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The Museum’s 1907 steam locomotive (Southern Railway No. 401) returned to service following a 16-year-long restoration in 2010, and runs one weekend per month during the regular May through October operating season. Steam locomotives are expensive to run; 401 consumes about 300 gallons of oil and 5,000 gallons of water in an average day’s operation. Slightly higher ticket prices on steam weekends help defray the extra expense.

While Museum volunteers keep busy on a variety of restoration projects, they also find time to host train rides every Saturday and Sunday from May 4 through October 6, rain or shine. The Museum operates several special events throughout the season: Mother’s Day weekend in May, Moms ride free with a paid child’s fare, with the same deal for Dads on Father’s Day weekend in June. The annual Fireworks Train runs on July 3, and Railroad Days takes place in September - this year on Sept. 19 and 20. During Railroad Days weekend, you can ride diesel and steam freight and passenger trains as much as you want on your all-day ticket. You can ride a caboose train to the museum’s yard and shops, then take a motor car ride up the hill to Summit and return. The new Richard P. Stair interlocking tower, where trains are controlled by trackside signals, is open to visitors every weekend.

In addition to the authentic ride on a train, visitors may view the exhibit cars and gift shop located at the Nelson Crossing complex, or tour the Camp Creek Yard, where equipment is stored and where many restoration projects take place. The Nelson Crossing complex includes a train storage shed 640 feet long and three tracks wide which houses over 20 vintage rail cars, protecting them from the elements. This storage shed has a handicapped-accessible observation deck that runs the whole length of the building, allowing guests to view the interiors of several of the vintage railcars.

Established in 1966, the Monticello Railway Museum’s goal is to accurately portray a rural Midwest branch line railroad as it would have looked from the late 1930s through the early 1960s. In fact, the Monticello Railway Museum operates over a former Illinois Central branchline and has one of the largest collections of ex-Illinois Central Railroad equipment in the country!

The Monticello Railway Museum has a Facebook Page, as well as a homepage with complete fares and schedules at www.MryM.org.

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Piatt County Museum

Museum’s future is built on county’s past

The Piatt County Museum was founded in 1965 with a vision of encouraging tourism and promoting an appreciation of Piatt County history. For more than 50 years, the Piatt County Museum has performed an invaluable service as the repository of historical treasures of the past. We have a collection of more than 10,000 artifacts, archival documents, and photographs that connect Piatt County's unique past with the present.

In 2012, construction of a new museum building began. The larger, upgraded facility will allow the stories of Piatt County to come alive. The main exhibit space is a multi-level gambrel roofed barn atop a 10-foot concrete foundation. Here is where the exhibits will tell the unique and amazing story of Piatt County heritage. We will utilize photos, graphics, documents, video presentations, and historical artifacts that have been donated by community members in an effort to carry-on the legacy of Piatt County.

The Education and Visitor’s Center will be connected to the barn to complete the Piatt County Museum complex. This space will have a dedicated artifact and collections storage location in a controlled environment, as well as, a library, program and special event space, community meeting and conference rooms, and a permanent donor recognition area.

The Piatt County Museum plays an important role in bringing the past to life. With support from our community members, we can complete construction and bring our vision of preserving Piatt County history to fruition. Those interested in helping us reach our goal can find more information about donating and becoming a member at www.piattcountymuseum.org.

www.piattmuseum.org

City of Monticello

Changes in how city is attracting business

As the Monticello Community enters a new decade, there are many new projects to plan, successes to celebrate and challenges to be prepared for. Residential subdivisions Sage Meadows and Walden Pond are seeing quite a bit of activity, with new housing permits approved regularly. Also in the Jefferson Parkway area, the City welcomed new developments Sage Crossing, a commercial office development, and Sage Woods, a new active adult residential neighborhood.

In downtown, the City is currently engaging with a developer for the development of the former Pepsin Hill and Reeder Feed Mill properties, which potentially plans a mixed-use project. The development of these properties will significantly change the future of our downtown, and all guiding City plans dictate any future development be a complimentary use to the area.

