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# THIS WEEK



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## Hare sheds light on House health care bill

By JILLIAN STAMBAUGH  
Eagle Staff Writer

Democratic Congressman Phil Hare of the 17th Congressional District appeared before 100-plus local citizens at Macomb's city hall to detail the issues included in the Houses health insurance reform bill, H.R. 3200, and to lay to rest concerns citizens may have heard from faulty sources.

Hare began by sharing his idea of why there is such an array of misinformation being spread to citizens, taking the blame on himself and his colleagues.

"There's so much information that's been coming out to you - some of it factual, some see Hare

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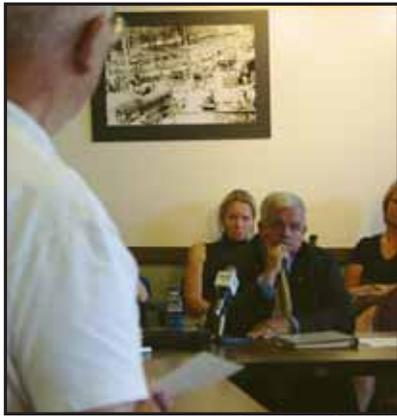


Photo by Jillian Stambaugh

U.S. Congressman Phil Hare listens to a local citizen speak at the town hall meeting in Macomb on Wednesday, Aug. 19.

## House Resolution aims to tackle unhealthy food for college students

By ADAM SACASA  
Eagle Staff Writer

As the health care debate rages on, Illinois House Resolution 0582 by District 27 Representative Monique D. Davis (D-Chicago) wants to change unhealthy eating habits in universities not just in Illinois but across the nation.

One aspect of the resolution could create a mandate that would prevent universities like Western Illinois University from serving

meals over a certain percentage of fat and carbohydrates.

"Kids should not go to college with a cute little figure and come home fat because of what they had to eat on campus," Davis said. "We're hoping that congress will let (universities) know with legislation that this is what is required of them."

Through the resolution, Davis wants to have the legislature make universities aware of the 'great responsibility' of developing good habits

for the students.

"Education should mean that we learn better not just academically, but even in lifestyle and our choices, and I'm finding that is not happening."

Davis introduced the resolution because of what she says are growing obesity rates in the United States caused by poor food choices and habits developed by students.

"One would think that

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## Woman upset over zoning board decision

By ADAM SACASA  
Eagle Staff Writer

Deb Harn wasn't happy with Wednesday's Board of Zoning Appeals ruling to deny a request. To put it bluntly, she thought the ruling 'sucked.'

"I don't think it's right. The city made a huge mistake. They should own up to it," Harn said.

At the meeting, members voted 5 to 1 against Harn for case #09-07: a re-consideration of a request for a variance to reduce side yard setback requirements for the lot at 106 Holden Terrace, Macomb.

Harn, originally of Good Hope, wanted to move to Macomb to be closer to her job due to gas prices being around \$4 per gallon at the time. With the only thing on the lot being the foundation, she says she now has no place to live and is out several thousand dollars.

Harn had been told the size of the lot was 90'x100' when it was in fact 84'x100'. She was also told the lot was two-family housing (R-2) when it was in fact single-family housing (R-1).

Because of the different size, a garage Harn had planned on being built could not fit within the lot.

Several residents at the meeting agreed with the boards decision and didn't believe long-time residents should suffer because of the error and wondered what the point of having rules in place were if people could break them. They also saw the current rules as maintaining the integrity of the city.

While the city does have different regulations regarding zoning in place, according to board member Kevin Wiehard, the board operates on more

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## Proposed Highway 336 map: Macomb to Peoria



Picture courtesy of www.peoriatomacomb.com

The above map shows the proposed route of the 60-mile Illinois 336 project. The four-lane highway would go through McDonough, Fulton and Peoria counties. According to Illinois Department of Transportation, the project is expected to cost between \$705 and \$725 million.

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## Support groups

### Monday, Aug. 24

• 8 p.m., AA meeting, Red Door, 314 N. McArthur St., Macomb, C.N.S.

### Tuesday, Aug. 25

• 3:30-5 p.m., women's empowerment group and children's activity group, call Cindy or Jessica for location, 837-6622  
• 7 p.m., National Alliance on Mental Illness support group, City Hall Community Room, 232 E. Jackson St., Macomb  
• 8 p.m., AA 12-step meeting, Red Door, 314 N. McArthur St., Macomb, C.S.

### Wednesday, Aug. 26

• 12:10 p.m., AA Middy Group, University Baptist Church, 315 N. Sherman Ave., Macomb, C.N.H.  
• 8 p.m., AA meeting, Red Door, 314 N. McArthur St., Macomb, C.N.H.  
• 8 p.m., AA meeting, MDH Health Services building, lower level, 505 E. Grant St., Macomb, N.C.H.  
• 8 p.m., Alanon meeting, Health Services building, lower level, 505 E. Grant St., Macomb  
• 8 p.m., AA meeting, 103 Downen St., Industry, C.N.

### Thursday, Aug. 27

• 5:30 p.m., AA Women's Group, 314 N. McArthur St., Macomb, O.S.H.  
• 5:30 p.m., TOPS weight loss support group, University Baptist library, 315 N. Sherman Ave., Macomb  
• 10 p.m., NA meeting, Red Door, 314 N. McArthur St., Macomb, O.S.

### Friday, Aug. 28

• 12:10 p.m., AA Middy Group, University Baptist Church, 315 N. Sherman Ave., Macomb, O.N.H.  
• 8 p.m., AA meeting, Red Door, 314 N. McArthur St., Macomb, C.N.  
• 10 p.m., NA meeting, Red Door, 314 N. McArthur St., Macomb, O.S.

### Saturday, Aug. 29

• 11 a.m., AA Women's Group, Red Door, 314 N. McArthur St., Macomb, children welcome, C.N.  
• 6 p.m., Macomb Movement Disorders Support Group, The Elms, 1212 Madelyn Ave., Macomb, 833-3670 or macombmovementdisorders@yahoo.com  
• 8 p.m., AA meeting, Red Door, 314 N. McArthur St., Macomb, O.N.

