The background of the entire page is a photograph of the Macoupin County Courthouse. The image shows the building's facade with classical columns and a large, ornate dome topped with a spire. The sky is overcast with grey clouds. The text is overlaid on this image.

Macoupin County
**Voter Information
& Election Guide**

**2012 General Election
Tuesday, November 6
Polls Open 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.**

Prepared and Distributed by Macoupin County Clerk

Pete Duncan

A message to voters

We are pleased to present the voters of Macoupin County with this Voter Information & Election Guide. Inside you will find information not only about the 2012 general election ballot, but also details about Macoupin County polling places, absentee balloting, early voting and other issues affecting you and the election process. This publication also provides details about how to properly mark your ballot and how to cast votes for write-in candidates. I want to urge you to take time to read this guide prior to visiting the polls this year.

As your County Clerk, it has been my pleasure to work with staff members, party officials, candidates and elected officials to make sure the 2012 general election comes off without a hitch. As many of you know, this will be the first general election I've administered from start to finish. It has been both challenging and rewarding; I sincerely hope your experience casting your ballot is equally pleasant and fulfilling.

The right to vote is among the most precious of our American liberties. It is both a privilege and an obligation. It is a right enshrined by our forefathers and protected for more than 200 years by generations of military veterans. It is a concept that is still unknown in much of the world in which we live, and I want to personally urge all registered voters to take time to exercise their right to vote during this election cycle. If you are unable to visit the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 6, there will be ample opportunities to cast an absentee ballot or to participate in early voting.

It is my contention that all elections are important, and the upcoming general election is no exception. At the federal level, we will decide who will lead the country as President for the next four years. We also will elect a new representative to the U.S. Congress, and a new State Senator in the newly formed 48th District. Voters will make decisions about State Representative, Circuit Judge and Macoupin County Board members. In addition, several

communities will be voting on important local questions.

This year marks the first year for our new, comprehensive election website—macoupinvotes.com.

The state-of-the-art 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.

This has been an exciting year for me and for the Elections Office. Voters who need more information are welcome to contact my office at (217) 854-3214, extension 707; or visit macoupinvotes.com on the web.

Again, it has been my pleasure to administer the 2012 general election in Macoupin County and I deeply appreciate the opportunity to serve the voters of this county.

