2/29/12, payment due dates are not specifically spelled out; however, from the continuation of a prior lease, payments were expected on a 3/1 and 11/1 due schedule. Also, the lease provided for 26 acres at \$280 per acre. Final payment received in 2011 cleared up all net payments due to the County, leaving Illinois Family Farms current on conclusion of this 3-year lease (the acreage farmed was reduced due to selling land to Poggenpohl Redi-Mix in year 3; also ILFF remitted payment for the 26<sup>th</sup> acre in years 1 and 2; a separate sheet detailing a full cost accounting is available in the County Board office).

**Note2:** County records indicate that on 10/17/2008, CISCO Steel made a payment of \$10,400 for the 1/30/2008 due payment as well as the preceding 3 years which had lapsed. A payment of \$7,800 was made on 1/31/2011 for payment due 1/30/2011 as well as the preceding 2 years which had lapsed. As of the payment due 1/30/2012, an invoice was sent by the CFO to CISCO Steel in early January and payment was received on 1/18/2012.

**Note2:** Following the missed payment from the Macoupin County Fair & Agricultural Association, Inc. due on 1/1/2012, the CFO sent correspondence notifying the association of the lack of payment.

**For more information on an individual lease, a copy of all current lease agreements are available in the County Board office**





January 9, 2012

Chairman of the Board or Assistant  
Macoupin County  
21480B Route 4  
Carlinville, IL 62626

Dear Chairman:

This is to advise you that Ameren Illinois will be trimming trees in and around the Carlinville area in the near future. Enclosed are maps and common addresses of the areas affected. Ameren Illinois is mailing a notice to customers affected by the tree trimming work. We are also providing a public notice in the newspapers covering your area.

Our qualified line clearance trimmers will trim trees that could interfere with electric lines that run from pole to pole. This free service is necessary to minimize the likelihood of power outages and safety hazards.

If you have any questions about the tree trimming work to be done, please call **1.800.755.5000**, or visit our website at: **MySafeTrees.com**.

Affected customers and property owners may address their concerns about the proposed work in the manner specified on our website. You may also call the Consumer Services Division of the Illinois Commerce Commission at 1-800-524-0795.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gussie Reed".

Gussie Reed  
Regional Manager  
Ameren Illinois - Division V

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# Carlinville Police Department

*Sergeant  
Derek Graham*



*Sergeant  
Clay Hoff*

*David Haley, Chief of Police*

**January 19, 2012**

**Macoupin County Board Office  
Board Chairman Andrew Manar  
215 S. East Street  
Carlinville, IL 62626**

## **LETTER OF THANKS**

**Dear Mr. Manar,**

**On January 17, 2012 at 6:51pm, City Police Officers were dispatched to a residence reference a home invasion. Due to the severity of the call we requested assistance from various agencies. Animal Control was called to assist with the dog on site. Buzie Bertagnolli responded and took the animal into her control. On behalf of the Carlinville Police Department, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Ms. Bertagnolli for her prompt response to the scene.**

**Her dedication to duty, day to day, is not often recognized and it is my pleasure to applaud her for her actions and would like to commend her on delivering professional, effective police services. Thank you for a job well done!**

**Sincerely,**

**David Haley  
Chief of Police**

**570 N. Broad, Carlinville, Illinois 62626  
Phone (217) 854-3221. Fax (217) 854-8776  
[www.carlinvillepolice.com](http://www.carlinvillepolice.com)**

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Your kind expression  
of sympathy  
is deeply appreciated  
and  
gratefully acknowledged.

The family of

*Jeep Taylor*



Dear Macoupin  
County Board Members,  
Thank you for  
the kind & beautiful  
remembrance you  
gave, it was  
truly appreciated.



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

Tuesday, February 28, 2012  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SEMINAR  
Wednesday, February 29, 2012

UNITED COUNTIES COUNCIL OF ILLINOIS  
LEGISLATIVE DAY (Tuesday, February 28, 2012)

1:00 P.M.