### Sunday, Aug. 30

• 11 a.m., AA women's group, Red Door, 314 N. McArthur St., Macomb, children welcome, C.N.  
• 3 p.m., AA women's group, University Baptist Church, 315 N. Sherman Ave., Macomb, O.N.H.  
• 5:30 p.m., Overeaters Anonymous meeting, Macomb Assembly of God Church, 112 Robin Road, Macomb, O.N.H.  
• 8 p.m., AA meeting, Red Door, 314 N. McArthur St., Macomb, C.S.  
• 8 p.m., AA meeting, 103 Downen St., Industry, C.N.

### Monday, Aug. 31

• 3-4:30 p.m., Bereavement Support Group - New Horizons, McDonough District Hospital Medical Arts Building, conference room, Macomb, 836-1543  
• 8 p.m., AA meeting, Red Door, 314 N. McArthur St., Macomb, C.N.H.

*A meeting abbreviations: S - smoking allowed; N - nonsmoking meeting; H - handicapped accessible; C - closed (open only to those who desire to stop drinking); O - open to friends, family or anyone interested*

# Around the county

### Monday, Aug. 24

• 4-7 p.m. - MACC Blood drive, Fellowship Hall, 1300 Maple Ave., Macomb, 836-6931

### Tuesday, Aug. 25

• 8:15-9:15 a.m. - Free Blood Pressure Screening, Lafayette Square, Macomb  
• 9 a.m. - noon - S.H.I.P. (Senior Health Insurance Program), third floor, room 323, McDonough District Hospital, Macomb, free personal and confidential assistance understanding insurance and Medicare supplements, tracking medical bills, etc., Walk-ins welcome, 836-1579

### Wednesday, Aug. 26

• 7 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Bushnell Fall Festival, carnival, McCance Dancers, livestock auction, dog, puppy and kitten show  
• 7-9 p.m. - Childbirth and Infant Care: 4-Week "L.A.T.E." Childbirth Instruction Class, Auditorium B, McDonough District Hospital, Macomb, free, will meet one night a week for four weeks (Aug. 26, Sept. 2, 9, 16), pre-registration required, 836-1570  
• 7 p.m. - Spoon River College Board of Trustees regular public monthly meeting, Havana facility, room H115

### Thursday, Aug. 27

• 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Farmers Market, Downtown Square, Macomb  
• 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Enchanted Florist food drive to benefit Loaves and Fishes, non-perishable un-expired goods and monetary donations accepted, donors will receive a rose, 127 W. Calhoun, Macomb  
• 1:30 p.m. - Square dancing and line dancing, YMCA Senior Center, 833-2766 or 837-7749  
• 5-8 p.m. - Blandinsville Farmers' Picnic, dunk tank, spaghetti supper in firehouse, Little Miss and Master contest

• 5:30-9:30 p.m. - Bushnell Fall Festival, carnival, Grand parade, Country music artist Steve Hargis  
• 7 p.m. - Pitch Club, YMCA Senior Center, 833-2766 or 837-7749

### Friday, Aug. 28

• 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Bushnell Fall Festival, carnival, rec. center exhibits, Nashville recording artist Billy Yates with guest David Kroll  
• 5-9 p.m. - Blandinsville Farmers' Picnic, dunk tank, ribeye steak dinner in firehouse, Blandin House Museum, country and Southern rock act Sequoia Drive

### Saturday, Aug. 29

• 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Farmers Market, Downtown Square, Macomb  
• 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. - Blandinsville Farmers' Picnic, 4-mile run/2-mile walk, Roberta Schurtz Parade, 11th Annual Vicki Haney Bake-off & Auction, WCAZ Fun-a-rama games in park for children of all ages, 3-on-3 basketball, butterfly porkchop dinner, Poor Rich Man's Band playing '50s, '60s, country, and gospel music  
• 8 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Bushnell Fall Festival, carnival, Rotary Radio Days, car show, antique tractors, water fight, The Biscuits n Gravy Band

### Sunday, Aug. 30

• 9 a.m. Blandinsville Farmers' Picnic, community church service in park, Waterfight

## Blandin House taking calendar orders

The Blandin House Museum is taking orders for the 2010 calendar entitled, "Blandinsville, Main Street USA: Yesterday and Today." The calendar includes pictures dating from 1888 through 2009 and a brief history of businesses and homes on Main Street. The calendars are \$10 each. To order, send check with name, address and telephone number to Karen Moore, 23940 E. 400th St., Blandinsville, IL 61420.

The Blandin House also continues to sell the memory book, "Remember When: Blandinsville High School 1890 to Northwestern 2003." Cost is \$25. Contact Karen Moore at 746-6247 to order.

The calendar and memory book will also be on sale at the Blandinsville Farmers Picnic. The museum will be open Friday, Aug. 28, 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 29, 1-9 p.m. An Open House for the Blandinsville All School Reunion Alumni will be held at the museum 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29. Anyone who attended Blandinsville Elementary or High School is invited to attend.

## West Carroll Street crossing will close for repair Aug. 25

West Carroll Street from North Clark Street to North Albert Street will be closed for railroad crossing repair maintenance. BNSF will begin work at 6 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25 and complete repairs Wednesday, Aug. 26. Road closure signs will be posted while the work is in progress.

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# Hare

of it not, some of it fear as to what's going on...I'll be honest and say that's our fault," said Hare. "What we could have done and should have done a better job is doing these (town hall meetings) and sitting down with the people and saying 'here's what the bill is, here's what it isn't.' People may not like what it is or isn't, but at least they'll have an idea."

Much of what Hare said was a reiteration of comments and insight on the bill from prior visits to the Macomb area earlier this year. However, Hare was able to provide more detail as to the inner workings of the House plan.

Patients have three main insurance scenarios to select from, Hare shared, the first being that you can keep your current insurance provider and plan if you so choose to.

