

**MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK** 

wwwMacoupinVotes.com

elections@macoupincountyil.gov

### A message to voters

he right to vote is among the most precious of our American liberties. The right to choose our own leaders is the thing that distinguishes us from other nations and other forms of government. It is enshrined by law and has been protected for generations by military men and women who fought and died to protect our freedom. The sanctity of the right to vote and the price our nation has paid to protect it makes it virtually the obligation of all citizens who cherish democracy to go to the polls on Tuesday, November 4, and cast their ballots.

As your County Clerk, I want to use the resources of my office to make it as easy and convenient as possible for you to cast your vote in this year's general election. This Voter Information and Election Guide is a part of that effort, bringing together sample ballots along with all the information you might need to ensure you are properly registered to vote and that you have the opportunity to cast your ballot.

The Voter Information and Election Guide also includes information about Macoupin County polling places, absentee balloting, early voting, how to properly mark your ballot and other issues affecting you and the election process. As with many aspects of modern life, new technology is quickly changing the way in which we administer elections. Within this publication you will find information about how voters can register to vote online or register on the very day of the election. Both innovations are the result of new technology and changes in the election laws.

I believe that all elections are important and the 2014 general election is no exception. In addition to choosing candidates for important state, federal and local offices, voters in several communities will be asked to make a decision on public questions ranging from a county sales tax to how school board members are elected in some districts.

As your County Clerk, it has again been my pleasure to work with staff members, party officials, candidates and elected officials to make sure every aspect of the 2014 general election runs smoothly. As always, administering this



election has been a challenging and rewarding experience. I sincerely hope your experience is equally pleasant and fulfilling.

We've worked hard to include in this Voter Information and Election Guide all the information you will need to cast your ballot in the upcoming election. If you have further questions or need additional information, I encourage you to to contact my office at (217) 854-3214, extension 707, or visit our comprehensive election website at www.macoupinvotes.com. The state-of-theart website allows voters to check the status of their voter registration, find the polling place for their precinct, view sample ballots and obtain other information. On election night, the website will be updated regularly with election results for Macoupin County so voters will know the outcome of local races as soon as ballots are counted.

Once again, it has been my pleasure to administer the 2014 general election in Macoupin County and I deeply appreciate the opportunity to serve the voters of this county.

Pete Duncan

Macoupin County Clerk

**ON THE COVER:** A bronze sculpture of a turn-of-the-century coal miner stands watch over the Mother Jones Monument, which rises over the grave of labor activist Mary Harris Jones in Mount Olive's Union Miners Cemetery. In the late 1890s through the time of her death, Mother Jones was a fierce and often controversial agitator and labor organizer. The monument, standing 22 feet high and constructed of pink Minnesota granite, was dedicated on Oct. 11, 1936, six years after Mother Jones' death. Preliminary work has begun on an extensive, \$112,000 restoration project expected to be completed in June 2015. Union Miners Cemetery, in which the monument is located, is listed on the National Register of Historic places.

(photo composite by Wade Ambrose)



### Table of Contents

Voter Bill of Rights	Page 4
Election Notice	Page 5
Am I Eligible to Vote?	Page 6
Voter Information Changes	Page 7
Grace Period Balloting	Page 8
Your Voter Registration Card	Page 9
What to Expect at the Polls	Page 10
Provisional Voting	Page 11
Three Ways to Vote	Page 12
Casting Your Ballot	Page 13
Where Do I Vote	Page14
Polling Places	Page 15
Absentee Voting	Pages 16-17
How Do I Vote Early?	Page 18
Early Voting Dates	Page 19
Sample Ballot	Pages 20-22
Public Questions	Page 23
What Can I Find Online?	Page 24
Elections Office	Page 25
Election Judges	Page 26
Notice of Public Test	Page 27
Important Dates	Page 28

### Voter Bill of Rights

### You have the right to:

- Cast your ballot in a non-disruptive atmosphere free of interference.
- ❖ Vote if you're in line at the polling place by 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Be a provisional voter if there is a question about your registration status or your eligibility to vote in the election.
- ❖ Vote a federal ballot at your old polling place if you have moved within 30 days of the election.
- ❖ Request assistance in voting, if needed.
- A Bring this voter's guide or sample ballots into the voting booth, but take them with you when you finish voting.
- Protect the secrecy of your ballot by using the ballot secrecry folder provided.
- Receive a new ballot if you make a mistake or change your mind.
- Check for voting errors (overvotes) after marking your ballot in a private and independent manner.
- ❖ Have your ballot counted fairly and impartially.
  If you believe these rights have been violated, call the Macoupin County Clerk's Office at (217) 854-3214.





### **Election Notice**

### Pete Duncan

MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK ELECTION OFFICE NOTICE

#### **GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE**

Public notice is hereby given that on

#### **Tuesday, November 4th, 2014**

at the usual polling places in the various precincts in the County of Macoupin and the State of Illinois, a General Election will be held for the purpose of electing candidates to the following offices:

- 1. United States Senator
- 2. Representative in Congress
  - 13th Congressional District
- 3. Governor/Lt. Governor
- 4. Secretary of State
- 5. Attorney General
- 6. State Comptroller
- 7. State Treasurer
- 8. Regional Superintendents of Schools
  - Adams, Bond, Cass, Morgan, Pike and Scott Counties
  - Bond, Christian, Effingham, Fayette and Montgomery counties
  - Calhoun, Greene, Jersey and Macoupin counties
- 9. Representatives and Senators of the General Assembly
  - 48th State Senate District
  - 98th State Representative District
  - 100th State Representative District

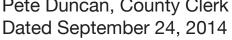
- 10. County Clerk
- 11. County Treasurer
- 12. Sheriff
- 13. County Board Member
  - District 3
  - District 4
  - District 6
- 14. Judge of the Appellate Court (vacancy)
  - 4th Appellate District
- 15. Judge of the Circuit Court (vacancy)
  - 7th Judicial Circuit

Questions of Judicial Retention

- Judge of the Applleate Court
   4th Appellate District
- 2. Judge of the Circuit Court–7th Judicial Circuit

The polls of said General Election shall be open continuously from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4th, 2014.







For additional information, contact: P.O. Box 107 Carlinville, IL 62626 (217) 854-3214 ext 707 www.macoupinvotes.com





### Am I Eligible to Vote?

#### **Am I Eligible to Vote?**

In order to be eligible to vote in Macoupin County, you must register. The County Clerk's Office processes all voter registration applications for Macoupin County residents. The last day to register for this Election was October 7. See the 'Grace Period Balloting' section on page 8 for more information.

#### Who Can Register to Vote?

You may register to vote if you are a U.S. citizen and

- 18 years of age by the date of the next election and
- a resident at your current Macoupin County address for 30 days immediately prior to the next election.

Two forms of identification are required when registering with a deputy registrar.

At least one of the two forms must show your current name and address.

Only one form of identification may be a piece of mail postmarked within the past 30 days which has been addressed and delivered to you.

Acceptable forms of identification include, but are not limited to the following:

- Driver's License
- ❖ Birth Certificate
- State ID Card
- Social Security Card
- Utility Bill
- Employee ID Card
- Checkbook
- Student ID Card
- Library Card
- ❖ Insurance Card
- Credit Card

### \*\*\*

#### TO CHECK VOTER REGISTRATION STATUS

- Go to www.macoupinvotes.com
- ❖ Hit 'Voter Lookup' underneath the photos of Macoupin sites.
- Enter the information required to check if you are registered to vote.