**UCCI Membership Meeting**

**Sangamo Club - Ballroom**

Immediately following

**ICRMT Meeting**

5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

**Legislative Reception**

**Sangamo Club - Ballroom**

UNITED COUNTIES COUNCIL OF ILLINOIS  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
EDUCATION SEMINAR (Wednesday, February 29,  
2012)

### SEMINAR TOPIC

(Pending confirmation of speakers)

8:00 A.M.

**Continental Breakfast - Sangamo Club Ballroom**

8:30 A.M.

**Education Seminar**

11:45 A.M.

**Closing remarks**

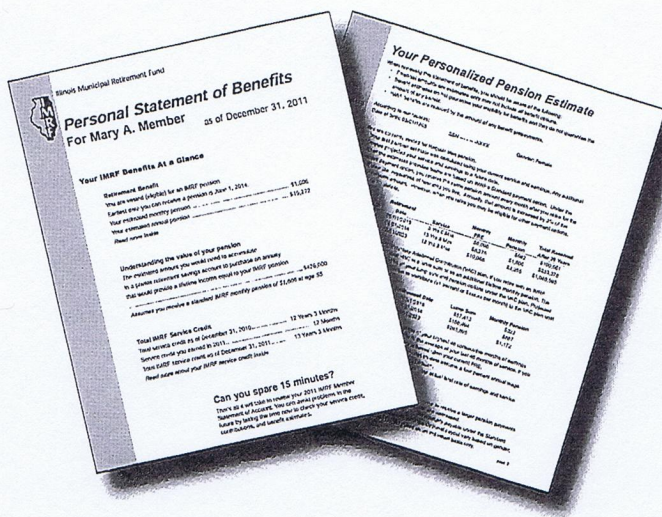
SERVING LUNCH  
AT CONCLUSION OF SEMINAR  
Sangamo Club - The Suites

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# Get early access to your IMRF Annual Statement

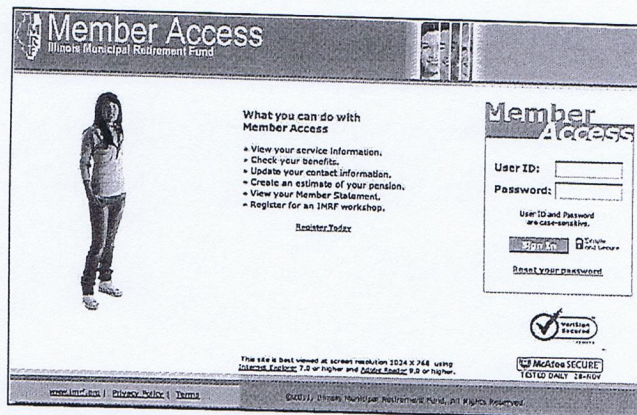


**Your IMRF pension may be your most valuable retirement asset!**

Use your Member Access account to see your Annual Statement on February 23rd.

## Manage your benefits with Member Access:

- Review your beneficiary information
- Update your name, address and telephone information
- Review your service credit, wage history, and member contribution balance



Please register today!

**[www.imrf.org/myimrf](http://www.imrf.org/myimrf)**

**Join the IMRF Community! Follow TheIMRF on Facebook and Twitter.**



Brandon M. Oxley  
122 North Main Street  
PO Box 104  
Modesto, Illinois 62667  
January 17, 2012

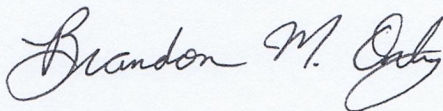
Mr. Andrew Manar  
Chairman  
Macoupin County Board  
215 South East Street  
Carlinville, Illinois

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As you know, my appointment to the Macoupin County Emergency Telephone System Board will expire in February. At this time I will not be seeking re-appointment to the Board. The duties that I have at work are taking a considerable amount of time from my already busy schedule and I do not feel I can do justice to the position to which you have entrusted me.

I am grateful for having had the opportunity to serve on the board, and I offer my best wishes for its continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brandon M. Oxley".