"Nothing happens," said Hare. "The government doesn't come in and tell you you have to move into a plan; the government doesn't take over the plan. I wouldn't vote for a bill that did."

In option 'B' as Hare explained, if you would like to select new insurance, you can enter into what he referred to as an "exchange," or a "consortium of different health care providers, private insurance companies that will compete for your business," he said. The coverage provided is up to the patient and the company, Hare added, with hopes they would compete for an individuals' business. The bill also allows insurance companies to cross state lines to sell insurance.

There are three mandates in the bill for insurance companies to follow in order to be eligible for participation in the exchange: the removal of pre-existing conditions restrictions, and if the insurance company says they will pay a claim they are obligated to do so and they can not cancel someone because they have filed a claim.

"I think all of these are what insurance companies are supposed to do anyway, what we would want them to do, what we pay premiums to do," said Hare.

The third option in the bill is known as the public option, which anyone may enter. The plan will be similar to, but not exactly like, Hare stressed, a Blue Cross/Blue Shield standard plan. Different policies with additional coverage for a higher cost will be available, Hare said. Rates will be five percent of an individual's income, be it salary or unemployment compensation.

Hare also explained several issues that are in the bill and laid to rest some of the fallacies citizens may have heard.

- Within the bill, the pharmaceutical industry is putting \$12 billion towards closing the Medicare part D donut hole.
- Small business employers will receive tax breaks if they currently provide employee health care and

can choose to stay with their plan or select another.

- There is also the opportunity for a group of professionals, such as real estate agents, to group together in a co-op and search for health care that fits their needs, giving them flexibility if they so choose.

• Illegal aliens are not allowed to participate in the bill, as Hare said it is "expressly written."

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## Zoning

of a case-by-case basis with the person suffering the most hardship being a stronger determining factor.

Another board member felt differently. Sally Egler, who voted to approve the variance, described the situation as 'the saddest case in several years on the board.' She saw Harn's situation as 'unfortunate' due to the misinformation she received. She also added the lot may get, "less desirable residents if Miss Harn doesn't move in."

"This is a no-win situation, but I think sometimes you have to look at how it affects the property owners," Wiehard said. Rather than making an exception, the board's decision saw the current neighbor's property rights as more important.

## Food

that a person who goes to college would have developed better food choices and then given greater information in reference to nutrition."

But as Davis talked to college students, she ended up finding the opposite. Kids going to college had worse habits than those that didn't.

"Our young children, many of them are becoming diabetic, some with heart disease and tremendously overweight, so I think our colleges are a good place to start." She also adds that elementary and secondary schools should already be giving children a good nutritional diet plan.

Price is also an issue for the bill. Davis says the universities will say the unhealthy food is a lot cheaper but the aim of the bill, according to Davis, is to do what's healthier for our kids in the long run.

The resolution also has

a special focus for historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) that Davis says typically serve high amounts of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, potato salads, etc.

She wanted to single out the HBCUs because she found that many of them are using a lot of fried food in their lunchrooms. "These kids are coming home heavy and with bad habits nutritionally."

Positive effects in the classroom along with a decrease in health care costs are benefits Davis

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"Situations change and that's why we have this board and there are hardships created over the years," said Wiehard. "The individual can come back in a year and apply for another variance."

Wiehard added, "I think the only way this could have been avoided is if we turned the clock back and started all over again."

### In other business:

The board congratulated Bruce Wells of Macomb on the work he's done on the house and backyard at 130 N. Normal St. Since November, he says there has been no front porch steps for the front door. The board granted his request for an increase in the allowable encroachment into a corner side yard in order to fit the porch.

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hopes to see. "Research shows that healthy eating helps children and young people to learn better, to be more alert. After they had a heavy lunch full of fats and starches, they're sluggish."

If necessary, Davis could see a small subsidy for colleges to make healthier choices less expensive for students. "I think it would be a wise move," said Davis. "Fresh fruit is a little costly, but in the long run, you're actually

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## Hare

• There are no federal funds included in the bill to pay for abortions.

• As for Medicare, Hare explained, "when we say 'streamline,' we're not talking about the benefits people receive. We hope that we will have the opportunity to have increased benefits."

• Hare also expressed his anger at the idea of 'death panels' and euthanasia for elderly citizens.

"This is what angers me the most: there is no death panel for euthanasia in this bill," said Hare with passion. "I find that, to be honest with you, to be...I can't even describe it. It's a big lie - it's demeaning to people and meant to scare people. There's no way that I, or any member of Congress, Democrat or Republican, would ever subscribe to the notion of euthanasia for older people simply because they're elderly."

What the bill does do, Hare explained, is give the doctor, health care provider, etc., the ability

to discuss end-of-life and late-life decisions, such as living wills, do not resuscitate and home or hospital hospice with individuals. If a doctor submits a claim for the consultation, it would be paid.

"All this does in the bill is give the doctor what they do right now," he said.

Though a final bill would look different, the House bill as currently written would provide 82,000 people in this district with health coverage; almost 1,000 families would avoid medical bankruptcy and 10,500 seniors would no longer have to worry

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about the Medicare Part D donut hole.

After explaining the bill, Hare fielded comments and questions from those assembled, including expressions of support, opposition, thanks for having the "courage" to speak to constituents, and requests for more transparency during the creation process.

"I think it's important we give this information to you and let you decide what you think of it," Hare said of his appearance.

For more information on HR 3200, visit Phil Hare's website, <http://hare.house.gov/>.

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# Final preparation being made for Blandinsville Farmers' Picnic

The 122nd Blandinsville Farmers' Picnic will be held Aug. 27-30. Commemorative buttons and cookbooks are available for purchase at Peak Printing, 110 West Monroe St., Blandinsville.

Big "M" Amusements, Inc. will supply the carnival. Advance tickets will be sold at Peak Printing, First State Bank of Illinois in Blandinsville, and Minit

Stop Convenience Mart. Early sales will be 10 tickets for \$18. At the Picnic, tickets are \$2.50 each or 11 for \$22. There will be no armband night.