If your information appears on screen, you are registered to vote. If it does not, try your legal name or old zip code to see if your registration is outdated.



### Voter Information Changes

# Keep us up to date with you!

**Update important voting information quickly prior to Election Day** 

Address Change – Any time you move, you have to update your registration. You may do this by visiting MacoupinVotes.com, calling our office, completing a Illinois Voter Registration Application form, or providing a signed written notice that includes your date of birth and signature.

Name Change – If you get married or have a legal name change, you have to update your registration. You can do this by completing an Illinois Voter Registration Application form or by visiting MacoupinVotes.com.

**Signature Change/Update** – If your signature has changed dramatically, you need to update your registration. You can do this by completing an Illinois Voter Registration Application form or signing the back of your Voter Information Card.

**Voter Information Cards** – Your voter information card is routinely mailed to confirm new registration, voter updates or changes in polling places.

New Voter Information Cards were mailed to every voter in the county in September 2013.

Has your signatures changed from

to this

If so, you need to update your signature with the Election Office.

Call 217 854-3214 ext 707 to be mailed a Change of Voter Registration application to update your signature or print one from MacoupinVotes.com, then complete, sign and mail back to the Macoupin County Election Office.

### Grace Period Balloting

# Didn't Get Registered Before the Deadline or Forgot to Change Your Registration and Still Want to Vote?

If you were unable to register to vote or change your address prior to the close of registration, you can still register and vote through grace period voting. The close of registration for this election was October 7.

Grace period individuals may register to vote or change their address October 8 through Election Day, November 4.

Grace period voting is only available in the Macoupin County Clerk's Office, 201 East Main, Carlinville, IL. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with special Saturday hours on November 1 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Two forms of identification are required to register or change your registration during grace period voting:

- At least one of the two forms must show your name and current address,
- And only one form of identification may be a piece of mail addressed and delivered to you.

The second form must show your name. These forms of identification shall include, but not be limited to:

- Driver's License
- Social Security Card
- Birth Certificate
- Employee ID
- Student ID Card
- Credit Card
- Library Card
- Insurance Card
- Utility Bill
- Checkbook
- ❖ Telephone Book
- State ID Card

Grace period voters must vote on the same day they register to vote. They may not vote at the polls on Election Day.

For more information, contact the Macoupin County Clerk's office at (217) 854-3214 ext 707 or at elections@macoupincountyil.gov











# Your voter registration card

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*



CAHOKIA TWP JR COL DIST 536 MACOUPIN COUNTY GILLESPIE CITY GILLESPIE WARD 2 UNIT 7 FIRE MACOUPIN/C/G/J 48TH LEG DIST 95TH REP DIST **VOTER INFORMATION CARD** 5TH CO BD DIST (State ID: 824WK52Y) 61467 VOTER NUMBER SIGNATURE OF VOTER SIGN, DETACH, FOLD AND CARRY IN YOUR WALLET POLLING PLACE CAHOKIA 3 East Gillespie Village Hall GILLESPIE IL 62033 Your registration record will reflect information as shown on this card, for all future 回 elections, unless you return 6304-43680001-T6 P1 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*AUTO\*\*5-LIGIT 62033 he card with corrections or PETER W DUNCAN 705 OLIVE Postal Service returns the GILLESPIE, IL 62033-2044 as undeliverable. -փմիրովիինակինիրիանակ**∳**իկվակնիանգիգույն 6304

**District Acronym Descriptions** 

Cong Dist = U.S. House of Representatives

Leg Dist = State Senate

Rep Dist = State House of Representatives

Co Bd Dist = County Board

TWP = Township

CUSD = School District

JR COL DIST = Junior College District

Your Precinct. This is just the district you vote in, not your city ward or board district. Your Polling Place. This is where you will vote on Election Day.

Your Districts. These are the districts you are entitled to vote for. Acronym descriptions are above.





## What to Expect at the Polls

Voting should be a quick, satisfying experience if you follow a few simple steps. Here are some tips on what to expect at the polls on Election Day:

First, you are required to vote in the precinct where you live. Your voter information card shows your precinct number and polling place location. It can also be found on our website. The polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. To avoid the heavy turnout times of 6:00 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., we suggest you vote between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to avoid long lines.

To ensure a quick process, any changes to your name or address since the last Election should be updated with the Elections Office prior to Election Day.

When you arrive at your precinct, an Election judge will ask your name and address, find your name in the poll book and ask you to sign both an application to vote and the poll book. Your application to vote will be numbered and your ballot will be initialed by an Election judge.

It is important that you review your ballot for accuracy prior to casting your ballot. Once your ballot has been accepted by the voting equipment, no further changes or corrections can be made.

If you have made a mistake, you can 'spoil' the ballot you have by giving it back to the judges and getting a new

ballot. Election judges can answer any questions you may have.

If you registered to vote by mail and the Elections office could not verify your identity, you will be required to show one form of identification from the following list.

- A current and valid photo identification
- Utility bill
- Bank statement
- Government check
- Paycheck
- ❖ Government document



### Voter Responsibilities

Each registered voter in this state should:

- 1. Familiarize herself or himself with the candidates and issues.
- 2. Maintain his or her registration with the Elections Office with a current name and address.
- 3. Know the location of her or his polling place and its hours of operation.
- 4. Bring proper identification to the polling station in case it is needed.
- 5. Familiarize herself or himself with the operation of the voting equipment in his or her precinct.
- 6. Treat precinct workers with courtesy.
- 7. Respect the privacy of other voters.
- 8. Report any problems or violations of Election laws to the County Clerk's office.
- 9. Ask questions, if needed.
- 10. Make sure that her or his completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling place.





### Provisonal voting

If any of the following seven circumstances happen, the voter is entitled to vote provisionally:

- Election judges have NO record of the individual.
- A voter's voting status has been successfully challenged.
- A voter did not provide identification when registering by mail.
- ❖ A court order extends the time for the closing of the polls.
- The voter's name appears on the list of voters who voted during the early voting period, but the voter claims not to have voted during the early voting period.
- The voter received an absentee ballot but did not return the absentee ballot to the election authority.
- The voter registered to vote during the grace period on the day before the election or on election day during the 2014 General Election.

If a voter is entitled to vote provisionally, the following procedure will be followed:

- The voter fills out an 'Application to Vote.'
- The voter fills out and signs the 'Provisional Voter Affidavit.'
- An Election Judge signs the 'Provisional Voter Affidavit' and marks the reason the voter is issued a provisional ballot. A copy of the affidavit goes to the voter.
- The voter may present information that supports his/her claim to be a qualified voter. This information is enclosed in the window pocket on the provisional envelope.
- The voter is issued a correct ballot and instructed that after voting, the ballot should be sealed inside the provisional ballot envelope NOT run through the tabulator
- ❖ The voted ballot is then sealed in the pro-

visional ballot envelope and the envelope is returned to the election judges.

- The election judges keep the provisional ballot envelopes secure but separate from the regular ballots.
- After voting provisionally, the voter is told how to submit additional proof of registration to the County Clerk and how after Election Day to determine if their ballot is counted.

What happens to the Provisional Ballots after the polls close?