Sincerely,



Pete Duncan
Macoupin County Clerk





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Polling Places

Barr	Barr Township Building, 330 W. Main, Hettick	Hilyard	Hilyard Township Building, Route 16 & Route 159, Royal Lakes
Bird	Charity Baptist Church, 21964 Charity Church Road, Carlinville	Honey Point	Honey Point Township Hall, 21082 Woodland Rd., Carlinville
Brighton 1	Christian Life Center, 918 N. Main, Brighton	Mt. Olive 1	Immanuel Education Building, 111 E. Main, Mt. Olive
Brighton 2	Christian Life Center, 918 N. Main, Brighton	Mt. Olive 2	Immanuel Education Buildign, 111 E. Main, Mt. Olive
Brighton 3	Brighton Municipal Building, 206 S. Main, Brighton	Mt. Olive 3	Sawyerville Village Hall, Stephen & Alice Sts., Sawyerville
Brushy Mound..	Brushy Mound Township Hall, 16270 Brushy Mound Road, Carlinville	Mt. Olive 4	White City Village Hall, 884 S. Main St., White City
Bunker Hill 1	Bunker Hill Municipal Building, 801 S. Franklin, Bunker Hill	Mt. Olive 5	Immanuel Education Building, 111 E. Main, Mt. Olive
Bunker Hill 2	Bunker Hill Municipal Building, 801 S. Franklin, Bunker Hill	Mt. Olive 6	Immanuel Education Building, 111 E. Main, Mt. Olive
Bunker Hill 3	Bunker Hill Municipal Building, 801 S. Franklin, Bunker Hill	Nilwood 1	Nilwood Village Hall, 33 Morean Rd., Nilwood
Cahokia 1	Cahokia Township Building, 111 W. Central Ave., Benld	Nilwood 2	Standard City Village Hall, 650 Broadway, Standard City
Cahokia 2	Benld Civic Center, 201 E. Central Ave., Benld	North Otter	Hanauer Hall-Sunset Lake, 130 E. Lake Dr., Girard
Cahokia 3	East Gillespie Village Hall, 605 Springfield Rd., East Gillespie	North Palmyra	Modesto Community Building, 102 E. Grand St., Modesto
Cahokia 4	Eagarville Village Hall, 180 S. Mt. Olive St., Eagarville	Polk	Beaver Dam Office, 14548 Beaver Dam Lane, Plainview
Cahokia 5	Benld Civic Center, 201 E. Central Ave., Benld	Scottville	Scottville Town Hall, Walnut & Chestnut Sts., Scottville
Carlinville 1	St. Paul's Church, 202 E. Main St., Carlinville	Shaws Point	Atwater Town Hall, Atwater
Carlinville 2	Federated Church, 122 E. 2nd South, Carlinville	Shipman 1	Shipman Community Center, 101 E. 1st St., Shipman
Carlinville 3	Emmanuel Activity Center, 125 W. First South, Carlinville	Shipman 2	United Methodist Church, 1021 Route 16, Piasa
Carlinville 4	Carlinville City Hall, 550 N. Broad St., Carlinville	Shipman 3	Medora Town Hall, 202 W. Locust St., Medora
Carlinville 5	Church of the Nazarene, 610 N. Charles, Carlinville	South Otter	South Otter Township Hall, 15252 Township Road, Girard
Carlinville 6	Macoupin County Housing Authority, 504 W. Nicholas, Carlinville	South Palmyra	Palmyra Municipal Building, 114 E. State, Palmyra
Chesterfield	Medora Fire Station, 316 Washington, Medora	Staunton 1	Crystal Ballroom, 20631 Staunton Rd., Staunton
Dorchester 1	Wilsonville Community Center, 317 Wilson St., Wilsonville	Staunton 2	Crystal Ballroom, 20631 Staunton Rd., Staunton
Dorchester 2	Wilsonville Community Center, 317 Wilson St., Wilsonville	Staunton 3	Crystal Ballroom, 20631 Staunton Rd., Staunton
Gillespie 1	Gillespie Civic Center, 115 N. Macoupin, Gillespie	Staunton 4	Crystal Ballroom, 20631 Staunton Rd., Staunton
Gillespie 2	Gillespie Civic Center, 115 N. Macoupin, Gillespie	Staunton 5	Crystal Ballroom, 20631 Staunton Rd., Staunton
Gillespie 3	Mt. Clare School, 410 Berry St., Mt. Clare	Virden 1	Virden Township Hall, 232 N. Masterson, Virden
Gillespie 4	Dorchester Fireman's Building, 102 Water St., Dorchester	Virden 2	Virden Township Hall, 232 N. Masterson, Virden
Gillespie 5	Gillespie Civic Center, 115 N. Macoupin, Gillespie	Virden 3	Virden Township Hall, 232 N. Masterson, Virden
Gillespie 6	Gillespie Civic Center, 115 N. Macoupin, Gillespie	Virden 4	Virden Township Hall, 232 N. Masterson, Virden
Girard 1	Girard City Hall, 111 W. Madison, Girard	Western Mound	Hagaman Town Hall, Hagaman
Girard 2	Girard City Hall, 111 W. Madison, Girard		

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.
- ❖ 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 secrecy 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.

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

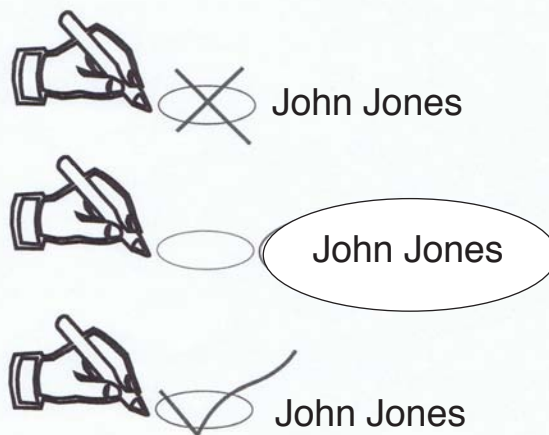
Enter the next available voting booth. To vote the optical scan ballot, completely fill in the oval to the left of the candidate or public question of your choice.

FILL IN THE OVAL NEXT TO THE CANDIDATE'S NAME



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.

DO NOT MARK YOUR BALLOT
IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER



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 over-vote). 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.