In terms of City facility projects, the waste water treatment facility has finished construction, completely replacing the entire plant operation, parts of which dated back to the 1930s. Additionally, the Public Works and Maintenance Department have also completed an expansion project, allowing for more indoor storage and safer operations all around.

These last few months, we have welcomed many businesses to our downtown, including BeSpoke Gift Co., Sticks & Stones Vintage Upcycling and Curiosities, Friend$, Hedgerow Pottery, Harmony Healthcare, Yoga off the Square, Caitlin Hicks Private Jeweler and Design, Meraki Hair Studio, and Tamed Mane Barber Shop. Existing businesses Piatt County Collision and Holly’s Country Canning and Craft Kitchen have expanded. East of town, construction started on PreGame Sports, a new sports training facility that will also house Kleen Movement Gymnastics. The City of Monticello continues to promote and encourage entrepreneurism with 10 seasons of the Monticello Bootcamp program, and the inaugural class for the Monticello CEO program.

While everything is on a bit of a hiatus during the time of this publishing, the City hopes to open the Monticello Family Aquatic Center in time to participate in an annual popular activity, which many look forward to. With every decision, the City Council and staff strive to keep Monticello moving forward for the better of the community as a whole. The health, safety and wellness of our citizens are priorities in every decision. For more information and regular updates, visit www.cityofmonticello.net, or follow the City on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

www.cityofmonticello.net
Monticello boasts thriving, supportive, unique business community

The Monticello Chamber of Commerce works to promote and support local businesses.

Monticello has an active and diverse business community that is an asset to our area. With over 100 members the Chamber is very proud to be an active part of this environment.

Make It Monticello is a major focus for the Chamber by inviting visitors to come spend a day or weekend while encouraging locals to take advantage of all our business community offers. Monticello is fortunate to have a wide range of retail and restaurants but also all the services that are so necessary to a total business community.

Looking for the “everyday to the simply unique,” you can find it here.

The Chamber promotes Make it Monticello with mailings, TV spots, billboards and print ads. Visit the Chamber’s website www.monticellochamber.org to learn more. Monticello Chamber also uses Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to further promote Monticello businesses and business updates.

The annual Chamber Business Expo offers an opportunity to discover some of our special businesses in one location. Benefits to the local community from an active business community include a thriving downtown, jobs created, businesses that generously support events and organizations, and an enhanced quality of life.

The sales tax generated from local shopping is the second biggest revenue source for the City.

Funds that are used to support all sorts of city services – services we all expect and enjoy. You can contact the Monticello Chamber of Commerce at 217-762-7921.

www.monticellochamber.org

or visit the Facebook page Monticello Chamber of Commerce
Willow Tree Missions

Resale shop helps fund domestic violence services through local organization

Willow Tree Missions is a certified non-profit mission dedicated to eliminating domestic abuse in Piatt County. Our team is comprised of a Board of Directors, a Director of Operations, shop staff, our Family Care Team, and dozens of volunteers. We have a Resale Shop located at 351 W. Monroe St. in Monticello that serves as our primary source of income. Those funds pay for the operations of our Family Service Center located at 301 S. Charter St., where our care team serves those in crisis and the domestic violence arena. Our amazing team is very dedicated to this mission and relentlessly pursues continual growth and development. They are ever-vigilant of the changing and developing needs of our community and strive to stay passionate and unwavering in their pursuit to end domestic abuse in our corner of the world!

We strive to meet the needs of each individual put before us who is experiencing a domestic violence issue. Some of our most common services include:

– emergency shelter for victims in imminent abuse situations;
– education & prevention efforts;
– community awareness;
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– safety planning;
– crisis counseling;
– spiritual counseling; and
– other needs as they arise

Our services are available to all residents of Piatt County of any sex, race, religion, or socio-economic status without prejudice. We will also do our best to serve those in need from our neighboring counties to the best of our ability and resources.