Meals will be served at the Blandinsville-Hire Firehouse each evening. On Thursday, the firemen will serve a spaghetti supper. West Prairie FFA Alumni will prepare a ribeye steak supper Friday evening, and a butterfly

pork chop dinner will be served by First Christian Church on Saturday evening. Meals will begin at or near 5 p.m.

Other food concessions will be served by West Prairie Classes of 2011 and 2012 and Blandinsville Senior Citizens.

Western Illinois Home Health Care will also be checking oxygen levels next

to the Senior Citizens lemonade shake-up stand Friday evening.

Entertainment for Thursday is the Little Miss and Master Contest at 6:30 p.m. Musical acts Sequoia Drive and Poor Rich Man's Band will be on stage

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Welcome to the  
**122nd Blandinsville Farmers' Picnic**  
Thursday - Sunday  
**August 27-30**

## 122nd Blandinsville Farmers' Picnic SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Thursday, August 27**  
5 p.m. **Dunk Tank** Come dunk an officer!  
5:30 p.m. **Spaghetti Supper** in Firehouse (Blandinsville-Hire Fire Dept.)  
6:30 p.m. **Little Miss and Master Contest**

**Friday, August 28**  
5 p.m. **Dunk Tank** Come dunk an officer!  
5-7 p.m. **Ribeye Steak Dinner** in firehouse (WP FFA Alumni)  
6-9 p.m. **Blandin House Museum** - Open House  
7 p.m. **"SEQUOIA DRIVE"** performing country and Southern rock music

**Saturday, August 29**  
7 a.m. **Farmers' Picnic Run/Walk** sponsored by First State Bank of Illinois, 4-mile run/2-mile walk. (Gina DeSpain or Janeen Peterson, 652-3122) (meet at First State Bank)  
9 a.m. **Little Farmers' 1-Block Race** sponsored by First State Bank of Illinois (ages 3-8; non-competitive/no fee)  
**Parade Entry Registration** at ball field (Keith & Wendy Kreps, 652-3158)  
9:50 a.m. **Doll & Pet Parade**  
10 a.m. **Roberta Schurtz Parade** (MC's - Police Chief Justin Lundgren and Clerk Linda Peck)  
**Grand Marshals** - Gina DeSpain and Janeen Peterson, Co-chairs of Run/Walk  
**Following 10th Annual Vicki Haney Bake-off & Auction** at firehouse (leave craft items at Melco Supply.)  
**Parade** (Julie Schwerer, 652-3137; Tiff Welsh, 456-3445; Lori Boyer, 652-3324; Jennifer Bowman, 652-3381)  
**Proceeds of auction fund Farmers' Picnic 2010**  
**Concessions in firehouse, Senior Citizens**  
11:15 a.m. **WCAZ Fun-a-rama** Games in park for children of all ages!  
12 noon **3-on-3 Basketball** on tennis court in park (ages 13-16 and 17 and up; play to 15 points; \$30 per team - male, female, or mixed; cash prizes) (Contact Aaron & Lisa Allen, 333-8587, to sign up or for more info)  
1 p.m. **Air Evac helicopter** from Fort Madison Comm. Hospital at ball field (*if not on call*)  
1-9 p.m. **Blandin House Museum** - Open House (1-4 p.m. BHS/INHS All school reunion)  
2-4 p.m. **Bingo** in shelterhouse just for fun, no charge; prizes  
5 p.m. **Dunk Tank** Come dunk an officer!  
5-6 p.m. **Fishing Derby** (ages 10 & under must be accompanied by adult; biggest fish; (ages 11-15; 16+) (All contestants must bring fishing pole, bait, & container for fish they catch.) (Call Jared Schwerer, 652-3137, for reservoir location)  
5-7 p.m. **Butterfly Porkchop Dinner** in firehouse (First Christian Church) (*Proceeds to Lamoine Christian Camp*)  
7 p.m. **"POOR RICH MAN'S BAND"** playing 50s, 60's, country, and gospel music - back by popular demand!

**Sunday, August 30**  
9 a.m. **Community Church Service** in Park - Bring your lawn chairs!  
1 p.m. **Waterfight** - Meet at firehouse

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# New events for 122nd Blandinsville Farmers' Picnic

The 122nd Blandinsville Farmers' Picnic will be held Aug. 27-30, with most events in and around the park. Two new events scheduled this year are a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, which will start at

noon Saturday, Aug. 29, on the tennis court in the park. The cost is \$30 per team, which can be male, female, or mixed. Age groups are 13-16 and 17 and up, and teams will play to 15 points. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Sign-up deadline is Wednesday, Aug. 26. Contact Aaron and Lisa Allen at 333-8587 for more information or to sign-up. BCO will also host a Bingo game just for fun in the park shelter house

at 2 p.m. Saturday, following the auction at the firehouse. There is no charge and fun prizes will be given. For more information contact Sonya Hamilton at 652-3361 or Linda Peak a 652-3655.

The 11th annual Vicki Haney Bake-off and Auction will be held Saturday, Aug. 29, immediately following the parade at about 11 a.m. Donations of baked goods, craft items, and collectibles will be sold

through local auctioneers at the Blandinsville-Hire Firehouse, 110 E. Jefferson St. Proceeds will help fund the 2010 Picnic. Auction items may be left  
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**The Blandinsville Village Board**  
invites you to come & enjoy the  
**122nd Blandinsville Farmers' Picnic**  
August 27-30

Thursday - Sunday  
**August 27-30**



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# Bushnell Fall Festival schedule

## Wednesday, Aug. 26

7-11 a.m., Registration of Junior arts/crafts, needlecrafts, wood-working, art/photography, adult arts/crafts at Recreation Center  
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Livestock show weigh-in, West Park  
1 p.m., Livestock show, West Park  
3:30 p.m., Dog, puppy and kitten show, East Park  
4 p.m., Livestock auction, West Park  
5-6 p.m., Registration of wood-working, art/photography at Recreation Center  
5-7 p.m., Registration of junior arts/crafts, needlecrafts, adult arts/crafts at Recreation Center  
6:30 p.m., McCance Dancers, East Park Stage