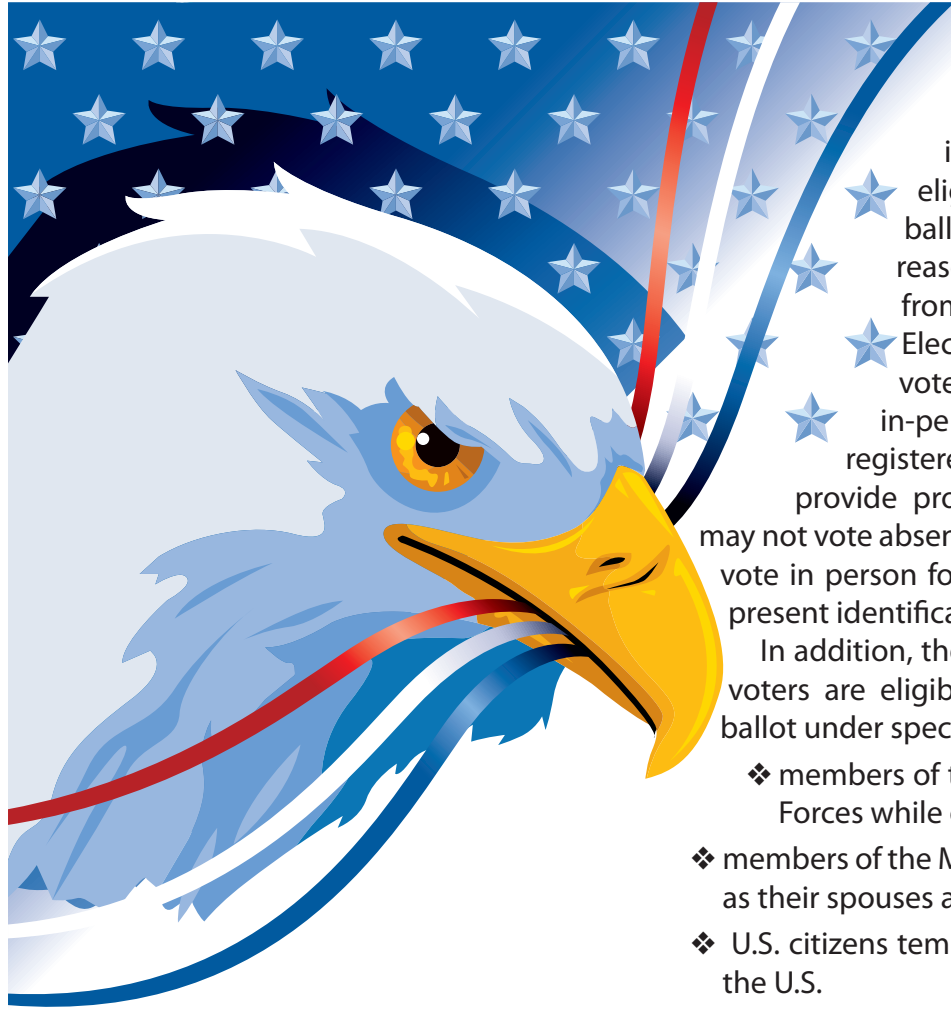
Visit the Macoupin County Clerk's website: macoupinvotes.com for additional information on the Optical Scan Voting System.

FYI

- ❖ The ballot tabulator will notify you if you have overvoted an office or undervoted an office. Many voters intentionally skip offices which they do not care to vote in, but rarely intentionally vote for more candidates than allowed in any given office. You can either count the ballot as is or go back and check your ballot.
- ❖ The ballot tabulator will notify you if you have inserted a blank ballot or one that it perceived to be blank because it was not marked properly.
- ❖ The "paper trail" provided by this system of voting *is not* a receipt for the voter, but instead an actual ballot which can be recounted when necessary to insure the integrity of the system.



Absentee voting



Who Can Absentee Vote?

Any registered voter in Macoupin County is eligible to cast an absentee ballot without specifying a reason they will be absent from the polling place on Election Day. Any registered voter may vote absentee in-person. But, if a new voter registered by mail and did not provide proper identification, they may not vote absentee by mail as they must vote in person for their first election and present identification.

In addition, the following unregistered voters are eligible to vote by absentee ballot under special circumstances:

- ❖ members of the United States Armed Forces while on active duty, and
- ❖ members of the Merchant Marines, as well as their spouses and dependents
- ❖ U.S. citizens temporarily residing outside the U.S.
- ❖ U.S. citizens overseas by virtue of employment or accompanying their spouses or dependents
- ❖ other U.S. citizens residing outside the U.S.

If you are not a registered voter, you will need to register in-person or by mail.

How to Absentee Vote by Mail

Step 1: Complete and submit an Application and Absentee Ballot Request to the Macoupin County Clerk's office. You can also request an Application for Absentee Ballot via email at elections@macoupincountyil.gov or call the Macoupin County Clerk's Office at (217) 854-3214.

The Macoupin County Clerk's Office will need the voter's name, residence address, mailing address and date of birth at the time of request.

A packet which includes Application for Absentee Ballot, the ballot, Instructions for Voting by Absentee Ballot, certificate envelope and a return mailing envelope will be mailed to the voter.

Step 2: Upon receipt of the absentee ballot packet, follow all instructions on how to vote and return the ballot to the County Clerk's Office. Returned absentee ballots by mail must be postmarked by midnight on the day before the election and received within 14 days after the election. Voted ballots personally delivered to the County Clerk's Office by the voter must be received no later than Election Day before 7:00 p.m. There is a limited exception permitting ballot return by a spouse, parent, child, sibling, or a licensed delivery service where the authorization form is completed.