You can support our mission through a variety of means:

– Donate goods to our resale shop;
– Donate supplies we commonly use (a list is available on our website);
– Volunteer at our resale shop, shelter, or business office;
– Donate money to support our operation. Donations can be made:
  – On our website at www.willowtreemissions.org;
  – In our resale shop at 351 W. Monroe St. in Monticello; or
  – By mail to our business office at P.O. Box 591 in Monticello

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An aggressive schedule of events to bring visitors to downtown Monticello and a dedication to the revitalization of our historic downtown is the essence of Monticello Main Street. Monticello Main Street, Inc. is a nonprofit organization founded in 1996 by concerned local volunteers dedicated to historic preservation and to strengthening the community’s economic growth. The main area of concentration is in the downtown business district, otherwise known as Courthouse Square, and the extended fringe area of downtown.

Main Street also hosts downtown events throughout the year such as Chocolate Fantasy and the Whites of Spring. September showcases Main Street’s signature event, Monticellobration in conjunction with Railroad Days, and the year comes to a close with the wildly popular Reds of Christmas holiday event.

From Mid-June to Mid-October, the Farmer’s Market offers the community and surrounding areas wide variety of produce, hand crafted items, baked goods, and more. The Farmer’s Market is held on Thursdays from 3 to 6 p.m. on State Street.

“Monticello Main Street believes that a healthy central downtown area adds to the overall prosperity of the community. Downtown becomes not just a purchasing point – it becomes much more – the hub of the community. The downtown becomes a happening, wonderful place in which to live, dine, experience the arts, use service providers, socialize, shop, relax and just sit a spell. The Main Street approach is the most efficient and cost-effective approach to preserving the community’s identity, social character and heritage and enhances its viability and quality of life. Main Street strives to make Monticello the number one choice for residents, businesses and visitors. Main Street, Inc. is a nonprofit program of The National Trust for Historic Preservation. Monticello Main Street is not only recognized as an Illinois Main Street Community, but also has the honor of being designated a National Main Street Community. Monticello Main Street can be reached by calling 217-762-9318.

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Piatt County lies in the Sangamon River Valley in east central Illinois. It was formed out of Macon and DeWitt Counties by the Illinois state legislature on Jan. 27, 1841. The county was named for James A. Piatt Sr., who settled in what is now Monticello in 1829.

Piatt County covers approximately 451 square miles. The county’s north/south length is 34 miles; its east/west stretch is 15 miles. Approximately 91 percent of the area is cropland, 3 percent pasture, 1 percent woodland and 5 percent other (municipalities, waterways, highways). Elevations vary from 650 to 800 feet above sea level.

The county seat is Monticello. Piatt filed a plat of Monticello, named for the Virginia home of Thomas Jefferson, in the Decatur courthouse on July 1, 1837. On July 4, 1837, a barbecue was held, and city lots were sold. Because Jefferson was widely regarded as a wise man, he became known as the “Sage of Monticello.” Athletic teams from Monticello carry the name “Sages.”

Piatt County lies within 160 miles of both Chicago and St. Louis. Champaign-Urbana is 20 miles away; Bloomington-Normal, 50 miles; and Decatur, 35 miles.

The foundation of Piatt County’s economy is agribusiness. Corn and soybean production attest to the role that agriculture plays in the area. Manufacturing provides diversity to the county’s economy through the production of filters, oil fuel pressure valves, pharmaceutical products, etc.

For more information about Piatt County, write to Piatt County Clerk, P.O. Box 558, Monticello, 61856, or call 217-762-9487.
local government & schools

Private schools
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Atwood Village Board
The board meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m.
Atwood Village Officials
President: Davey Herring (2021)
Clerk: Nancy Wierman (2021)
Treasurer: Jamie Simpson
Trustees: Allen Kilber, Haley Ely, Christina Stoltz, Heather O’Connor, Heather O’Connor (all 2021), Art Urban (2023)

www.atwoodil.com

Bement Village Board
The board meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.
Bement Village Officials
President: Patrick Tieman (2021)
Clerk: Kay Lust (appointed)
Treasurer: Dave Bentley (appointed)
Administrative Assistant: Kay Lust
Trustees: Heidi Ahlden (2021), Clayton Ahlden (2021), Mark Henderson (2021), Judy Good (2023), Woodie Dean (2023), Frank Koebel (2023)