## Thursday, Aug. 27

5:30 p.m., Grand Parade, Grand Marshall Dorothy Williams  
7:30 p.m., Entertainment: Steve Hargis, East Park

## Friday, Aug. 28

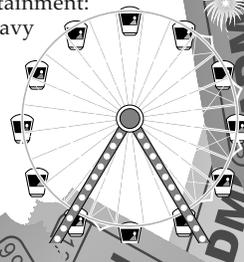
7:30-10:30 a.m. Registration of flowers, plants, vegetables and fruits at Recreation Center  
11 a.m., Judging of all exhibits, the gymnasium will be closed to the public during this time.  
1-6 p.m., Recreation Center exhibits open  
7:30 p.m., Entertainment: Billy Yates with guest David Kroll, East Park

## Saturday, Aug. 29

8 a.m.-5 p.m., Rotary Radio Days  
7:30 a.m.-noon, Registration of antique tractors, West Park  
7:30 a.m.- noon, Registration for auto show, East Park  
9 a.m., Kids' Games, West Park  
9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Recreation Center exhibits open  
11:30 a.m.- Until food runs out, lunch for \$2 on midway  
Noon - 3:30 p.m., Display of antique tractors, West Park

## Saturday, Aug. 29

Noon - 3 p.m., Display of autos, East Park  
Noon, Judging of auto show, East Park  
12:30 p.m., Water fight registration  
1 p.m., Water fight at the fire house  
1 p.m., Registration of pie and decorated cake contest and auction at Christian Community Center  
2 p.m., Tractor parade  
3 p.m., Auto show awards, East Park  
3:30 p.m., Antique tractor awards, West Park  
4 p.m. only, Recreation Center Exhibit entries to be picked-up  
7 p.m., Rotary drawing  
7:30 p.m., Entertainment: The Biscuits n' Gravy Band, East Park  
10-11:30 p.m., Teen dance, Ron Promisson DJ in front of M&B Furniture, East Main St.



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## Yates and Kroll to perform Friday

"I don't need no rocking-chair, your Geritol or you Medicare," one of the great lines from country music performed by the legend George Jones. Billy Yates, the man that penned those words, will be performing Friday night at 7:30 in the East Park at the Bushnell Fall Festival.

Back in 1993, George Jones recorded Yates his song that became a huge hit. Jones won the CMA Vocal Event of the Year for "I Don't Need No Rockin' Chair."

After years of struggling in Nashville, the initial recognition made Yates realize the importance of unceasing optimism in the midst of hard work.

"Had I given up in the first five years here, nothing could of happened," Yates said.

Plenty has happened since, including four more songs recorded by George Jones, including the Grammy-nominated hit "Choices," along with other cuts by George Strait, Kenny Chesney, Sara Evans, Tracy Lawrence, Ricky Van Shelton, David Allen Coe and other top performers. He's thankful for all his



Courtesy photo

*Billy Yates will be performing Friday night at 7:30 in the East Park at the Bushnell Fall Festival.*

successes, but Yates never abandoned his desire to become a recording artist.

After recording the critically acclaimed self-titled album "Billy Yates," he went on to record for Columbia Records and is now recording for his own M.O.D. record label.

"Out of freedom that I've been given as a songwriter, I feel like I've been able to develop an honesty in my music," he said.

On his latest self-produced recording "Favorites," he has recorded a duet with his hero, George Jones.

David Kroll will also be on stage Friday night as a guest appearance with Yates. Kroll is a 23-year-old singer/songwriter from Iowa. His voice has a mature tone with an effortless delivery that is instantly endearing.

For six years, Kroll has developed his chops at local bars and countless fairs in Iowa. Piano and classical guitar lessons as a child set Kroll on a musical pilgrimage that continues to this day.

A chance meeting with Yates lead to a publishing deal and an inevitable trip to Nashville, where he continues to chase his dream.



Courtesy photo

*David Kroll will also be on stage Friday night making a guest appearance with Billy Yates.*

## Biscuits n Gravy Band to perform

The Biscuits n Gravy Band will perform in the East Park at the Bushnell Fall Festival at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29.

The band will play a wide variety of classic rock from the 1970s, '80s and possibly a pinch of disco.

The Biscuits n Gravy

Band is an eight member ensemble that plans to bring a good time to all. They are diverse in sound and instruments and have an interactive show.

This should be a good show and a great way to end the Bushnell Fall Festival.

## Bushnell Auto Show Saturday

The Bushnell Auto Show, held in conjunction with Bushnell's Town and Country Festival, will be held Saturday, Aug. 29. Registration will run from 7:30 a.m. till noon, with judging at noon and awards around 3 p.m. There will also be a 50/50 drawing and door prizes.

The pre-entry fee is \$10 and entry on the day of the show is \$12. The first 100 entries will receive a free t-shirt.

### The classes are:

- Original/Restored
- 1) Pre-1950;
- 2) 1950-1959;
- 3) 1960-1969;
- 4) 1970-1979;
- 5) 1980-1989;
- 6) 1990-1998
- 7) 1999-present, which includes Mustangs, Corvettes and Thunderbirds. You can be parked with the rest of these vehicles but you will be judged in this separate class.

### Street Machines

- 11) Pre-1950;
- 12) 1950-1959;
- 13) 1960-1969;
- 14) 1970-1979;

- 15) 1980-1989;
- 16) 1990-1997
- 17) 1998-present

### Special Interest Original/Restored

- 18) Mustang thru 1998
- 19) Corvettes thru 1998
- 20) Thunderbirds thru 1997

### Trucks

- 21) Truck original/restored
- 22) Truck mod.-to 1970
- 23) Truck mod.-70 to date
- 24) Mini truck mod.- all
- 25) Truck 4x4- full & mini

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For more information, contact Jonathan Howard, 769-5486 (work), 769-5246 (home), or 65 Mona St., Marietta, IL 61459; Dave Peterson, 465-3792; Ron Harn, 772-3468 or Pat Elting, 926-6486

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# Kiwanis Club supports literacy

On Aug. 3, the Macomb Kiwanis Club presented Prairie Hills Resource Conservation and Development's READY (Reaching Education and Developing Youth) bus a \$250.00 donation in support of their literacy program.