- The 'Provisional Voter' should submit additional information to the County Clerk's office.
- The additional information should be received by the County Clerk no later than the close of business on the Thursday after the election.
- The County Clerk has 14 days after the election to determine if the voter is eligible and if their ballot should be counted.
- The provisional ballot will then either be counted or left sealed in the provisional ballot envelope.
- The County Clerk will add any approved provisional ballots to the Election Day results before canvassing.
- The provisional voter may find out if their ballot was counted, or if it was NOT counted, and the reason it was not counted by contacting the County Clerk's office.
- If the ballot is not counted, the 'Provisional Ballot Affidavit' will be used as a registration application and the voter will be mailed a voter registration card.

#### FYI

- Always contact the Macoupin County Clerk's office PRIOR to Election Day to verify your correct voting status or use www.macoupinvotes.com to do so. This will hopefully eliminate the need for a provisional ballot on Election Day.
- Each Provisional Voter will be given a copy of their Provisional Voter Affidavit.
- Each Provisional Voter will be given instructions on how and when to provide additional proof of registration to the County Clerk's office.
- Each Provisional Voter will be given instructions on how to determine (after the election) if their ballot was counted.
- If a Provisional Ballot is not counted, the envelope containing the ballot will NOT be opened.
- Each Provisional Voter will be able to find out WHY their rejected ballot was not counted.
- If a Provisional Voter's Ballot is NOT counted, the Provisional Ballot Affidavit will be used as registration for future elections.



### Three ways to vote

#### **Vote Early**

Cast your ballot at the County Clerk's office before Election Day. You just need to bring a photo i.d. See 'How Do I Vote Early' on pages 18-19.

#### **Vote By Mail**

Simply call our office at (217) 854-3214 ext 707 or visit our website at www.MacoupinVotes. com to request your absentee ballot and vote in privacy before Election Day. See pages 16-17 for more information.

#### **Vote at Your Precinct on Election Day**

Election Day is your last chance to vote! To find your polling place, see 'Where Do I Vote on Election Day?' on pages 14-15.

Be sure we have your current information on your registration. See 'Am I eligible to vote?' on page 6 for more information.

Make sure to show up from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. to vote. To avoid lines and congestion at your precinct, you may want to vote in the 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. non rush hour time frame of the day.

### Register to vote online

Effective July 1, the State of Illinois now has online voter registration for voters with a valid state issued ID or driver's license.

Required information includes the complete driver's

license number or state identification number, the issue date of the driver's license or ID card, birth date, and the last 4 digits of the social security number.

To register to vote or update your registration online, visit MacoupinVotes.com. Click the link to the State Board of Election's web hub where you can complete your registration.





### Casting Your Ballot

### **Optical Scan Voting is as Easy as 1 -2 -3!**

#### 1. Receive your ballot

Enter the polling place and give your name and address to an Election Judge. Complete and sign an Application to Vote. Upon verification, the election judge will give you:

- a paper ballot
- a privacy cover
- a pen

### 2. Enter the voting booth and mark your ballot

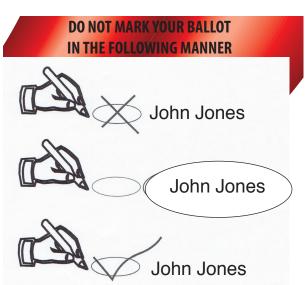
Enter the next available voting booth. To vote the optical scan ballot, completely fill in the oval to the left of the candidate or public question of your choice. Be sure to mark both sides of your ballot if needed. If you make a mistake marking your ballot, return it to an Election



Judge to receive a new ballot.

#### 3. Vote!

Cover your ballot with the privacy sleeve and insert the ballot into the ballot tabulator. The Optical Scan System complies with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) to provide voters an opportunity to check for and correct ballot errors (for example, casting more votes for an office than allowed results in an overvote). If an error is detected, the system will gently beep and give you the option to accept the ballot as is (the overvoted



office will not count) or you may return the ballot to an Election Judge and receive a new ballot.

Visit the Macoupin County Clerk's website: macoupinvotes.com for additional information on the Optical Scan Voting System.

### What happens if I don't vote in every race on the ballot?

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

It is your right to not vote on every race on the ballot, called undervoting. However, state law was changed in 2010 and you legally now have to be notified when you have undervoted. If you leave a race blank, your ballot will be kicked back and you will see on the LCD screem, which is located to the right of the machine where you place your ballot, the races you undervoted.

This allows you to correct your ballot if you want to do so.

If you voted for the races you wanted to vote for, you can override the notification and put your ballot in. It will be counted.

While this may be seen as an inconveience, it is state law. When you go to the ballot box, if you purposefully left a

\*

race blank on the ballot, please feel free to tell the Election judge present that you wish to override the undervote notification. This will allow your ballot to go into the box without the kickback.

If you should have questions concerning any of this, please feel free to contact us at the County Clerk's Office at 217-854-3214 ext 707 or emailing pete.duncan@macoupincountyil.gov.

### Where Do I Vote?

During early voting, you can vote at the Elections Office at the Courthouse. Find out more about early voting opportunities on pages 18-19.

On Election Day, you should vote where you live. If your voter registration is up-to-date, you can refer to your voter information card for your precinct number and polling place location or use the voter look-up feature on MacoupinVotes.com.

However, if you moved and have not updated your voter registration information, enter your new address in the 'Precinct Finder' feature on MacoupinVotes.com to find your new polling place location. You will be required to vote a provisional ballot at the new polling place. You can also come to the Election office at the Courthouse during grace period and change your registration and vote at the same time. See page 8 for more information.

### \*\*\*

### Find your polling place online

- 1. Go to www.macoupinvotes.com
- **2.** Then click "Voter Lookup" underneath the pictures of the sites in Macoupin County.
- **3.** Enter your voter registration information. You must enter the information exactly as it appears on the voter file, which is exactly as you wrote it when you registered. If your registration information does not immediately appear, try your legal name or old address.
- **4.** Once your information comes up, select "View Polling: under the "My Electons" section.
- **5.** Your polling place, a picture of the building and the ability to Google map the location will appear on screen. Click on the red "Google mapit" to go to Google maps.





### Polling Places

BarrBarr Township Building, 330 W. Main, Hettick
BirdCharity Baptist Church, 21964 Charity Church Road, Carlinville
Brighton 1Christian Life Center, 918 N. Main, Brighton
Brighton 2Christian Life Center, 918 N. Main, Brighton
Brighton 3 Brighton Municipal Building, 206 S. Main, Brighton
Brushy Mound Brushy Mound Township Hall, 16270 Brushy Mound Road, Carlinville
Bunker Hill 1 Bunker Hill Municipal Building, 801 S. Franklin, Bunker Hill
Bunker Hill 2 Bunker Hill Municipal Building, 801 S. Franklin, Bunker Hill
Bunker Hill 3 Bunker Hill Municipal Building, 801 S. Franklin, Bunker Hill
Cahokia 1 Cahokia Township Building, 111 W. Central Ave., Benld
Cahokia 2 Benld Civic Center, 201 E. Central Ave., Benld
Cahokia 3East Gillespie Village Hall, 605 Springfield Rd., East Gillespie
Cahokia 4Eagarville Village Hall, 180 S. Mt. Olive St., Eagarville
Cahokia 5 Benld Civic Center, 201 E. Central Ave., Benld
Carlinville 1 St. Paul's Church, 202 E. Main St., Carlinville
Carlinville 2Federated Church, 122 E. 2nd South, Carlinville
Carlinville 3 Emmanuel Activity Center, 125 W. First South, Carlinville
Carlinville 4 Carlinville City Hall, 550 N. Broad St., Carlinville
Carlinville 5Church of the Nazarene, 610 N. Charles, Carlinville
Carlinville 6 Macoupin County Housing Authority, 504 W. Nicholas, Carlinville
Chesterfield Medora Fire Station, 316 Washington, Medora
Dorchester 1 Wilsonville Community Center, 317 Wilson St., Wilsonville
Dorchester 2 Wilsonville Community Center, 317 Wilson St., Wilsonville
Gillespie 1 Gillespie Civic Center, 115 N. Macoupin, Gillespie
Gillespie 2 Gillespie Civic Center, 115 N. Macoupin, Gillespie
Gillespie 3 Mt. Clare School, 410 Berry St., Mt. Clare
Gillespie 4 Dorchester Fireman's Building, 102 Water St., Dorchester
Gillespie 5 Gillespie Civic Center, 115 N. Macoupin, Gillespie
Gillespie 6 Gillespie Civic Center, 115 N. Macoupin, Gillespie
Girard 1Girard City Hall, 111 W. Madison, Girard
Girard 2Girard City Hall, 111 W. Madison, Girard