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Community Unit School District No. 5
Elementary School: 201 S. Champaign St., 217-678-4200
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Superintendent: 201 S. Champaign St., 217-678-4200
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Community Unit School District 18
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Ruth M. Schneider Elementary School, 309 N. John St., Farmer City, 309-928-2611
Intermediate and Junior High School: 107 S. McKinley St., Mansfield, 217-489-5201
High School: 411 N. John St., Farmer City, 309-928-2622
Superintendent: 411 N. John St., Farmer City, 309-928-9141
Superintendent: Susan Wilson
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The board meets the third Monday of the month at 6 p.m.
Cerro Gordo Village Officials
President: Tim Allen (2021)
Clerk: Tina McCarty (2021)
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Maple Point

Maple Point is a supported-living community with 30 apartment-style units. The center opened in 2009 and provides preferential admission to Piatt County residents. It offers apartment-style housing with personal care, support services and opportunities for companionship and socialization.

Residents have two choices when it comes to apartments: studio living or one bedroom. Maple Point is located at 1000 N. Union Dr. in Monticello and can be reached at 217-762-6500.

Peace Meals

The Senior Citizens Nutrition Program and Center (Peace Meals) is located at the city center, 224 Livingston St. in Monticello. All persons 60 and older are invited to attend Peace Meals which are served at noon Monday through Friday.

Meals are also delivered to the homebound. Menus are normally published in the Piatt County Journal Republican. Call 217-762-0271 for reservations.

DeWitt-Piatt Bi-County Health Department

Piatt County Mental Health Center

The Piatt County Mental Health Center is a comprehensive behavioral health agency located at 1921 N. Market St. in Monticello. The Center provides services to persons with developmental disabilities, outpatient therapy, vocational and alcohol and other drug abuse prevention and outpatient services.

Services are provided on a sliding fee schedule. All records are confidential. Most insurance is accepted. Call 217-762-5371 for more information.

Piatt County Nursing Home

In operation for 35 years, Piatt County Nursing Home is a 100-bed skilled and intermediate nursing facility serving persons who require geriatric nursing care on a 24-hour basis. Services include rehabilitation, restorative nursing, social services, recreation therapy, and an active volunteer program.

The Nursing Home’s Halcyon Unit provides a separate and safe environment adapted to the special needs of residents with Alzheimer’s Disease and related disorders. The nursing home is located at 1111 N. State Street in Monticello. For more information about services, call 217-762-2506.

Tatman Village

Tatman Village is a residential community for people 62 and older, located at 2000 East Washington Street in Monticello.

The village, which opened in April of 1981 owes its existence to the late Eva “Kip” Tatman. It was Miss Tatman’s dream to provide a retirement home to meet the needs of Monticello’s elderly.

All residents must be capable of independent living. Tatman Village offers 52 individual apartments ranging in size from studio units through one and two-bedroom apartments, each with its own private patio.

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The Piatt County Transportation Program is a public transit system serving Piatt County with daily trips to neighboring population centers. Fares vary depending on destination but are usually less than the cost of fuel to make the same trip in the family car.

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Monticello Area Arts Council

The Monticello Area Arts Council was founded in 2008 and supports the arts in all forms. The Arts Council holds classes throughout the year including ceramics, painting, and weaving. It also offers camp sessions during school spring and summer breaks.

In addition to art classes, the group sponsors the Saturday at the Studio lecture series, provides cash prizes and a $500 scholarship to art students, and hosts the popular Paint the Town event during the Monticello Celebration.

For information about upcoming events and ways to get involved, visit www.monticelloareaarts.org.