The READY Bus travels in a six county area of Fulton, Hancock, Henderson, Knox, McDonough and Warren, providing an educational presentation on conservation, the environment or wildlife to pre-kindergarten through eighth grade children. The children then step aboard the READY Bus and pick a free book of their choice to keep and read. Since the program started in April, over 1600 books have been given away to children. This donation will help with the purchase of new books and educational material and help the READY Bus continue to reach its goals.

If you or your organization would be interested in sponsoring the READY Bus literacy program, or donating cash or good quality new or used pre-k through eighth grade children's books, please contact Prairie Hills RC&D at 833-4747.



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Pictured from left: David King, Prairie Hills RC&D Coordinator, Owen Thompson, former Macomb Kiwanis President, Debbie Vandemark, Macomb Kiwanis President Elect, and Tim Moss, Macomb Kiwanis President.

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# Sheriff reports scam

Sheriff Rick VanBrooker warns of a telephone scam that is currently being conducted in the county. A person will call the victim and tell them a family member has either been arrested or their car has broken down and they need a sum of money to either get out of jail or fix the car. The resident is then provided information on where to wire the money.

The scammers are calling with prior knowledge of McDonough County residents' family members that live in another state, making the calls seem believable.

Sheriff VanBrooker urges citizens to take the time to call and check the validity of money requests from family members. The Sheriff's Office has received three reports of this scam with one being successful.

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# MCPT adds Saturday hours to its services

In its continuing effort to provide a high level of service to the public, McDonough County Public Transportation (MCPT) recently announced the addition of Saturday morning hours to its Demand Response Public Transportation Service in Macomb and McDonough County.

Saturday morning service will begin on Sept. 12 and will be available from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. "By adding these additional Saturday hours, we hope to serve more people who need demand response public transportation," said MCPT Director Gary Ziegler.

Demand response service is available to

the general public, disabled and senior citizens. This service is either door-to-door or curb-to-curb, depending on the needs of the passenger. MCPT drivers are responsible for assisting passengers from door-to-door, especially frail and disabled passengers. Drivers are not allowed to go beyond the threshold of a passenger's residence or beyond the lobby of apartment or office buildings.

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disabled and senior passengers in loading and unloading up to six regular size grocery or shopping bag weighing not more than 20 pounds per bag. MCPT will also provide service to personal care attendants and companions traveling with eligible riders.

Service is also available Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., as well as on Saturday.

Call MCPT's Central Dispatch at 837-7433 to schedule a ride. Rides must be scheduled at least one day in advance. A \$4 service charge, in addition to the regular fare, will be assessed for same day service if rides are not scheduled in advance.

The Central Dispatch Center will only handle same day requests and will-calls on Saturday mornings and will not schedule rides for other days. Rides must be scheduled no later than Friday at 5:30 p.m. for Monday service. No out-of-county service will be available on Saturday.

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# Operation Life Saver targets railroad safety

The Macomb Police Department, in cooperation with the Illinois Commerce Commission and Federal Railroad Administration, will be conducting special details in the next few months. These details will target education and enforcement of safety at railroad crossings

throughout the city of Macomb. Operation Life Saver is a program that promotes educating the public about the dangers of railroad crossings and the enforcement of laws at those crossings. If the existing laws are broken, then fatalities will continue to occur.

Throughout 2009, members from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad and members of the Macomb Police Department will be working together to promote safety at our crossings in Macomb. You will see officers handing out safety information at crossings, offi-

cers ticketing vehicles and pedestrians for violations and even officers riding on the train observing violations. Please follow this simple phrase when approaching a railroad crossing: "Look, listen and live." Look both ways, listen for a train and live!

# Events

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at Melco Supply up until the day of the event. For more information, contact Julie Scherer at 652-3137.

Preceding the auction and parade, a Doll and Pet Parade will be held at 9:50 a.m. Registration and line-up will be at 9:30 a.m. at the parking lot north of Broadhead Service and Machine, the corner of Main and Jefferson Streets.

Each participant in the Doll and Pet Parade will be given a special treat. There will be no judging; everyone wins by participating.

Entrants in this parade will be welcome to participate in the big parade that will follow. For further information, contact Mary Killip at 652-3648.

Registration for the Roberta Schurtz Parade will begin at 9 a.m. at the ballpark, 300 W. Jefferson St. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. with Police Chief Justin Lundgren and Village Clerk Linda Peak serving as emcees. Wendy and Keith Kreps may be contacted for information at 652-3158.

The grand marshals for 2009 are Gina DeSpain and Janeen Peterson, co-chairs of the Farmers' Picnic Run/Walk, sponsored by First State Bank of Illinois. Little Miss and Master contestants will also be featured.

"Healthy Re-run" was selected as the theme of Picnic 2009 because of the return of the run/walk and the interest in becoming more health conscious. The 4-mile run and 2-mile walk will begin at the bank, 135 S. Main St., at 7 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29. A \$15 entry fee includes a souvenir T-shirt and your name in the drawing for donated prizes. Awards will be given to the top male and female in all age groups. Walkers must walk and no pets will be allowed.

First State is also hosting a Little Farmers' One-Block Race on Main Street at 9 a.m. Children ages 3-8 are invited to participate. Because the event is non-competitive, there is no entry fee and all children will receive a goody bag.

# Preparation

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at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, respectively.

Proceeds of a dunk tank will benefit the McDonough County F.O.P. Lodge and Macomb Area Crimestoppers on Thursday through Saturday evenings.

The Blandin House Museum will be open on Friday evening from 6-9 p.m. and again on Saturday from 1-9 p.m. They will also host a Blandinsville/Northwestern All School Reunion from 1-4 p.m. Saturday.