Brandon M. Oxley  
ETSB Member

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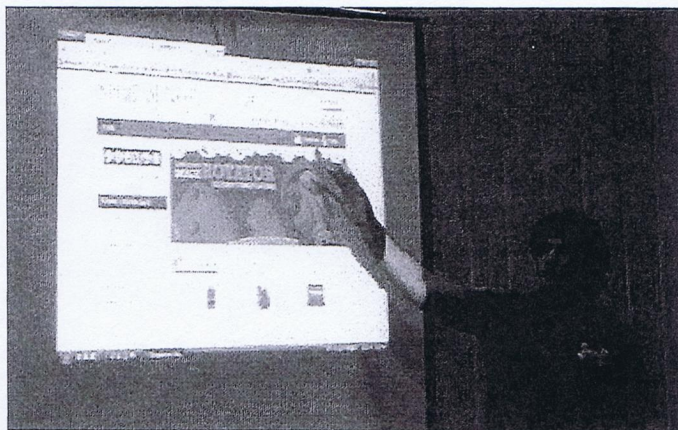


# MEDP'S NewsFlash

JANUARY 2011

[www.macoupinpartners.com](http://www.macoupinpartners.com)

## Shop BenGil revealed to local business owners



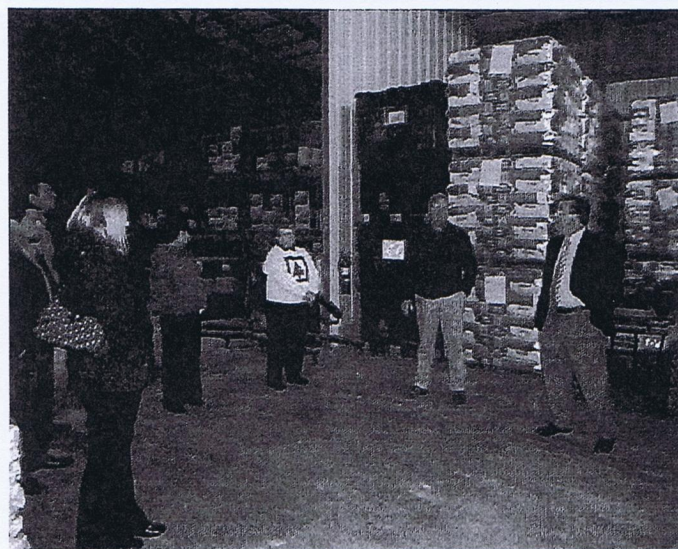
*TJ Allan, co-founder of Shop BenGil, explains to business owners it is all about convenience.*

Shop BenGil is the first online e-commerce site in Macoupin County that will benefit the shop local initiative as well as support the community. The site, which has been under creation for the last 16 months, is in the final stages before launch and about 80% complete. Launching is planned for early February in 2012, but the site was revealed to local business owners on Thursday, December 8 at Ageless Fitness Center.

Local business owners and potential business owners were

invited to witness the revealing of the first ever e-commerce 'mall' site in Macoupin County as Shop BenGil is going to be working with these local business owners in the last 2 building months to get their virtual store front available on the site.

E-commerce is an important component to business development, therefore Shop BenGil and Macoupin Economic Development Partnership will be teaming up to aid merchants in this essential on-line transition. **BenGil continued on page 3**



**MEDP December Membership Meeting  
held at Shipman Elevator Company**

## E-Market Your Business in 2012

*Free Email Marketing Workshop Presented by Madison Communications and MEDP*

Madison Communications and Macoupin Economic Development Partnership would like to support local businesses by providing a free email marketing workshop January 18 from 3pm-5pm at Madison located at 21668 Double Arch Rd, Staunton.

This informative "E-Retailing" presentation will demonstrate how you can create highly effective and professional emails that get results. Email marketing is an effective, affordable, and easy-to-use way to enhance your business image and com-

municate with your customers and potential clients.

Topics to be covered include:

- What is permission-based email marketing?
- How to create your list of email addresses
- Tips on getting your emails opened.
- Best practices in email marketing.
- Tracking results and what to do with this information.

Guest speaker Steve Robinson is Constant Contact's small business expert in Illinois and **Email continued on page 6**





# NewsFlash

FEBRUARY 2012

[www.macoupinpartners.com](http://www.macoupinpartners.com)

## Is Starting a Business Right for You?

The SCORE Simple Steps Series Workshops can help you make a smart start.