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Meetings: First Monday of March, June and September at 6 p.m. at the Atwood Legion Hall

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149 S. Sangamon
P.O. Box 18, Bement
Phone: 217-678-7121
Contact: Harold Ard
Phone: 217-678-7041

Bement American Legion Auxiliary
Contact: Judy Jacobson
Phone: 217-678-3014
Meetings: Second Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Post

Cerro Gordo American Legion
Post No. 117
Contact: Garry Zackery
Meetings: Third Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the Legion

Cisco American Legion Auxiliary
Craig-Reed Unit #1181
Meeting: First Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Legion Hall

Cerro Gordo American Legion Auxiliary Unit #117
Contact: Nora Hanaver
Phone: 217-855-6720
Meetings: Second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Legion

Cerro Gordo Junior American Legion Auxiliary Unit #117
Meetings: Second Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m.

Cerro Gordo Sons of the American Legion
Contact: Milford Hilderbrand
Meetings: First Thursday at the Legion Hall

DeLand American Legion
Contact: Seth Floyd
Phone: 217-972-2468
Meetings: Fourth Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Legion Hall

DeLand American Legion Auxiliary
Lincoln Unit #102
Contact: Edith Hall
Phone: 217-714-6274
Meetings: Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Legion post, 423 N. Highway Ave.

Deland Sons of the American Legion
Contact: Troy Burton
Phone: 217-202-1753
Meetings: Third Monday at 7 p.m. at the Legion post, 423 N. Highway Ave.

Piatt County American Legion
Contact: Charlie Barre
Phone: 217-369-0115
Meetings: Fourth Wednesday at various locations

Piatt County American Legion Auxiliary
Contact: Nora Hanaver
Phone: 217-855-6720
Meetings: Second Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Legion Hall

Mansfield American Legion
Contact: Dan Harper
Meetings: First Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Legion Hall

Mansfield American Legion Auxiliary
Kelso M. Garver Unit #650
Meetings: Second Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Legion Hall

Mansfield Sons of the American Legion
Contact: James Lanier
Phone: 217-489-4281
Meetings: First Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Legion Hall

Monticello American Legion
Contact: Seth Floyd
Phone: 217-972-2468
Meetings: Fourth Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Bement Library
Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the community.

Habitat for Humanity
Contact: Annette Huisinga, President
Phone: 217-841-0433
Volunteers are always needed.

Illini Glider Club
Contact: 217-762-7972 or officers@illinigliderclub.org
Meetings: First Saturday at 10 a.m. at Hardees in Monticello. During flying season meetings start at 9 a.m. (April through October)
www.illinigliderclub.org

Monticello Area Education Foundation
Contact: Vic Zimmerman
www.sages.us/maef
Meetings: 7 a.m. in the MHS board room on the first Wednesday unless that falls on the first or second then they meet the second Tuesday.

Monticello Athletic Boosters
Meetings: First Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the conference room off the MHS cafeteria.

Monticello Ministerial Alliance
President: Josh Bledsoe
Phone: 618-780-7101

Atwood Women's Club
Contact: Carolyn Sanders
Phone: 217-578-2258
Meetings: 3rd Thursday at 7 p.m. at various locations

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Fraternal Lodge 58
Contact: Harry Munster
217-778-8535
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Bement Masonic Lodge #365
Contact: John Clark
Meetings: Second Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Bement Masonic Temple
151 E. Bodman St., Bement

Piatt County Animal Shelter
301A S. Charter St., Monticello
Contact: Diana McPheeters
Phone: 217-762-7227 or piattanimals@hotmail.com

Piatt County Association of Home, Community and Education
Contact: Carol Drayton
Phone: 217-520-4676
Extension Office:
217-762-2191
Board meetings are the fourth Wednesday at 210 S. Market, Monticello

Piatt County 4-H
Contact: Jamie Boas
217-762-2191 or http://web.extension.illinois.edu/dmp

Piatt County Farm Bureau
217-762-2128
www.piattcountyfarmbureau.com

Piatt County Historical and Genealogical Society
1115 N. State St., Monticello
Phone: 217-762-9997
www.piatthistory.org

Piatt County Museum
1 Heritage Lane, Monticello
Contact: info@piattcountymuseum.org
Meetings: Second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Piatt County Gallery, 104 S. Charter St., Monticello

Monticello Rotary Club
Meetings: every Wednesday at 12:05 p.m. in the community building

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Contact: Cheryl Kaeding
Phone: 217-840-3297
Meetings: Mondays at 6 p.m. at the Monticello United Methodist Church. Weigh-ins start at 4:30 p.m.