A fishing derby sponsored by the Village of Blandinsville will be held Saturday at 5 p.m. Contact Jared Scherer, 652-3137, for the location of the reservoir. Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Prizes will be given for the biggest fish and most fish. Persons 11-15 and 16 and above will get a prize for the biggest fish. All contestants must bring their own fishing pole, bait, and container for the fish they catch. All bass will be catch and release.

WCAZ Fun-a-rama games will be held in the park following the Saturday parade. Children of all ages can play egg toss and balloon toss, and there will be three age groups for youth under 10 in the haystack scramble.

The Air Evac helicopter from Fort Madison Community Hospital will be at the ball field at 1 p.m. if it is not on a call.

On Saturday there will be bingo just for fun in the shelter house at 2 p.m., and the 3-on-3 basketball tournament will begin at noon on the park tennis court.

The Picnic comes to a close Sunday with a community church service in the park at 9 a.m. Come and enjoy the inspirational music, brief message and fellowship.

Finally, a water fight will be held at 1 p.m. Participants should meet at the firehouse.

For more information about Picnic events, contact Linda Peak at 652-3655.

**Baily 95th Birthday**

Winifred Baily, Table Grove, will celebrate her 95th birthday **August 31, 2009.** Birthday greetings can be sent to 200 E. Main St., Table Grove, IL 61482.



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**Nelsons celebrate 60th**

Gayle and Virginia Nelson of Colchester will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Aug. 24, 2009. Gayle Nelson and Virginia Lee Smith were married Aug. 24, 1949, at the United Methodist Church in Ft. Madison, Iowa. They have one daughter and son-in-law, Walt and Gayla Lewis, and two grandsons, Ross and Philip, all of Blandinsville. They are former residents of Hamilton and taught there for many years.

**Birthday**

**Messmore to celebrate 80th**

Velma Messmore will celebrate her 80th birthday Aug. 27, 2009. Please join her family in making this day special by sending a card to her at 815 Bobby Ave., Macomb, IL 61455.



**Anniversary**



**Leighs celebrate 45th**

Greg and Nancy Leigh celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009. The couple was married in Wilmington at the First Presbyterian Church. They have three children, Edward, who resides in Chicago and is vice-president of Equity Residential, Katie (Colby), who resides in Key West, Fla., and does kayak tours and public relations, and Randall (Jody), who operates Bacon Hill Farm along with Greg. They also have one grandchild, one-year-old Owen. The couple will celebrate with an outing to Chicago with family later this month.



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**Kiara Rose Elliott**

Kiara Rose Elliott was born at 8:58 a.m., Aug. 13, 2009, to Heather Inman and Robert Elliott. She weighed 6 pounds and was 19 1/2 inches long.

**Hayden Mellier Pittman**

Hayden Mellier Pittman was born at 11:10 a.m., Aug. 13, 2009, to Shavel Moore and Dan Pittman. He weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces and was 21 inches long.

**Norma Jean Sappington**

Norma Jean Sappington was born at 12:46 p.m., Aug. 14, 2009, to Melissa Frakes and Seth Sappington. She weighed 6 pounds 5 ounces and was 20 inches long.

**Jose Javier Serrano**

Jose Javier Serrano was born at 8:11 p.m., Aug. 15, 2009, to Alicia Perez and Jose Serrano. He weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce and was 19 inches long.

**Aaron Jay Miller**

Aaron Jay Miller was born at 9:33 a.m., Aug. 18, 2009, to Rosanna and Lester Miller. He weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long.

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**Death Notices**

**Don Gordon Smith**

Don Gordon Smith, 84, of rural Bushnell, died Aug. 18, 2009, at The Elms, Macomb.  
Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009, at Martin-Hollis Funeral Home, Bushnell, with the Revs. Elissa Jay and Jesse Pestle officiating.  
Burial followed in Bushnell Mausoleum where military rites were accorded.  
Memorials may be made to the Bushnell Rescue Squad, the Bushnell Presbyterian Church or the Salvation Army.

**Jackson S. Harn**

Jackson S. Harn, 26, of Jacksonville, formerly of Macomb, died at 12:35 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, 2009, at his residence.  
Graveside services were held Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009, at Glade City Cemetery, Blandinsville, with Pastor Wally Holt officiating.  
Memorials may be made to the Macomb Area Leisure Foundation/Lakeview.  
Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home, Macomb, was in charge of arrangements.  
Please sign guestbook at [www.dodsworthfh.com](http://www.dodsworthfh.com).

**Viktor R. Kemper**

Viktor R. Kemper, 62, of Macomb, died at 3 a.m. Monday, July 20, 2009, at McDonough District Hospital, Macomb.  
A celebration of life was held Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009, at the Bailey House, Macomb.  
Memorials may be made to TAPS-No Kill Animal Shelter or the McDonough District Hospital Hospice Program.  
Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home, Macomb was in charge of arrangements.  
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**Ronald G. Hampton**

Ronald G. Hampton, 67, of Rushville, died at 9:45 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, 2009, at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield.  
Funeral services were held Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2009, at Shawgo Memorial Home, Astoria, with the Rev. Dixie Croxton officiating.  
Military rites were conducted by the Carroll Rankin American Legion Post #26 of Vermont.  
Burial will be at Vermont Cemetery at a later date.  
Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association or Carroll Rankin American Legion Post #26 of Vermont.

**Eilene Humber**

Eilene Humber, 52, of Macomb, died at 11 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009, at Countryview Health Care Center, Macomb.  
Cremation rites have been accorded.  
There will be no services.  
Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home, Macomb, is in charge of arrangements.