Hilyard ...... Hilyard Township Building, Route 16 & Route 159, Royal Lakes Honey Point ......Honey Point Township Hall, 21082 Woodland Rd., Carlinville Mt. Olive 1...... Immanuel Education Building, 111 E. Main, Mt. Olive Mt. Olive 2...... Immanuel Education Buildign, 111 E. Main, Mt. Olive Mt. Olive 3...... Sawyerville Village Hall, Stephen & Alice Sts., Sawyerville Mt. Olive 4...... White City Village Hall, 884 S. Main St., White City Mt. Olive 5...... Immanuel Education Building, 111 E. Main, Mt. Olive Mt. Olive 6...... Immanuel Education Building, 111 E. Main, Mt. Olive Nilwood 1......Nilwood Village Hall, 33 Morean Rd., Nilwood Nilwood 2.....Standard City Village Hall, 650 Broadway, Standard City North Otter ......Hanauer Hall-Sunset Lake, 130 E. Lake Dr., Girard North Palmyra...... Modesto Community Building, 102 E. Grand St., Modesto Polk...... Beaver Dam Office, 14548 Beaver Dam Lane, Plainview Scottville ...... Scottville Town Hall, Walnut & Chestnut Sts., Scottville Shaws Point ......Atwater Town Hall, 22839 Main St., Atwater Shipman 1...... Shipman Community Center, 101 E. 1st St., Shipman Shipman 2...... United Methodist Church, 1021 Route 16, Piasa Shipman 3...... Medora Town Hall, 202 W. Locust St., Medora South Otter ......South Otter Township Hall, 15252 Township Road, Girard South Palmyra......Palmyra Municipal Building, 114 E. State, Palmyra Staunton 1 ...... Crystal Ballroom, 20631 Staunton Rd., Staunton Staunton 2 ...... Crystal Ballroom, 20631 Staunton Rd., Staunton Staunton 3 ......Crystal Ballroom, 20631 Staunton Rd., Staunton Staunton 4 ...... Crystal Ballroom, 20631 Staunton Rd., Staunton Staunton 5 ...... Crystal Ballroom, 20631 Staunton Rd., Staunton Virden 1...... Virden Township Hall, 232 N. Masterson, Virden Virden 2...... Virden Township Hall, 232 N. Masterson, Virden Virden 3...... Virden Township Hall, 232 N. Masterson, Virden Virden 4...... Virden Township Hall, 232 N. Masterson, Virden Western Mound ......Hagaman Town Hall, 3460 Hagaman Rd., Hagaman

### Absentee Voting



### Can I vote by mail?

Any registered voter in Macoupin County can vote by mail, or what's called absentee vote. To do so you must first apply.

### How do I apply to vote by mail?

You can request an application to vote by mail in many different ways. You can come in person to the Election office, send in a request by mail, call (217) 854-3214 ext 707 or apply online at MacoupinVotes.com.

### What's the deadline to apply to vote by mail?

The deadline is Thursday, October 30, 2014 by 4:30 p.m. The Election office cannot mail a ballot to you after that time.

### What happens once your application has been turned in?

The Election Office will process your application and then prepare your absentee ballot packet. This packet will include your ballot, instructions for voting, certification card, a secrecy envelope for your ballot, and return mailing envelope.

Once you receive your packet, follow all instructions on how to vote and return the ballot to the Election Office.

### What is the deadline to return my ballot to the Election office?

Returned absentee ballots by mail must be postmarked by Monday, November 3, 2014

and must be received by the Election Office within 14 days of Election Day. If you want to personally deliver your ballot to the Election office, it must be received by no later than 7 p.m. on election day. Only you, your spouse, child, sibling or licensed delivery service may personally return a ballot for you and you must complete an authorization form.

#### How to Absentee Vote In Person

Any qualified voter may cast an absentee ballot in personat the Macoupin County Clerk's Office not more than 40 days or less than one day prior to the election.

#### **Absentee Ballot Integrity**

It is illegal to:

- Make a false statement to obtain an absentee ballot or solicit someone to do so.
- Vote an absentee ballot unless you qualify for one

Do not let anyone:

- Mark your absentee ballot, or unduly influence your ballot selections, unless you require assistance. Individuals who cannot assist voters include the Voter's Employer or Agent of that Employer or Officer or Agent of the Voter's Union.
- Sign your name on your behalf to the Application for Absentee Ballot and/ or certificate envelope. By law, the Macoupin County Clerk's Office compares the facsimile signature at registration with the signature provided on the Applicationfor Absentee Ballot and certificate envelope.



- 1. Go to www.macoupinvotes.com.
- 2. Click "Absentee Ballot Lookup" under the "Voter Information" tab near the top of the screen.
- **3.** Enter your name and the address at which you are registered.
- **4.** If you requested an absentee ballot, it will show under your voter registration information.
- **5.** Events listed under where your ballot was mailed will show if your ballot has been received. After the election it will show if your vote was counted.





### Absentee Ballot Processing

### How do we process a voter's absentee ballot by mail?

- You request an application for absentee ballot
- We send you an application with instructions
- ❖ You fill out the application and send it to us.
- We enter the absentee application into the voter registration system.
- We send you the absentee ballot packet with instructions.
- ❖ You vote the ballot and seal it in the ballot envelope.
- You provide the sealed ballot envelope to us with applicable affidavits in the mail envelope provided.

- We receive the mail envelope and log receipt in the voter registration system.
- ❖ We keep the ballot in the sealed envelope until Election Day.
- On Election Day, election judges open the sealed ballot envelope and compare signatures.
- ❖ The ballot is scanned into the absentee ballot system.
- ❖ After the polls close the scanned ballots are tabulated.
- Preliminary Absentee ballot results are reported to the public as part of the precinct results after the polls close on Election Day.





#### WHAT IS EARLY VOTING?

Registered voters may cast a ballot prior to Election Day without having to provide a reason for wanting to vote early. This ballot is cast by personal appearance at the Macoupin County Clerk's office or at a location set up by the County Clerk.

### WHEN DOES EARLY VOTING OCCUR?

Early voting starts Oct. 20 and runs through Nov. 1.

#### WHERE CAN PEOPLE VOTE?

People may vote at the Macoupin County Clerk's office, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The County Clerk's office is located on the first floor of the County Courthouse in Carlinville. The Macoupin County Clerk has established more locations all across the county to make early voting this election more convenient. See next page for a full list of locations and times.