Veterans of Foreign Wars
Monticello Post 5346
Contact: Seth Floyd
Phone: 217-972-2468
sfloydpiattcounty@gmail.com
Meetings: second Tuesday at the V.F.W. Building 108 E. Livingston, Monticello
at 7 p.m.

Cerro Gordo Lion's Club
Contact: Gary Nixon
www.monticellolions.org
info@monticellolions.org
Meetings: Dinner meetings the second and fourth Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Monticello Community Building

Kirby Hospital Auxiliary
Contact: Membership
Chairperson, Kathi Schilling
Director of Volunteers, Paula Heath: 217-762-7537; President, Michelle Hillard; Treasurer, Erma Raeract
Meeting times vary

Piatt County Republican Central Committee
Contact: James Ayers
Meetings: Hardees in Monticello monthly, days and times vary.

Piatt County Democratic Central Committee
Contact: Sheila Maloney
Phone: 217-687-4180
Meetings: Fourth Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Monticello Hardee's

Monticello Theatre Association
Contact: Laura Ross
Phone: 217-762-2679 or
Meetings: board meetings are held the second Monday of each month at the Monticello Theatre, 1406 N. Market, Monticello.
www.monticellotheatre.org

Cerro Gordo Athletic Boosters Club
Meetings: first Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Cerro Gordo High School Teacher's Lounge

Hammond Community Boosters
Meetings: first Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Hammond Community Building

Atwood Women's Club
Contact: Blanche Bishop
Phone: 217-578-3155
Meetings: 3rd Thursday at 7 p.m. at various locations

Atwood Chamber
Contact: Stephanie Wierman, Chairman
Meetings: third Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Atwood Visitors Center
www.atwoodchamber.org

Cerro Gordo Women's Club
Contact Person: Judy Sokar
Phone: 217-763-4691
Third Friday of the month at various locations

Cerro Gordo Royal Neighbors
Contact: Holly Dodd
Phone: 217-763-4271
Meetings: First Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Judy's Kitchen in Cerro Gordo

Bement Lions Club
Contact: Kendra Jayne
Meetings are the first and third Mondays from September to May at the Bement Lions Club Community Center at 6:45 p.m.

Monticello Lions Club
Contact: Gary Nixon
www.monticellolions.org
info@monticellolions.org
Meetings: Dinner meetings the second and fourth Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Monticello Community Building

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**Township Highway Commissioners**

**Bement Township**
- Morris Rittenhouse
- Phone: 217-678-8014
- 800 E. Bodman, Bement

**Blue Ridge Township**
- Robert Harper
- Phone: 217-480-5838
- 501 S. State St., Mansfield

**Cerro Gordo Township**
- Daniel Jackson
- Phone: 217-972-6972
- W. South St., Box 735, Cerro Gordo

**Goose Creek Township**
- David Burke
- Phone: 217-664-3613
- 225 S. Third St., P.O. Box 185, DeLand

**Monticello Township**
- Charlie Montgomery
- Phone: 217-762-7524
- 832 E Old Route 47, Box 557, Monticello

**Sangamon Township**
- Larry Sebens
- Phone: 217-840-2277
- 2148 N 1500 East Rd. White Heath

**Unity Township**
- David Chapman
- Phone: 217-262-3321
- 304 E. 1st St. Box 18 Hammond

**Willow Branch Township**
- Matthew Wilhelm
- Phone: 217-330-0042
- 130 E 1500 North Rd., Cisco

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