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Mark's Message



I can't believe it's that time already, but our fourth annual State of the County Address is taking place in just a couple of weeks – on Dec. 3!

I sincerely would like to invite each and every one of you to attend. All of you have played an instrumental role in the success of Macomb County. We will be recapping what a great year 2014 was as well as looking forward to what the next four years may bring.

The event is at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 3 (seating starts at 5:30 p.m.) at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. Business attire is encouraged. After the speech, there will be the annual Taste of Macomb Afterglow where complimentary hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served by many of your favorite Macomb County restaurants. If you haven't done so already, **please reserve a spot ASAP by clicking [here.](#)**

I hope to see you there! Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Mark A. Hackel, Macomb County Executive

What are you thankful for?

With the holiday season upon us, it's natural to start reflecting on what we are most thankful for. Here's what some of our elected officials and department leaders had to say about the subject.

Elected Officials

New hires/retirees

[Click here to see a list of the September new hires and retirees.](#)

Election results

Still catching up from the election on Nov 4.? Visit our [Macomb County Clerk's Office site](#) for the most up-to-date information on everything from who won to voter participation.

Event calendar



There's a lot of fun events going on in the next couple of

weeks! [Click here to view our upcoming events calendar!](#)

Meals on Wheels drivers needed for holiday season

Macomb County Community Services Agency's Office of Senior Services is seeking volunteer drivers to deliver meals to homebound seniors on Christmas Day, Thursday, Dec. 25. Additionally, drivers are needed to deliver emergency boxes of shelf-stable meals on Saturday, Dec. 6. [Click here for more information and to learn how to sign up!](#)

Macomb County to recognize outstanding



I'm thankful for many things, but most importantly, my friends and family and in particular my nieces and nephews. -- **Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel**

Having been born and raised in Macomb County, I'm thankful that my children have the opportunity to attend top-notch schools with a wide variety of recreational opportunities. I'm also thankful to my dedicated staff that works tirelessly to ensure the safety and security of all Macomb families. -- **Macomb County Prosecutor Eric Smith**

I have six healthy grandchildren, two daughters and son-in-laws who make me so proud. -- **Public Works Commissioner Anthony Marrocco**

[Click here to read more of What are you thankful for?](#)

Employee Focus - Health Department's Family Planning Program

By Maria Swiatkowski, Macomb County Health Department



For more than 30 years, the Macomb County Health Department has offered the state- and locally-funded Family Planning Program. Macomb County is the only health department in the region (besides the city of Detroit) with a Family Planning Program. The program makes available general reproductive health assessments, comprehensive contraception

services, cancer screenings, related health education and counseling services plus referrals as needed to both men and women. Services are available regardless of financial status or residency, and program fees are determined by income and insurance coverage at little to no cost.

[Click here to read more of Employee Focus.](#)

Macomb's Memories

50 Years: A History of AFSCME Local 411

By Cynthia S. Donahue, Facilities and Operations

Fifty years ago, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) granted a charter to Macomb County, Michigan

businesses

Macomb County's Planning and Economic Development Department is putting on its third annual Macomb Business Awards breakfast event on Tuesday, Feb. 10. The celebration offers opportunities for companies of all sizes to be recognized for their efforts to succeed and grow. Nominations will be accepted until Dec. 10 . [Click here to learn more about this great event and how to nominate a business.](#)

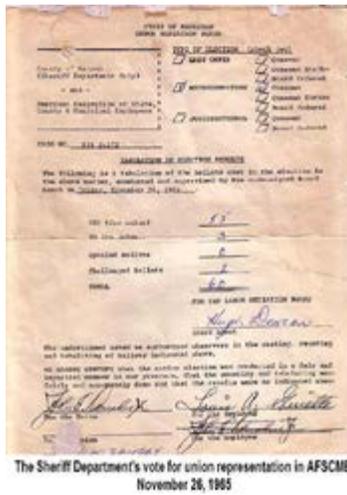
Recipe Stop: Simply Pumpkin Pancakes

[Click here to view this quick, easy and delicious breakfast to serve on Thanksgiving morning provided by MSU Extension.](#)

Fall leaves provide many environmental benefits



Mulching leaves into your lawn is a good way to add nutrients, reduce yard waste and save time and money. MSU Extension has some tips to help you complete this task. [Click here to read more!](#)



Employees Local 411. On Nov. 26, 1965, the Macomb County Sheriff Department voted their consent for AFSCME to represent them. Signed by Deputy John E. Donahue Jr. for the union and Undersheriff Louis A. Guiette for the employer, the vote was 55 for the union, three against and two challenged ballots.

[Click here to read more of Macomb's Memories.](#)

Pets of the Month

By Jeff Randazzo, Macomb County Animal Control

Cooper is an approximately 5-year-old white and brown tabby cat that is looking for his forever home.



Riley is a 2-year-old Manchester terrier. He is sweet, spunky and ready for adoption!



For more information on us or any other available pets, call [\(586\) 469-5115](tel:586-469-5115) or visit <http://macombgov.org/AnimalShelter/index.html>.



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