# IF I VOTE EARLY, BUT CHANGE MY MIND, MAY I VOTE ON ELECTION DAY?

No. The law prohibits a person who voted during the early voting period from voting again on Election Day.

### ARE POLLWATCHERS ALLOWED AT EARLY VOTING SITES?

Yes. Just as with a regular polling place on Election Day, pollwatchers may be appointed to observe early voting by personal appearance at each permanent and temporary polling place where early voting is conducted.

### WHAT ARE THE SAFEGUARDS AGAINST VOTER FRAUD?

Election judges will compare the voter's signature with the signature from when the voter registered.

The votes cast during the early voting period will not be counted until after the polls close on Election Day.

### WHAT IS THE REASON FOR EARLY VOTING?

A major reason for early voting is to encourage greater participation in the election. People who travel for business, work long hours or are otherwise inconvenienced by the hours the polls are open may find it easier to vote early.



<b>**</b> * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *			***	***
$H \cap W$	TO	cast a	WITO-	in vote *

1. Find the office for which the write-in candidate is running.

- 9

2. Print the candidate's name on the write-in line.

0	Ben Franklin
	Write-In

3. Fill in the oval next to the candidate's name.





### How Do I Vote Early?

#### **EARLY VOTING DATES**

Public notice is hereby given, pursuant to Article 19A of the Illinois Election Code, that Early Voting in Macoupin County will be conducted on the following dates and at the following locations prior to the November 4th, 2014 General Election:

Location	Hours
Macoupin County Clerk's Office Courthouse, 201 E. Main, Carlinville	8:30-4:30
The Village at Morse Farm 1050 W. Main St., Carlinville	1:00-3:00
Bunker Hill Municipal Building 801 S. Franklin, Bunker Hill	6:00-8:00
The Glenwood 18192 Renken Rd., Staunton	6:00-8:00
Virden Township Building 232 N. Masterson, Virden	6:00-8:00
Brighton Municipal Building 206 S. Main St., Brighton	1:00-3:00
United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall 900 Broadway, Gillespie	9:00-12:00
Macoupin County Clerk's Office Courthouse, 201 E. Main, Carlinville	8:30-4:30
Immanuel Education Building 111 E. Main, Mt.Olive	1:00-3:00
Girard City Hall 111 W. Madison, Girard	6:00-8:00
Palmyra Municipal Building 114 E. State St., Palmyra	1:00-3:00
Cahokia Township Building 111 W. Central Ave., Benld	1:00-3:00
Macoupin County Clerk's Office Courthouse, 201 E. Main, Carlinville	9:00-12:00
	Macoupin County Clerk's Office Courthouse, 201 E. Main, Carlinville The Village at Morse Farm 1050 W. Main St., Carlinville Bunker Hill Municipal Building 801 S. Franklin, Bunker Hill The Glenwood 18192 Renken Rd., Staunton Virden Township Building 232 N. Masterson, Virden Brighton Municipal Building 206 S. Main St., Brighton United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall 900 Broadway, Gillespie Macoupin County Clerk's Office Courthouse, 201 E. Main, Carlinville Immanuel Education Building 111 E. Main, Mt.Olive Girard City Hall 111 W. Madison, Girard Palmyra Municipal Building 114 E. State St., Palmyra Cahokia Township Building 111 W. Central Ave., Benld Macoupin County Clerk's Office

#### **EARLY VOTING INFORMATION**

**Early Voting** allows all registered voters to cast their ballot prior to Election Day between Monday, Oct. 20, and Saturday, Nov. 1, by voting at pre-designated sites named by the County Clerk. By state law, for the 2014 General Election, early voters must be registered voters and are not required to show valide picture ID showing their current voter registration address. No excuse or reason is necessary to take advantage of Early Voting. Any vote cast during the Early Voting period is final and may not be revoked. Early Voters are not eligible to vote on Election Day.

Dated September 23, 2014







### SampleBallot

#### **SPECIMEN BALLOT MACOUPIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 4, 2014**

HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS SPECIMEN BALLOT IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE OFFICES AND CANDIDATES TO BE VOTED IN THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN MACOUPIN COUNTY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014.

PETE DUNCAN, COUNTY CLERK

#### MACOUPIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS "NOTICE

THE FAILURE TO VOTE THIS BALLOT MAY BE THE EQUIVALENT OF A NEGATIVE VOTE, BECAUSE A CONVENTION SHALL BE CALLED OR THE AMENDMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IF APPROVED BY EITHER THREE-FIFTHS OF THOSE VOTING ON THE QUESTION OR A MAJORITY OF THOSE VOTING IN THE ELECTION. (THIS IS NOT TO BE CONSTRUED AS A DIRECTION THAT YOUR VOTE IS REQUIRED TO BE CAST EITHER IN FAVOR OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSITION HEREIN CONTAINED.)

WHETHER YOU VOTE THIS BALLOT OR NOT YOU MUST RETURN IT TO THE ELECTION JUDGE WHEN YOU EAVE THE VOTING BOOTH".

#### **CONSTITUTION BALLOT** PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 1970 ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION

**Explanation of Amendment** 

The proposed amendment makes changes to Section 8.1 of Article I of the Illinois Constitution, the Crime Victims' Bill of Rights. The proposed amendment would expand certain rights already granted to crime victims in Illinois, and give crime victims the ability to enforce their rights in a court of law. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become part of the Illinois . Constitution.

For the proposed amendment of Section 8.1 of Article I of the Illinois Constitution.

NO

#### **CONSTITUTION BALLOT** PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 1970 ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION

**Explanation of Amendment** 

The proposed amendment adds a new section to the Suffrage and Elections Article of the Illinois Constitution. The proposed amendment would prohibit any law that disproportionately affects the rights of eligible Illinois citizens to register to vote or cast a ballot based on the voter's race, color, ethnicity, status as a member of a language minority, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or income. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become part of the Illinois Constitution.

For the proposed addition of Section 8 to Article III of the Illinois Constitution.

YES

NO

#### STATEWIDE ADVISORY QUESTIONS

'Shall the minimum wage in Illinois for adults over the age of 18 be raised to \$10 per hour by January 1, 2015?"

**YES** 

NO

'Shall any health insurance plan in Illinois that provides prescription drug coverage be required to include prescription birth control as part of that coverage?"

YES

Should the Illinois Constitution be amended to require that each school district receive additional revenue, based on their number of students, from an additional 3% tax on income greater than one million dollars?"