How to Absentee Vote In-Person

Any qualified voter may cast an absentee ballot in person at 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 Application for Absentee Ballot and certificate envelope.

Early voting

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 October 22nd and runs through November 3rd.

WHERE CAN PEOPLE VOTE?

The Macoupin County Clerk has established more early voting locations and hours than ever before. Please check the schedule on the next page for a full list of early voting locations and hours.

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?

Voters casting an early ballot must display valid identification such as a current driver's license, a state issued ID card or another government-issued ID with a photograph.

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.



Find your sample ballot online

Want to see what your ballot will look like when you go to vote? For the first time, you can go online to see the official 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.



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 6th, 2012 General Election:

Date	Location	Hours
Monday, Oct. 22 to Friday, October 26	Macoupin County Clerk's Office Courthouse, 201 E. Main, Carlinville	8:30-4:30
Monday, Oct. 22	Brighton Municipal Building 206 South Main St., Brighton	1:00-3:00
Tuesday, Oct. 23	The Glenwood 18192 Renken Rd., Staunton	6:00-8:00
Wednesday, Oct. 24	Virден Township Building 232 N. Masterson, Virден	6:00-8:00
Thursday, Oct. 25	Girard City Hall 111 W. Madison	6:00-8:00
Friday, Oct. 26	Cahokia Township Building 111 W. Central Ave., Benld	1:00-3:00
Saturday, Oct. 27	United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall 900 Broadway, Gillespie	9:00-12:00
Monday, Oct. 29 to Friday, Nov. 2	Macoupin County Clerk's Office Courthouse, 201 E. Main, Carlinville	8:30-4:30
Monday, Oct. 29	Mt. Olive Public Library 100 N. Plum St., Mt. Olive	1:00-3:00
Tuesday, Oct. 30	The Village at Morse Farm 1050 W. Main St., Carlinville	1:00-2:00
Tuesday, Oct. 30	South Lawn Shelter Care 512 S. Franklin St., Bunker Hill	6:00-8:00
Friday, Nov. 2	Palmyra Municipal Building 114 E. State St., Palmyra	1:00-3:00
Saturday, Nov. 3	Macoupin County Clerk's Office Courthouse, 201 E. Main, Carlinville	9:00-12:00

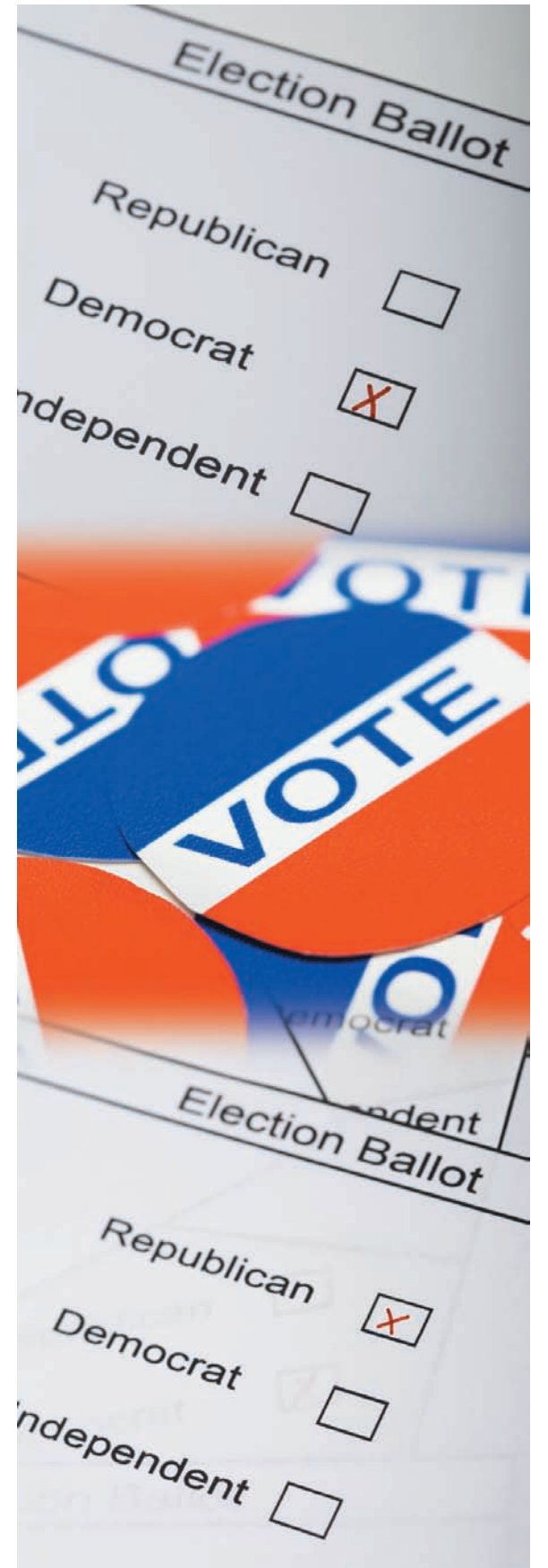
EARLY VOTING INFORMATION

Early Voting allows all registered voters to cast their ballot prior to Election Day between Monday, Oct. 22, and Saturday, Nov. 3, by voting at pre-designated sites named by the County Clerk. Early voters must be registered voters with a valid 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 October 1st, 2012