Macoupin Economic Development Partnership will host at 111 W. Main Street, Staunton, IL. (Macoupin County)

The SCORE Simple Steps Series Workshops will help you:

- § Define and evaluate your ideas.
- § Develop a marketing strategy.
- § Identify the best ways to fund your startup.
- § Turn your idea into action with tools and templates.
- § Get useful and helpful mentoring sessions.
- § Connect with other entrepreneurs.

Jump-start your business idea with the SCORE Simple Steps Series Workshops. Successful and experienced executives will help you reach a "go or no-go" decision for starting a business.

Make a smart start. Attend the SCORE Simple Steps Series Work-

shops and begin your journey for small business success.

### Sign-up

Get started today. Reserve your spot now!

The SCORE Simple Steps Series

FOUR Workshops are available for \$31.25 each. The first workshop is free. You get the whole series for \$125.00.

Not sure if the SCORE Simple Steps Series is for you? Call (618 830 - 9069) or visit (<http://swillinois.score.org>) for more information or to sign-up. MEDP 111 W. Main Street, Staunton, IL. 6:00 – 8:30 pm. February 1, 2012. Registration: 618 467 - 2280.

Start-up basics **(FREE) February 1**

Business Concept **February 8**

Marketing Plan **February 15**

Financial Projections **February 28**

Funding Sources and Next Steps **March 6**

## Introducing Macoupin Made



Macoupin Made is MEDP's enhanced Shop Local effort; as we like to call it 'Macoupin Matters on steroids'. Macoupin Matters, which began July of 2010 was the county's first shop local awareness campaign to encourage its residents to Shop Your Hometown First,

Your County Second. Under the heading of Macoupin Matters, Macoupin Made looks to create awareness (both inside and outside of Macoupin) of those entities who create, manufacture, distribute and grow products/goods in Macoupin County.

Our vision is for Macoupin to become a holistic, self-sustainable destination place in which people enjoy the fruits of its labor.

The campaign will be member based. Macoupin Made members would include:

- Any restaurant who uses any

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## Bunker Hill Awarded \$270,000 CDAP Infrastructure Funds

SPRINGFIELD – January 18, 2012. It was announced today nearly \$19 million in federal funding to address the infrastructure needs of 59 small and rural communities throughout Illinois. Awarded through the Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP), the funding will be used to make improvements to water and sewer lines, including replacing water mains, upgrading storm water systems and repairing sewer lines.

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Op-

portunity (DCEO) administers Illinois' CDAP program, which is known nationally as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and provides federal funding for a variety of community-based projects. Communities with populations of 50,000 or less can apply for CDAP grant funding to support a variety of projects.

"Through the state's CDAP program, we are building up the infrastructure of our smaller and rural communities," said CDAP, *continued on page 3*

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**IPMG**

INSURANCE PROGRAM MANAGERS GROUP

February 3, 2012

Andrew Manar  
County Board Chairman  
Macoupin County  
215 South East Street  
Carlinville, IL 62626

Re: 2012 ICRMT Annual meeting and Executive Board Election

Dear Andrew,

Once again, it is time for the Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT) Annual Meeting.

This year the ICRMT annual meeting will begin at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, the 28<sup>th</sup> of February at the Sangamo Club in Springfield, Illinois.

The primary focus of the meeting, as in years past, will be the election of ICRMT Executive Board Members.

The ICRMT Board Members up for re-election are:

Kendall County, Ann Vickery  
Henry County, Colleen Gillespie

Please read the enclosed proxy ballot very closely. After making your selections and signing, please fax or e-mail the completed proxy to Insurance Program Managers Group (IPMG) no later than Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Our fax number is (630) 587-7751 or e-mail to [jackie.king@ipmg.com](mailto:jackie.king@ipmg.com).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jackie King at IPMG at (888) 377-5845.

We look forward to seeing you on February 28th!