YES

NO

#### **FEDERAL**

#### FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR

(Vote for one)

JAMES D. "JIM" OBERWEIS REPUBLICAN

RICHARD J. DURBIN DEMOCRATIC SHARON HANSEN LIBERTARIAN

#### STATE

#### FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (Vote for one)

(BRUCE RAUNER

(EVELYN SANGUINETTI REPUBLICAN

(PAT QUINN

(PAUL VALLAS DEMOCRATIC

(CHAD GRIMM

(ALEXANDER CUMMINGS LIBERTARIAN

#### STATE

#### FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote for one)

PAUL M. SCHIMPF REPUBLICAN

LISA MADIGAN DEMOCRATIC

BEN KOYL LIBERTARIAN

#### FOR SECRETARY OF STATE (Vote for one)

MICHAEL WEBSTER REPUBLICAN

**JESSE WHITE DEMOCRATIC** 

**CHRISTOPHER MICHEL** LIBERTARIAN

#### FOR COMPTROLLER

(Vote for one)

JUDY BAAR TOPINKA REPUBLICAN

SHEILA SIMON DEMOCRATIC

JULIE FOX LIBERTARIAN

Write-in

#### FOR TREASURER

(Vote for one)

TOM CROSS REPUBLICAN

MICHAEL W. FRERICHS DEMOCRATIC

**MATTHEW SKOPEK** LIBERTARIAN

#### CONGRESSIONAL

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS THIRTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for one)

**RODNEY DAVIS** REPUBLICAN

ANN E. CALLIS DEMOCRATIC

#### **LEGISLATIVE**

FOR STATE SENATOR FORTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT (Vote for one)

LINDA LITTLE REPUBLICAN ANDY MANAR DEMOCRATIC

#### REPRESENTATIVE

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NINETY-FIFTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT

(Vote for one)

WAYNE ARTHUR ROSENTHAL

No Candidate

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ONE HUNDREDTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT (Vote for one)

CHRISTOPHER "C.D." DAVIDSMEYER REPUBLICAN

JOSH EVANS DEMOCRATIC

#### COUNTY

FOR COUNTY CLERK (Vote for one)

No Candidate REPUBLICAN

PETE DUNCAN DEMOCRATIC

#### FOR COUNTY TREASURER (Vote for one)

No Candidate REPUBLICAN

ANNE BOEHM DEMOCRATIC

**FOR SHERIFF** (Vote for one)

**DALE VOLLE** REPUBLICAN

**SHAWN KAHL** DEMOCRATIC



#### **EDUCATIONAL SERVICE REGION**

FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (CALHOUN, GREENE, JERSEY AND MACOUPIN COUNTIES) (Vote for one)

No Candidate REPUBLICAN

LARRY PFEIFFER DEMOCRATIC

FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (BOND, CHRISTIAN, EFFINGHAM, FAYETTE AND **MONTGOMERY COUNTIES)** (Vote for one)

No Candidate REPUBLICAN

JULIE WOLLERMAN DEMOCRATIC

FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (ADAMS, BROWN, CASS, MORGAN, PIKE AND SCOTT COUNTIES)

(Vote for one)

**DEBORAH J. NIEDERHAUSER** REPUBLICAN

No Candidate

#### COUNTY BOARD

FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT THREE (Vote for not more than two)

FRANK S. LONG REPUBLICAN

KRISTI DUNNAGAN REPUBLICAN

JULIA H. WATSON DEMOCRATIC

#### **COUNTY BOARD**

FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT FOUR (Vote for not more than two)

No Candidate REPUBLICAN

MARK G. DRAGOVICH DEMOCRATIC

DAVID P. THOMAS DEMOCRATIC

FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT SIX

(Vote for not more than two)

WILLIAM HARDING REPUBLICAN

JAMES R. LAUNER REPUBLICAN

ROBERT K. QUARTON DEMOCRATIC

#### **JUDICIAL**

FOR JUDGE OF THE APPELLATE COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

(To fill the vacancy of the Hon. John T. McCullough) (Vote for one)

LISA HOLDER WHITE REPUBLICAN

No Candidate DEMOCRATIC

#### FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

(To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Leo J. Zappa, Jr.) (Vote for one)

JOHN "MO" MADONIA REPUBLICAN

No Candidate DEMOCRATIC

#### JUDICIAL RETENTION

#### **BALLOT FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES SEEKING RETENTION IN OFFICE**

Vote on the Proposition with respect to all or any of the Judges isted on this ballot. No Judge listed is running against any other Judge. The sole question is whether each Judge shall be retained in his present office.

#### APPELLATE COURT JUDGE

SHALL

**ROBERT J. STEIGMANN** be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE APPELLATE COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT?

YES

NO

#### **CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE**

SHALL JAMES W. DAY be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT **SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?** 

YES

NO

#### **PROPOSITION** CITY OF GILLESPIE **OPT OUT ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM**

Shall the City of Gillespie, Illinois have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program?

YES

NO

#### NORTH MAC COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #34 PROPOSITION TO ELECT BOARD OF EDUCATION **MEMBERS AT LARGE**

Shall members of the Board of Education of North Mac Community Unit School District #34, Macoupin, Montgomery, & Sangamon Counties, Illinois, be elected at large instead of by district?

YES

NO

#### NORTH MAC COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #34 PROPOSITION TO ELECT BOARD OF EDUCATION **MEMBERS AT LARGE**

Shall members of the Board of Education of North Mac Community Unit School District #34, Macoupin, Montgomery, & Sangamon Counties, Illinois, be elected at large instead of by district?

YES

NO

#### NORTH MAC COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #34 PROPOSITION TO ELECT BOARD OF EDUCATION **MEMBERS AT LARGE**

Shall members of the Board of Education of North Mac Community Unit School District #34, Macoupin, Montgomery, & Sangamon Counties, Illinois, be elected at large instead of by district?

YES

NO

#### NORTH MAC COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #34 PROPOSITION TO ELECT BOARD OF EDUCATION **MEMBERS AT LARGE**

Shall members of the Board of Education of North Mac Community Unit School District #34, Macoupin, Montgomery, & Sangamon Counties, Illinois, be elected at large instead of by district?

YES

#### NORTH MAC COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #34 PROPOSITION TO ELECT BOARD OF EDUCATION **MEMBERS AT LARGE**

Shall members of the Board of Education of North Mac Community Unit School District #34, Macoupin, Montgomery, & Sangamon Counties, Illinois, be elected at large instead of by district? YES

#### NORTH MAC COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #34 PROPOSITION TO ELECT BOARD OF EDUCATION **MEMBERS AT LARGE**

Shall members of the Board of Education of North Mac Community Unit School District #34, Macoupin, Montgomery, & Sangamon Counties, Illinois, be elected at large instead of by

YES

NO



#### WAVERLY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER

#### PROPOSITION TO ISSUE \$3,500,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS

Shall the Board of Education of Waverly Community Unit School District Number 6, Morgan, Sangamon and Macoupin Counties, Illinois, alter, repair, equip and improve the sites of the District's buildings and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of \$3,500,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

YES

NO

## NILWOOD TOWNSHIP PROPOSITION TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM RATE OF .5604 TO A MAXIMUM RATE OF .9400 FOR ROAD PURPOSES

Shall the present maximum rate of .5604% of the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue on the taxable property of Nilwood Township for road purposes be increased to a maximum rate of .9400 on such taxable property?

YES

NO

#### VILLAGE OF SHIPMAN OPT OUT ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM

Shall the Village of Shipman, IL have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program?

YES

NO

### VILLAGE OF MEDORA OPT OUT ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM

Shall the Village of Medora, Illinois have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program?

YES

NO

### CITY OF BENLD TRASH FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

SHALL THE CITY OF BENLD PASS AN EXCLUSIVE RESIDENTIAL TRASH FRANCHISE ORDINANCE THAT WOULD MANDATE CITIZENS TO ONE TRASH COMPANY?

YES

NO

#### **CITY OF BENLD**

As a Citizen of Benld and a user of water through the City of Benld want the right to decide who will be the collector of our trash and that the City of Benld not be allowed to choose who will be and add that cost to the water bill without a majority vote in favor of, by the Citizens of Benld.