Pete Duncan
Pete Duncan, County Clerk



Tracking your absentee ballot

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 to will show if your ballot has been received; after the election, it will show that it was counted.

Nursing home voting

NURSING HOME ABSENTEE DATES

Public notice is hereby given that absentee voting at certified nursing homes will be conducted at the following locations on November 5th for the November 6th, 2012 General Election

Location	Time
Heritage Health of Gillespie.....	9:30 a.m.
South Lawn Shelter Care	8:30 a.m.
Robings Manor.....	2:00 p.m.
Pleasant Hill Village.....	9:00 a.m.
Sunrise Manor.....	9:30 a.m.
Friendship Home	11:00 a.m.
Carlinville Estates.....	3:30 p.m.
Carlinville Rehab and H.C.C.	1:30 p.m.
Heritage Health of Staunton	10:00 a.m.
Heritage Health of Carlinville	9:30 a.m.

Dated October 1st, 2012



Pete Duncan

Pete Duncan, County Clerk

Voting for write-in candidates

★ How to cast a write-in vote ★

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

FOR MAYOR

John Adams

Martha Washington

Write-In

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

Ben Franklin
Write-In

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



Ben Franklin
Write-In



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 your 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.



Sample ballot

SPECIMEN BALLOT
MACOUPIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 6, 2012

I 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 6, 2012.


 PETE DUNCAN, COUNTY CLERK
 MACOUPIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

STATE
"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 LEAVE THE VOTING BOOTH".

CONSTITUTION BALLOT
 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 1970 ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION

Explanation of Amendment

Upon approval by the voters, the proposed amendment, which takes effect on January 9, 2013, adds a new section to the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Constitution. The new section would require a three-fifths majority vote of each chamber of the General Assembly, or the governing body of a unit of local government, school district, or pension or retirement system, in order to increase a benefit under any public pension or retirement system. At the general election to be held on November 6, 2012, you will be called upon to decide whether the proposed amendment should become part of the Illinois Constitution.

If you believe the Illinois Constitution should be amended to require a three-fifths majority vote in order to increase a benefit under any public pension or retirement system, you should vote "YES" on the question. If you believe the Illinois Constitution should not be amended to require a three-fifths majority vote in order to increase a benefit under any public pension or retirement system, you should vote "NO" on the question. Three-fifths of those voting on the question or a majority of those voting in the election must vote "YES" in order for the amendment to become effective on January 9, 2013.

For the proposed addition of Section 5.1 to Article XIII of the Illinois Constitution.
YES
NO

FEDERAL

FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
(Vote for one)

MITT ROMNEY REPUBLICAN
PAUL RYAN
BARACK OBAMA DEMOCRATIC
JOE BIDEN
GARY JOHNSON LIBERTARIAN
JAMES P. GRAY
JILL STEIN GREEN
HOWIE HAWKINS

Write-in

CONGRESSIONAL

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

RODNEY DAVIS REPUBLICAN
DAVID M. GILL DEMOCRATIC
JOHN HARTMAN INDEPENDENT

LEGISLATIVE

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

MIKE McELROY REPUBLICAN
ANDY MANAR DEMOCRATIC

FOR STATE SENATOR FIFTIETH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
(Vote for one)

WILLIAM "SAM" McCANN REPUBLICAN
No Candidate DEMOCRATIC

REPRESENTATIVE

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NINETY-FIFTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT
(Vote for one)

WAYNE ARTHUR ROSENTHAL REPUBLICAN
BRAD GILLESPIE DEMOCRATIC

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

JIM WATSON REPUBLICAN
No Candidate DEMOCRATIC

COUNTY

FOR CIRCUIT CLERK
(Vote for one)

No Candidate REPUBLICAN
MIKE MATHIS DEMOCRATIC

FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY
(Vote for one)

No Candidate REPUBLICAN
JENNIFER A. WATSON DEMOCRATIC

FOR CORONER
(Vote for one)