Best regards,

Gregg Peterson  
Program Administrator

Enclosure

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# ILLINOIS COUNTIES RISK MANAGEMENT TRUST



## ANNUAL MEETING

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**2:00 PM**

**THE SANGAMO CLUB  
SPRINGFIELD**

## EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION

### PROXY

It is required that your county vote for two (2) ICRMT Executive Board nominees on this Proxy Ballot. If you choose to nominate a write-in candidate, you will need to vote on one other nominee. This may be from those represented below or another write-in candidate of your choice. Please only vote for 2 candidates.

Nominees for Re-Election to the ICRMT Executive Board:  
(Please "X" the spot next to your desired nominee (s))

1. Kendall County, Ann Vickery \_\_\_\_\_
2. Henry County, Colleen Gillespie \_\_\_\_\_

Or Write-in Nominee(s):

1. \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

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Andrew Manar, County Board Chairman, Macoupin County

**PLEASE RETURN PROXY NO LATER THAN  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
TO IPMG FAX # (630) 587-7751  
OR  
E-MAIL: [jackie.king@ipmg.com](mailto:jackie.king@ipmg.com)**

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January 22, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Manar:

This letter is being sent in an attempt to communicate a concern I have regarding the road surface condition on Fosterburg Road. Please be aware I do not expect miracles, nor do I expect immediate action. I simply want to convey what I know to all of you as we start a new year and a new budget so that together we can work toward a solution before another serious accident occurs.

Following find an account of "known" vehicle accidents that have occurred on Fosterburg Road from Terpening Road going south ½ of a mile in the year 2011. As Mr. Long has already conveyed to you, there have been several accidents in the "curved" area of Fosterburg Road near his home which are not included in this list. In addition to the list below, there were indeed additional vehicles that lost control in this ½ mile section, some causing personal damage to property, some did not, but we simply failed to record them when they occurred.

I'm sure you are also aware some years back this same condition existed. The surface of the road at that time lost its "texture" for lack of a better word, and when it became "damp," no heavy rain was required, it became very slick. The surface at that time was completely redone and the incident rate decreased dramatically. Speed is indeed a factor, and the additional heavy truck traffic is a factor, but the road surface is once again in need of attention. At this time, although I applaud the repair efforts that have been made to date, there appears to be a condition where some vehicles lose traction while traveling this stretch of pavement thus contributing to some drivers no longer being able to control their vehicle.

## 2011

A 7 passenger carry-all (with 11 boys in it, in spite of what The Telegraph reported) with high school boys turned over on the west side of the road, about 100 yds south of Leo Strohbeck's house. One went to hospital for check up, but was released. Happened in the spring but date not recorded.

During the night of 22 April, someone lost control and hit the fence on the east side of the road. Location was half way between Leo's house and Titchenal Road. Tore out @ 150 feet of fence.



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January 22, 2012  
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An older gentleman lost control of his vehicle and hit the fence in April as well. Tore out @ 100 feet of fence in this area.

A lady lost control of her car in April as well, hit the fence in the same area between Leo's house and Tichenal Road.

Mr. Denby from Carlinville lost control and hit the fence, same area on 14 May, roughly 100 feet of fence to repair.

Mr. Rife from Gillespie turned his truck over and hit the fence, east side, same area south of Leo's house.

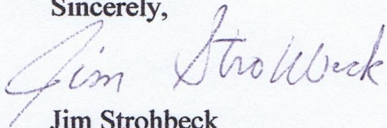
A pick-up truck lost control just north of Leo's house and tore up the road bank, but missed the fence on 26 Nov.

Someone lost control and hit the fence just north of the house on 4 Dec, tore out @ 150 feet of fence and left.

A young man, David Freer, founder of Freer Auto Body in Alton, lost his life when his truck overturned in this exact same area in September of 2008. Let's do something before this same tragedy repeats itself.

In closing, I want to thank you for your service to our county and for taking the time to listen to my concern, it is indeed appreciated. I have had the opportunity to work with the public a great deal during my lifetime and I truly understand the challenges that can and often do develop. I am a resident of the county and I am "almost" the last house in Macoupin County as my driveway is accessed via Thompson Lane which has the Madison/Macoupin County line going down the middle of it. 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  
Oliver Schwallenstecker