YES

NO

### MACOUPIN COUNTY RETAILERS OCCUPATION TAX AND A SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX

Shall a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax (commonly referred to as a "sales tax") be imposed in The County of Macoupin, Illinois, at a rate of 1% to be used exclusively for school facility purposes?

YES

NO

### Find your sample ballot online

Want to see what your ballot will look like when you go to vote? You can go online to see the offical sample ballot from the Macoupin County Clerk's office.

- 1. Go to www.macoupinvotes.com
- **2.** Then click "Voter Lookup" underneath the pictures of the sites in Macoupin County.
- **3.** Enter your information.
- **4.** Then scroll down the page to "My Elections" section and click "View Sample Ballot."
- **5.** There is your sample ballot for November's election.



### Public Questions

Public notice is hereby given that at the General Election to be held Tuesday, November 4th, 2014, the following propositions will be submitted to the voters of the said districts in Macoupin County, Illinois. The polls of said General Election shall be open continuously from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday November 4th, 2014.

#### CITY OF GILLESPIE OPT OUT ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM

Shall the City of Gillespie, Illinois have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program?

YES NO

NORTH MAC COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #34
PROPOSITION TO ELECT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AT LARGE

Shall members of the Board of Education of North Mac Community Unit School District #34, Macoupin, Montgomery, & Sangamon Counties, Illinois, be elected at large instead of by district?

YES

NO

### NORTH MAC COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #34 PROPOSITION TO ELECT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AT LARGE

Shall members of the Board of Education of North Mac Community Unit School District #34, Macoupin, Montgomery, & Sangamon Counties, Illinois, be elected at large instead of by district?

YES NO

### NORTH MAC COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #34 PROPOSITION TO ELECT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AT LARGE

Shall members of the Board of Education of North Mac Community Unit School District #34, Macoupin, Montgomery, & Sangamon Counties, Illinois, be elected at large instead of by district?

YES

NO

### NORTH MAC COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #34 PROPOSITION TO ELECT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AT LARGE

Shall members of the Board of Education of North Mac Community Unit School District #34, Macoupin, Montgomery, & Sangamon Counties, Illinois, be elected at large instead of by district?

YES

NO

### NORTH MAC COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #34 PROPOSITION TO ELECT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AT LARGE

Shall members of the Board of Education of North Mac Community Unit School District #34, Macoupin, Montgomery, & Sangamon Counties, Illinois, be elected at large instead of by district?

YES

NO

### WAVERLY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 6 PROPOSITION TO ISSUE \$3,500,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS

Shall the Board of Education of Waverly Community Unit School District Number 6, Morgan, Sangamon and Macoupin Counties, Illinois, alter, repair, equip and improve the sites of the District's buildings and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of \$3,500,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

YES

NO

#### NILWOOD TOWNSHIP PROPOSITION TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM RATE OF .5604 TO A MAXIMUM RATE OF .9400 FOR ROAD PURPOSES

Shall the present maximum rate of .5604% of the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue on the taxable property of Nilwood Township for road purposes be increased to a maximum rate of .9400 on such taxable property?

YES

NO

#### VILLAGE OF SHIPMAN OPT OUT ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM

Shall the Village of Shipman, IL have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program?

YES NO

VILLAGE OF MEDORA
OPT OUT ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM

Shall the Village of Medora, Illinois have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program?

YES

NO

#### CITY OF BENLD TRASH FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

SHALL THE CITY OF BENLD PASS AN EXCLUSIVE RESIDENTIAL TRASH FRANCHISE ORDINANCE THAT WOULD MANDATE CITIZENS TO ONE TRASH COMPANY?

YES

NO

#### **CITY OF BENLD**

As a Citizen of Benld and a user of water through the City of Benld want the right to decide who will be the collector of our trash and that the City of Benld not be allowed to choose who will be and add that cost to the water bill without a majority vote in favor of, by the Citizens of Benld.

YES NO

### MACOUPIN COUNTY RETAILERS OCCUPATION TAX AND A SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX

Shall a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax (commonly referred to as a "sales tax") be imposed in The County of Macoupin, Illinois, at a rate of 1% to be used exclusively for school facility purposes?

YES

NO

### What Can I Find Online?

Voters and others interested in results from this year's general election in Macoupin County can view election results on election night by visiting macoupinvotes.com.

Website features include:

- The ability to select only the races the user wants to see instead of seeing all races.
- Breakdowns of which precincts have reported, how each precinct voted in a race, and whether each precinct's early votes have been counted.
- County maps showing precincts reporting, the turnout, as well as results from each race.

In the past, voters had to come to the courthouse to get detailed election results, according to Macoupin County Clerk Pete Duncan. The new system essentially brings the courthouse into the homes of Macoupin County constituents who want to monitor results on election night. "My staff and I are happy to provide this great tool to give every voter in Macoupin County the chance to see up to the minute results and information," Duncan said.

The new website is made possible by a Help America Vote grant.

All interested voters are encouraged to visit the site prior to election night to become familiar with its features. While the Election Office staff can answer questions before November 4th, they will not be available to provide website troubleshooting on election night.

Voters also may use the website to:

- Check their voter registration and make sure their information is up-to-date and accurate.
- See the specific sample ballot they will be voting when they vote.
- Find their polling place and its address, along with a photo of the building and the ability to Google map it.

- Track their absentee request, just like it's a Fed-Ex package.
- ❖ Find contact information for every elected official in the county.
- Find the electoral districts in which they live and which elected officials represent them.
- Find precinct-by-precinct election results for every Macoupin County primary and general election from 1936 through the 2014 primary election.
- Find maps of various political districts.
- Find answers to countless frequently asked questions.

Anyone with questions about the website may call the Macoupin County Election office at (217) 843-3214, extenstion 707, or email at elections@macoupincountyil.gov.

### 

- Check Your Voter Registration
- ❖ See Your Sample Ballot
- Find Your Polling Place
- See Your Elected Officials and Their Contact Info
- ❖ Track Your Absentee Ballot
- Get Up To Minute Election Results





### Elections office

### How your Elections Office is working for you

Here are some of the ways your County Clerk and Elections Office has been working for you:

- State of the Art Election Results Website: Instead of just giving you a copy of a report, the Macoupin Election Office now has an Election Night Results site designed to give you all the information you need. With color coded maps for each race, you can see precinct by precinct breakdowns of the results, have the ability to see which precincts have yet to be counted, see which candidate won the absentee votes and more.
- Launched MacoupinVotes.com: In 2010, the Election Office had just a few notices online for voters. In 2012, MacoupinVotes.com, the Election Office website, was launched. Now voters have access to tons of important information and FAQs, but also have the ability to check their voter registration status, track their absentee ballot, find their polling place, see their sample ballot and so much more with just the click of a mouse.
- Published first Voter Guides in Macoupin County Newspapers: Starting with the 2012 General Election, the Election Office has published for each Election a voter guide in all the newspapers in the county. It's a one stop shop on all the information a voter would want to know about the who, what, where, when and whys on voting. This great educational piece helps make voting in Macoupin County easier then ever before.
- Redesigned Election Judge Training, Including an Online Course: Having Election Judges working on Election Day with the proper training is vital to making sure every vote counts. The Election Office completely redesigned the training judges receive in 2011 to streamline the process for judges and voters alike. And in 2012, the Election Office added online judges

training to make it even easier for all judges in the county to receive the proper training they need before an Election.