No Candidate REPUBLICAN
BRAD B. TARGHETTA DEMOCRATIC

COUNTY BOARD

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

No Candidate REPUBLICAN
MIKE TRANTER DEMOCRATIC
ROBERT L. (BOB) VOJAS DEMOCRATIC

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

No Candidate REPUBLICAN
FRANCIS WIESEMAN DEMOCRATIC
OLIVER GORDON SCHWALLENSTECKER DEMOCRATIC

Write-in

COUNTY BOARD

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

FRANK S. LONG REPUBLICAN
JULIA H. WATSON DEMOCRATIC

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

No Candidate REPUBLICAN
MARK G. DRAGOVICH DEMOCRATIC
DAVID THOMAS DEMOCRATIC

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

No Candidate REPUBLICAN
RUTH ANN POMATTO DEMOCRATIC
JIM "ZIRK" ZIRKELBACH DEMOCRATIC

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

WILLIAM A. HARDING REPUBLICAN
ROBERT K. QUARTON DEMOCRATIC
JUDY BACON DEMOCRATIC

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

BERNARD C. KIEL REPUBLICAN
KEVIN L. NICHELSON DEMOCRATIC
SHIELDA K. LEWIS INDEPENDENT

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

HARRY STARR IV REPUBLICAN
ROBERT "TONY" WIGGINS DEMOCRATIC
FRANCES GOODMAN DEMOCRATIC

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

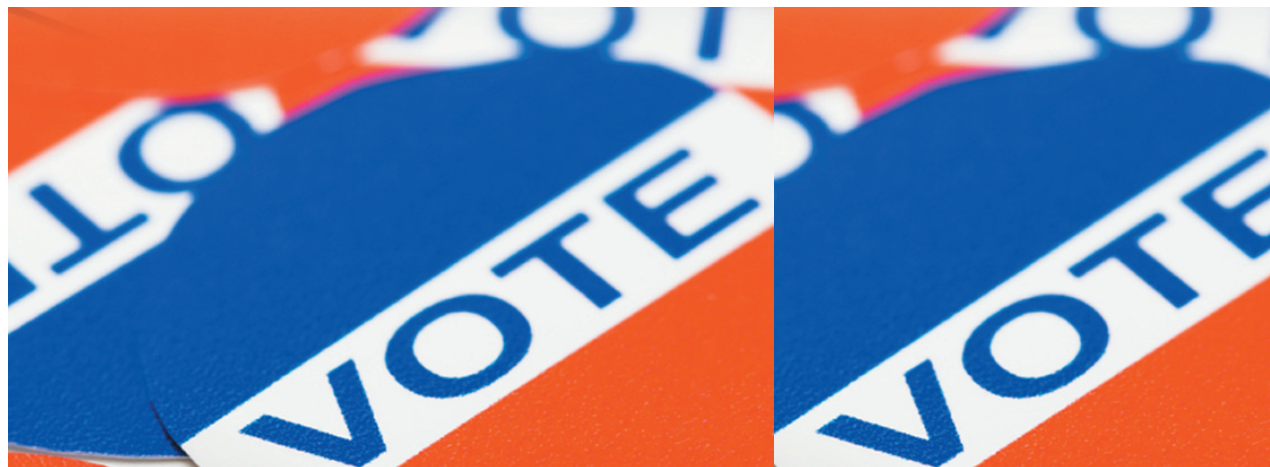
TODD ARMOUR REPUBLICAN
VERYL D. REIHER REPUBLICAN
RAYMOND COATNEY DEMOCRATIC
LYNDAL L. HERSCHELMAN DEMOCRATIC



<p>EDUCATIONAL SERVICE REGION FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (CHRISTIAN AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES) (For an unexpired two year term) (Vote for one)</p> <p>MARCHELLE KASSEBAUM REPUBLICAN</p> <p>No Candidate DEMOCRATIC</p>
<p>FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (BROWN, CASS, MORGAN AND SCOTT COUNTIES) (For an unexpired two year term) (Vote for one)</p> <p>No Candidate REPUBLICAN</p> <p>JEFFREY R. STEPHENS DEMOCRATIC</p>
<p>JUDICIAL FOR JUDGE OF THE APPELLATE COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Sue E. Myerscough) (Vote for one)</p> <p>CAROL POPE REPUBLICAN</p> <p>No Candidate DEMOCRATIC</p>
<p>JUDICIAL FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT (To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Thomas R. Appleton) (Vote for one)</p> <p>JOHN SCHMIDT REPUBLICAN</p> <p>TIMOTHY J. LONDRIGAN DEMOCRATIC</p>
<p>JUDICIAL RETENTION BALLOT FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES SEEKING RETENTION IN OFFICE</p> <p>"Vote on the Proposition with respect to all or any of the Judges listed 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."</p>
<p>SUPREME COURT JUDGE SHALL RITA B. GARMAN be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT?</p> <p>YES NO</p>

