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COUNTY BOARD SEEKS PUBLIC'S HELP IN IDENTIFYING HISTORIC LANDMARKS AND PLACES OF INTEREST

Effort will support the expansion of County Government's upcoming website

(Carlinville) – As the Macoupin County Board readies to launch its new website, County Board Chairman Andy Manar says county leaders are seeking the support of the general public to help develop a portion of the County's new website that will be devoted specifically to promoting Macoupin County's historic places and places of interest.

"Macoupin County is well-known Route 66, Mother Jones and the Million Dollar Courthouse," said Manar. "We live in a large county with many historic landmarks, buildings and places of interest. One thing is for sure, every community in Macoupin County has something to offer and we should be proud of our rich and storied history."

Manar said that the County's development of a new website will help catalogue and promote historic places throughout Macoupin County. For example, Manar said, the Statue of Abraham Lincoln in the center of his home town of Bunker Hill is one of only a few statues in the world which depicts the 16th President standing. With the coming of the Lincoln Bicentennial and the work of the Congressional Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, Manar says that the story of the Bunker Hill Lincoln Statue will be put in the spotlight.

"The Lincoln Statue is certainly one of the most unique statues in Illinois. Historic places like the Lincoln Statue dot the landscape of Macoupin County and we need to promote these places to others," Manar said.

Nora Feuquay, the County's Economic and Community Development Coordinator, said that enlisting the backing of the public to aid her office in compiling pictures and information on historic places and places of interest will help promote Macoupin County as a great place to live and visit.

"Macoupin County is fortunate to have so many people involved in historic preservation and community promotion. We want to support our local museums, our historic landmarks and interesting places by heightening awareness through the use of the county's new website," Feuquay said.

In order to be considered to be included in the new website, Feuquay said that the public can make written submissions to her office. Interested individuals or organizations may submit information through a single page application form obtainable from Feuquay. Feuquay said that two additional items need to be submitted along with the application form for consideration. First, at two one high resolution digital photograph suitable for viewing on the County's website and second, a short description outlining the history and significance of the historic or interesting place. Information provided to the county will be attributed to those individuals and organizations who submit it for consideration.

Submissions may possibly include but will not be limited to a historic downtown building, a unique barn, a statue or landmark marking an historic individual or event, an historic home, cemetery, church or a museum.

Applications for submissions to be considered for the County's upcoming website should be sent to Feuquay at noraf@macoupincountyonline.net. Feuquay can also be reached by calling (217) 854-7727.

Feuquay said that Macoupin County's new website should be available to the viewing public very soon. The new domain address will be www.macoupincountyil.gov.

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