- Online Absentee Application: In 2014, the Macoupin County Election Office added an online absentee application form that ensures every voter who wants to vote by mail, can do so in the most efficient way possible. The online application cuts out one step of waiting for an application to go through the mail, saving the voter's time. But their absentee certification is still checked against the signature in the voter file to prevent any absentee fraud.
- Expanded Early Voting: In an effort to give all county citizens the ability to early vote, the Election Office has offered more early voting opportunities than ever before all across the County. Each General Election, early voting is held in the 10 largest cities and villages across the County, more than double the number of cities and villages covered before. And by utilizing assisted living facilities as early vote sites, residents who might not otherwise have the ability to get to the polls to vote can vote from their facility.
- Voter File Maintenance: The Election Office has twice done a voter file maintenance. This project involves sending new voter cards to every voter in the county. This helps make sure that voters who have moved or are deceased have their registrations updated. Having the voter file up to date not only makes sure that only those entitled to vote can vote, it also saves money by requiring less supplies and ballots to be ordered and also cuts down on wait time at the polls as judges have less applications to sort through.
- Removed Voting Equipment from the hallways: Previously voting machines were stored in the hallways of the Courthouse and under-

neath the stairs, the Election Office has now been reorganized so all voting equipment is stored in secure rooms of the Courthouse. This helps cut down on the possibility of someone tampering with a voting machine or accidental damage to a machine, saving taxpayer dollars.

- Reestablished a Separate Election Office: In 2006, the Election Office was moved back into the Courthouse and into the County Clerk's office. By cramming all of the activities of the County Clerk and Election offices together, it was hard to have the space needed to make things run efficiently. In 2013, all three divisions of the County Clerk's office were rearranged to provide the most effective service possible. In that move, the Election Office was reestablished as a separate office making it easier for the administration of elections to run smoothly.
- Promoted Transparency by Placing All Elected Officials Contact Information Online:

Voters have the right to be able to reach their elected officials with their questions, concerns, and problems. Sometimes, knowing who their officials are and how to contact them can be tough. The Election Office improved transparency by giving any registered voter the ability to type in their name and address online and get a list of every one of their Elected Officials, from President of the United States to precinct committeemen, and their contact information. Making it easier for voters to reach out to their representatives is the first step to real open government and the Election Office was happy to try and make that just a little easier to do.



### Electionjudges

### **★** Make Democracy Work! ★ ★ Become an Election Judge ★

Election judges help guarantee the rights of voters are protected on election day. This page details the qualifications necessary to become an election judge and also some of the important duties and responsibilities.

#### What are judges of election?

Judges of election are responsible for the administration of election procedures in the polling place on election day. They are in the position of ensuring that the election process is administered fairly and in accordance with our laws.

#### What are the qualifications necessary to be an election judge?

- ❖ Be a citizen of the United States.
- ❖ Be of good repute and character.
- Be able to speak, read and write the English language.
- ❖ Be of good understanding and capable.
- Not be an elected committeeman.
- ❖ Need to be registered to vote in the coun-
- Each Election Judge is required to declare their party preference so they can be asselected in the following section.)

#### How are judges selected?

Election Judges are chosen by the County Clerk and by the Party Chairpersons. The party which cast the highest average number of votes at the most recent three gubernatorial elections in the precinct shall be represented by three judges, the party which casts the second highest number of votes at the most recent three gubernatorial elections in the precinct shall be represented by two judges.

#### How are election judges trained?

Before each election, several election judge training schools will be held. This course covers the duties and responsibilities of election judges and an examination which tests reading skills, ability to work with poll lists, ability to add and knowledge of election laws governing the operation of polling places is given every two years. Judges who have attended and completed the class will receive \$160 for their duties on election day. Judges who have not signed accordingly. (See how judges are attended and completed the class will receive \$150 for their duties on election day.

#### What are some of the duties of the judges of election?

- Open and close the polls.
- Be responsible for election materials.
- Ensure that only qualified voters are permitted to vote and that each qualified voter is permitted to vote once and only
- Give instructions in the method of voting when requested by a voter.
- Give assistance to illiterate and physically disabled voters.
- ❖ Maintain order in the polling place throughout the day.
- Tally the votes after the polls are closed; and to certify the election results in that precinct.

#### How may I become an election judge?

Contact the County Clerk's office by phone or email and express your interest in serving as a Judge of Election. Election judges are vital to ensure efficient and honest elections to which voters are entitled in a democratic society.

Call us at (217) 854-3214, extension 707; or email us at elections@macoupincountyil.gov.





### Notice of Public Test

#### PETE DUNCAN

MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK ELECTION OFFICE NOTICE

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST**

Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of the tabulating equipment, Accu Vote OS, to be used at the Consolidated Election on November 4th, 2014 will be conducted at the Macoupin County Clerk's office on the first floor of the Courthouse at 201 E. Main St., Carlinville, IL on Tuesday, October 24th at 2:00 p.m.

The public test is open to everyone.

Chapter 46, Sec. 24 A-9 Dated: September 24, 2014



Pete Duncan

Pete Duncan, Macoupin County Clerk

### How to find your elected officials online

Macoupin County residents may now use the macoupinvotes.com website to find out who their elected officials and representatives are and how to contact them:

- **1.** Go to www.macoupinvotes.com.
- **2.** Hit "Voter Lookup" beneath the photos of Macoupin County sites.
- **3.** Enter the required information. You must enter the information exactly as it appears on the voter file which is exactly as you wrote it when you registered to vote. If your information does not immediately appear, try your legal name or old address.
- **4.** Once your information appears on screen, select "My Elected Officials" under the "Voter Links" section.
- **5.** Your Elected Officials will then appear on screen. Scroll down to see the whole list, or click one of the grey boxes to jump directly to a specific level of government. If you want to see who your school board members are, for example, click the grey "School District" box to access that information.
- **6.** Clicking on the elected official's name in red will allow you to see their contact information.



### Important Dates



### **Important Dates**

- page 8)
- October 20 First day for early voting at courthouse (See page 19)
- October 20 Early voting at The Village at Morse Farm, Carlinville (See page 19)
- October 20 Early voting at Bunker Hill Municipal Building (See page 19)
- October 22 Early voting at The Glenwood, Staunton (See page 19)
- October 23 Early voting at Virden Township Building (See page 19)
- October 24 Early voting at Brighton Municipal Building (See page 19)
- October 24 Public test of voting equipment (See page 27)
- October 25 Early voting at United Methodist Church, Gillespie (See page 19)
- October 27 Early voting at Immanuel Education Building, Mt. Olive (See page 19)
- October 28 Early voting at Girard City Hall (See page 19)

- October 8 First day of grace period voting (See October 29 Early voting at Palmyra Municipal Building (See page 19)
  - October 31 Early voting at Cahokia Township Building, Benld (See page 19)
  - October 31 Last day to apply for absentee ballot by mail (see page 16)
  - **November 1** Special Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to noon for early voting at Macoupin County Courthouse. Last day for early voting at Courthouse. (See page 19)
  - **November 3** Last day to apply in person for absentee ballot (See page 16)
  - **November 3** Voting conducted at certified nursing homes in Macoupin County

#### **Election Day – Tuesday, November 4**

#### **Macoupin County Election Office**

Pete Duncan, Macoupin County Clerk 201 E. Main, Carlinville, IL 62626 First Floor of the Macoupin County Courthouse Hours Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (217) 854-3214 ext 707

> elections@macoupincountyil.gov www.macoupinvotes.com