<p>JUDICIAL RETENTION APPELLATE COURT JUDGE SHALL JOHN TURNER be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE APPELLATE COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT?</p> <p>YES NO</p>
<p>CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE SHALL PATRICK KELLEY be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?</p> <p>YES NO</p>
<p>SHALL LESLIE J. GRAVES be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?</p> <p>YES NO</p>
<p>SHALL JOHN BELZ be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?</p> <p>YES NO</p>
<p>SHALL ERIC S. PISTORIUS be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?</p> <p>YES NO</p>
<p>SHALL KENNETH R. DEIHL be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?</p> <p>YES NO</p>

<p>PROPOSITION CITY OF BENLD OPT-OUT ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM</p> <p>Shall the City of Benld 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?</p> <p>YES NO</p>
<p>CITY OF GILLESPIE OPT-OUT ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM</p> <p>Shall the City of Gillespie 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?</p> <p>YES NO</p>
<p>CITY OF STAUNTON OPT-OUT ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM</p> <p>Shall Staunton 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 a program?</p> <p>YES NO</p>
<p>CITY OF STAUNTON TRASH FRANCHISE CONTRACT</p> <p>Shall Staunton pursue a trash franchise contract with a single trash/recycling company for the benefit of the residents of Staunton?</p> <p>YES NO</p>
<p>CITY OF BUNKER HILL OPT-OUT ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM</p> <p>Shall the City of Bunker Hill 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?</p> <p>YES NO</p>
<p>WAVERLY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #6</p> <p>Shall members of the Board of Education of Waverly Community Unit School District #6, Macoupin, Morgan and Sangamon Counties, Illinois, be elected at large from within the school district and without restriction by area of residence within the school district?</p> <p>YES NO</p>
<p>NILWOOD TOWNSHIP</p> <p>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?</p> <p>YES NO</p>



Grace period voting

Didn't get registered before the deadline? Forgot to change your registration? Grace Period Voting can help you

Grace period voting is for individuals who were unable to register to vote or change their address prior to the close of registration. The close of registration for this election was October 9th.

Grace period individuals may register to vote or change their address starting October 10th and continuing through November 3rd.

Grace period voting is only available in the Macoupin County Clerk's Office, 201 East Main Street, Carlinville, Illinois. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with special Saturday hours on November 3rd, 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
- ❖ Employee ID
- ❖ Library Card
- ❖ Checkbook
- ❖ Social Security Card
- ❖ Student ID Card
- ❖ Insurance Card
- ❖ Telephone Book
- ❖ Birth Certificate
- ❖ Credit Card
- ❖ Utility Bill
- ❖ 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, extension 707, or email elections@macoupincountyil.gov.



Provisional voting

If any of the following six 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.

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 provisional 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.



Results website

Voters and others interested in results from this year's general election in Macoupin County can view election results on election night by accessing a new website which was first rolled out for this year's primary election in March.

To view election results, internet users may visit macoupinvotes.com. Results will be updated periodically throughout the evening as ballots are tallied.

The new website will give any interested person more detailed information than ever before. Some of the new 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 6th, 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 election from the 1982 primary through the 2012 primary.
- ❖ Find maps of various political districts.
- ❖ Find answers to countless frequently asked questions.

"When I took office, the Election Office presence on the internet was a voter registration form and the last election's results," Duncan said. "I've made it a priority to grow that presence and give voters the opportunity to better understand exactly how our process works and how their vote will be counted. Macoupinvotes.com will ensure that every voter will be able to access the information they need to know—what is on their ballot, their rights as a voter, where their polling place is located and more. My staff and I have worked tirelessly to provide macoupinvotes.com as a tool to empower Macoupin's voters."

He stressed that the website is another step in promoting openness in county government.

"We will continue to add new features and information as it becomes available," he said. "I want to make sure that all voters are empowered to exercise their right to have their voice heard, not just for this election, but all elections."

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







Public Questions

PETE DUNCAN
MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK
ELECTION OFFICE NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC QUESTION

Public notice is hereby given that at the General Election to be held November 6th, 2012, the following propositions will be submitted to the voters of the City of Benld, Macoupin County, Illinois;

Shall the City of Benld 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 a program? Yes No

The polls of said General Election shall be open continuously from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday November 6th, 2012.



 Pete Duncan Macoupin County Clerk

Dated October 1, 2012



PETE DUNCAN
MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK
ELECTION OFFICE NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC QUESTION

Public notice is hereby given that at the General Election to be held November 6th, 2012, the following propositions will be submitted to the voters of the City of Staunton, Macoupin County, Illinois;

Shall Staunton 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 a program? Yes No

Shall Staunton pursue a trash franchise contract with a single trash/recycling company for the benefit of the residents of Staunton? Yes No

The polls of said General Election shall be open continuously from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday November 6th, 2012.