**Ira Dotson Jr.**

Ira Dotson Jr., 74, of Littleton, died Saturday, Aug. 15, 2009, at his home.  
Memorial services were held Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009, at Wood Funeral Home, Rushville, with Pastor Larry Lindow officiating.  
Military rites were conducted by Schuyler American Legion Post #4.  
Memorials may be made to the family.  
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**George W. Shadwick**

George W. Shadwick, 77, of Macomb died at 2:55 a.m., Monday Aug. 17, 2009, at McDonough District Hospital.  
Funeral services were held Thursday, Aug. 20, 2009, at Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home, Macomb with Pastor Steve Workman officiating.  
Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.  
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**Brenda Scoggins Fauls**

Brenda Scoggins Fauls, 49, of Macomb, formerly of Tallahassee, Fla., died Monday, July 27, 2009.  
Memorial services were held Thursday, July 30, 2009, at Faith Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, Fla.  
Memorials may be made to the Brenda Kaye Fauls Memorial Scholarship at Florida State University.  
Donations may be sent to Brenda Kaye Fauls Memorial c/o Dean Don Gibson, College of Music, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-1180.

**Harvey George Stuckwisch**

Harvey George Stuckwisch, 89, of San Diego, Calif., formerly of Illinois, died at 1:26 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, 2009, at Gate Manor Assisted Living Center, Poway, Calif.  
Private family graveside services were held Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009, at Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Colchester.  
Memorials may be made to Shriner's Children's Hospital.  
Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home, Macomb, was in charge of arrangements.  
You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at [clugston-tibbittsfh.com](http://clugston-tibbittsfh.com).

**Carl W. Sturm**

Carl W. Sturm, 79, of Macomb, died at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, 2009, at Heartland Health Care Center, Macomb.  
Cremation rites will be accorded.  
He has donated his remains to the Anatomical Gift Association of Illinois for Scientific Studies.  
Memorials may be made to the Anatomical Gift Association, Heartland Health Care Center or AM VETS.  
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**Paul L. Trimble**

Paul L. Trimble, 88, of Rushville, died at 3 a.m. Friday, Aug. 14, 2009, at Snyder-Vaughn Haven Nursing Home, Rushville.  
Graveside services were held Friday, Aug. 21, 2009, at Rushville City Cemetery, with the Rev. A. Lee Unger officiating.  
Military rites were conducted by the Rushville American Legion.  
Cremation rites have been accorded.  
Memorials may be made to the Schuyler County Humane Society, Box 432, Rushville, IL, 62681.  
Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home, Macomb, was in charge of arrangements.  
You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at [clugston-tibbittsfh.com](http://clugston-tibbittsfh.com).

**Marilyn Luan Crawford**

Marilyn Luan Crawford, 84, of Macomb, died at 4:12 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, 2009, at the Great River Hospice House, Burlington, Iowa.  
Funeral services were held Thursday, Aug. 20, 2009, at Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home, Macomb, with Pastor Al Simonson officiating.  
Burial was in Good Hope Cemetery.  
Memorials may be made to the Good Hope Fire Rescue or the Luan Crawford Memorial Scholarship.  
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**Heating assistance available for elderly**

Low income households in Hancock, Henderson, McDonough, and Warren counties may be eligible for help in paying home heating bills this winter through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The Western Illinois Regional Council-Community Action Agency (WIRC-CAA) in Macomb administers the program in the four-county area.  
September and October are priority months for households with an individual 60 years of age or older or a disabled person receiving social security disability benefits. Beginning Sept. 1, call 837-2997, or come to the office at 223 S. Randolph St., Macomb, to schedule an appointment. Local outreach sites are also available for filing an application. Assistance for the general, income eligible public will be available beginning Nov. 2.  
Emergency assistance will begin Oct. 1 for households disconnected from an energy source needed for heating, or if a delivered-fuel supplier has refused to deliver and the tank contains 25 percent or less.  
Households that receive emergency funding must meet a "good faith" requirement within the past 90 days of the application date.  
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For each additional household member add \$467.  
Persons applying for assistance must provide the following information to document eligibility for the program: proof of gross income for all household members for 30 days prior to application; a complete and current copy of the heating and electric bills or a statement from the energy suppliers if the household is responsible for paying its own bills; and social security cards for all household members. If additional information is needed, the household has 15 days to provide the necessary documentation.  
The amount of assistance is determined by the income, household size, type of fuel and whether the household pays its own heating bills, or if the heating cost is included in rent payments. Funding is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until each county's allocation is depleted.  
Assistance payments are made to the energy supplier, or to the household according to the program guidelines. Funding may be applied toward current bills, past due bills, late charges, and reconnect fees.  
A household that resides in public subsidized housing must have a "subject to surcharge" clause in their lease to be eligible for energy assistance. The applicant must have monthly rent costs greater than 30 percent of the household's gross 30-day income.

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The bride is the daughter of Jay and Eileen McIntosh, Palatine. She is a 2006 graduate of Fremd High School and will be a senior at the University of Illinois this fall, majoring in early childhood education.

The groom is the son of Kenny and Pam Mitchell, Colchester. He is a 2005 graduate of West Prairie High School and a 2009 graduate of the University of Illinois with a bachelor's degree in agricultural engineering. He is currently employed at Waterborne Environmental.

Following a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple will reside in Urbana.



Kurtis Lee and Sarah Rae (Ertel) Palm

Ertel-Palm

Sarah Rae Ertel and Kurtis Lee Palm were united in marriage July 4, 2009, at the Bauerhaus, Evansville, Ind.

The bride wore a princess style gown with full skirt made of duchess satin and tulle adorned with pink and clear crystals with a lace up back. The groom wore a two-button, non-vented white tuxedo with pink vest.

Maid of honor was Shannon Szramka, friend of the bride. Best man was Kory Palm, Bushnell, brother of the groom.

Bridesmaids were Rebecca Michalek, Rachael Stallings, Elicia Ertel, Kristen Stewart and Cassandra Ertel.

Groomsmen were Jeremy Burketta, Chad Daggy, Jeremy Rakestraw, Kyle Serward and Justin Stewart.

The bride is the daughter of Thomas and Paulette Ertel, Mount Vernon, Ind.

The groom is the son of Terry Palm and Debbie Berry, both of Ipava. He is the grandson of Marilyn and Harold Palm and Carol and Gene Miller, all of Ipava. The couple resides in Roswell, New Mexico.

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