 Pete Duncan Macoupin County Clerk



Dated October 1, 2012

PETE DUNCAN
MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK
ELECTION OFFICE NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC QUESTION

Public notice is hereby given that at the General Election to be held November 6th, 2012, the following propositions will be submitted to the voters of the City of Gillespie, Macoupin County, Illinois;

Shall the City of Gillespie 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 a program? Yes No

The polls of said General Election shall be open continuously from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday November 6th, 2012.



 Pete Duncan Macoupin County Clerk



Dated October 1, 2012

PETE DUNCAN
MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK
ELECTION OFFICE NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC QUESTION

Public notice is hereby given that at the General Election to be held November 6th, 2012, the following propositions will be submitted to the voters of the City of Bunker Hill, Macoupin County, Illinois;

Shall the City of Bunker Hill 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 a program? Yes No

The polls of said General Election shall be open continuously from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday November 6th, 2012.



 Pete Duncan Macoupin County Clerk


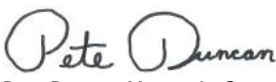
Dated October 1, 2012

PETE DUNCAN
MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK
ELECTION OFFICE NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC QUESTION

Public notice is hereby given that at the General Election to be held November 6th, 2012, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of Waverly Community Unit School District #6, Macoupin, Morgan and Sangamon Counties, Illinois;

Shall the members of the Board of Education of Waverly Community Unit School District #6, Macoupin, Morgan, and Sangamon Counties, Illinois, be elected at large from within the school district and without restriction by area of residence within the school district? Yes No

The polls of said General Election shall be open continuously from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday November 6th, 2012.



 Pete Duncan Macoupin County Clerk



Dated October 1, 2012

PETE DUNCAN
MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK
ELECTION OFFICE NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC QUESTION

Public notice is hereby given that at the General Election to be held November 6th, 2012, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of Nilwood Township, Macoupin County, Illinois;

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 .9400 on such taxable property? Yes No

The polls of said General Election shall be open continuously from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday November 6th, 2012.



 Pete Duncan Macoupin County Clerk

Dated March 9th, 2011



Election judges

★ **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 county.
- ❖ Each Election Judge is required to declare their party preference so they can be assigned accordingly. (See how judges are selected 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 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 once.
- ❖ 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.**





Online training

Online training offered for election judges

For the first time, Macoupin County residents who wish to serve as election judges may complete training online, according to Macoupin County Clerk Pete Duncan.

Duncan and Macoupin County Election Office staff recently completed work on the program, which is being offered for the November general election in addition to regular classes offered throughout the county prior to the election.

The four-part online training course was developed using grant funds. The first segment deals with the experience of being an election judge, and the tasks and concepts

judges will need to know for election day. Part two covers the standards for being an election judge, and the requirements needed to ensure every vote is counted and counted correctly. The final two parts provide an in depth look at the tabulator and touch-screen machines used on election day.

"A priority of mine has been to ensure our election judges receive the training necessary to make sure every voter can have their vote counted," Duncan said. "This online training allows those judges who can't make it to a class to still receive training, and

to provide a refresher before election day for judges who have attended a class in the past. I sincerely hope and believe this training will make this November's election one of the best we've had in Macoupin County."


The online training course can be found at www.macoupinvotes.com. Click "Judges Info" under the pictures of Macoupin sites.

Any interested member of the public can also view the training course by using the user name "public" and "public1" as their password.



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.
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Important Dates



Important Dates

- October 9:** First day of grace period voting (See page 14)
- October 22:** First day for early voting at courthouse (See page 9)
- October 22:** Early voting at Brighton Municipal Building (See page 9)
- October 23:** Early voting The Glenwood, Staunton (See page 9)
- October 24:** Public test of voting equipment
- October 24:** Early voting at Virden Township Building (See page 9)
- October 25:** Early voting at Girard City Hall (See page 9)
- October 26:** Early voting at Cahokia Township Building, Benld (See page 9)
- October 27:** Early voting at United Methodist Church, Gillespie (See page 9)
- October 29:** Early voting at Mt. Olive Public Library (See page 9)
- October 30:** Early voting at The Village at Morse Farm, Carlinville (See page 9)
- November 1:** Last day to apply for absentee ballot by mail (See page 7)
- November 2:** Early voting at Palmyra Municipal Building (See page 9)
- November 2:** Last day for early voting at courthouse (See page 9)
- November 2:** Last day for grace period voting (See page 14)
- November 3:** Special Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to noon for early voting at Macoupin County Courthouse (See page 9)
- November 5:** Last day to apply in person for absentee ballot (See page 7)
- November 5:** Voting conducted at certified nursing homes in Macoupin County (See page 10)
- Election Day – November 6**