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## Mark's Message



It has been a busy month of great things taking place around the county. Just this week, a [ribbon cutting ceremony](#) was held at Freedom Hill Park to celebrate a private investment recently made at the facility to reconstruct park grounds and install walkways, benches and new landscaping.

Leaders Advancing Macomb (LAM), Florence Cement and Ultimate Lawn Service joined together for this project to extend the use of the park and mitigate storm water runoff issues. This project is the first official investment from LAM, which has a mission to support Macomb communities and business development in the county and to help protect the county's natural resources. I'm glad LAM chose Freedom Hill as a place to launch its philanthropic efforts.

It's hard to believe, but it's that time again. The fourth annual Macomb County State of the County Address will be taking place Dec. 3. More information about the address will follow in upcoming Macomb Matters issues. This year we will celebrate Macomb County by looking back at the great strides this county has taken over the past four years. Together we have accomplished a lot and I look forward to sharing it with you.

Finally, I hope everyone is enjoying the fall season. There's still time to visit one of our great apple orchards or cider mills if you haven't done so yet. Also, don't forget to visit [Tillson Street](#) in Romeo, an amazing street of scares unique to Macomb County! Have a safe and Happy Halloween!

Mark A. Hackel

Macomb County Executive

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## New hires-retirees

Click [here](#) for Macomb County's full list of all the June/July 2014 new hires/retirees.

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## Oh, Happy Holidays!

Let's face it, we all like to know what days we get off to celebrate the holidays during the year. Click [here](#) to see the [2015 Holiday Schedule](#).

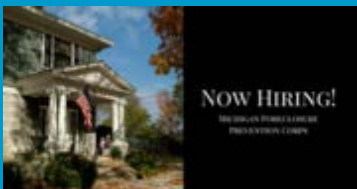
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## Special events in Macomb County

Feel free to check out this [event calendar](#) for additional ways to have fun around Macomb County.

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## MSUE seeks qualified AmeriCorps member



Now Hiring! MSU Extension in Macomb County is seeking a full-time AmeriCorps member to serve one year beginning Nov. 1 in the Michigan Foreclosure Prevention Corps. Qualified candidates will assist housing counselors and must have a strong desire to serve their community. The stipend is \$12,100 for one year and upon completion, each member will receive \$5,550 toward future schooling or student loans.

To apply, candidates should e-mail a current resume to Jean Lakin at [lakin@anr.msu.edu](mailto:lakin@anr.msu.edu) or contact Rob Weber at (586) 469-7610. Read more at <http://foreclosure.cedam.info/mfpc/>.

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## Meals on Wheels drivers needed in Eastpointe/St. Clair Shores

Macomb County Community Services

## Employee Focus - Shelley LeMire

By: Sarah Cormier, Macomb County Executive Office

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There are probably only a few people in Macomb County Circuit Court that can say they know almost every aspect of how the facility works. Shelley LeMire is one of those people.



An 18-year veteran of the court, LeMire, now a judicial secretary, has worked in many different capacities. When she first started working for the county, she worked in the Clerk's Office file room. She then worked as a court clerk for Judge Mark Swiatalski for four years, followed up as judicial secretary for then-Judge David Viviano (now on the Michigan Supreme Court). These days, she finds herself working on the fifth floor of the law library. No day is typical for LeMire, who assists wherever she is needed. If one of the judge's secretaries is absent, her first priority is to fill in. She also assigns files from the judges to the various research attorneys so they can perform case studies. On Wednesday, she is probate court clerk for Judge Carl Marlinga. [Read more...](#)

## Macomb County Emergency Manager receives prestigious award



Vicki Wolber, director of the Macomb County Office of Emergency Management & Communications, was awarded the 2014 Professional Emergency Manager of the Year Award by the Michigan State Police at the 2014 Annual MEMA Conference which was held in Traverse City.

Wolber was acknowledged for her leadership skills, dedication and individual professionalism.

"Vicki is a leader in consolidation and innovation for Emergency Management and she is well respected by everyone in the public safety community," said Macomb County Executive Mark A. Hackel. [Read more...](#)

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## Macomb's Memories - The Moravian Indians at New Guadenhutten

By: Cynthia S. Donahue, Macomb County Facilities and Operations

On July 20, 1782, Moravian Missionaries David Zeisberger and Johann Jungman set forth from Fort Detroit with 19 Christian Delaware Indian brethren and sisters to form a new colony on the Riviere aux Hurons. Both the river and township were originally

Agency's (MCCSA) Office of Senior Services is seeking volunteer drivers to deliver meals to homebound senior citizens through the Meals on Wheels program. Drivers are needed for new routes serving seniors in Eastpointe and St. Clair Shores. [Read More...](#)

## U.S. Chamber to host Hiring Our Heroes Job Fair for veterans and military spouses in Macomb County

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation will host [Hiring Our Heroes – Macomb County](#), a hiring fair for veterans and military spouses. This event takes place on Nov. 1 at the VerKuilen Building. [Read more...](#)

## News Nook

Don't be the last to know! Read the below stories to find out what else has been going on in Macomb County.

[Macomb County celebrates National Food Day](#)

[Business Recovery Center established to assist flood victims](#)

[1,200 Macomb County students explore highly-skilled manufacturing jobs](#)

[Clinton Township dedicates first paddle launch site at Budd Park](#)

[Macomb County issues emergency order for Cloud 9](#)

## Macomb County represents with "Breast in Show" award winner

indians



called Huron. The names were changed to Clinton in 1824. Following the path of the river, they found their new colony that British Colonel Arent Schuyloer DePeyster had selected for them with the approval of the Chippewa Indians. Here they would be allowed to live until peace was made between the United States and the British during the Revolutionary War. Today this area is located on Moxon Drive just off of Moravian.



They were met by mosquitoes, which gave them little rest. The Moravians initially pitched tents and then erected huts, which, in time, became substantial cabins. They laid out their gardens, built fences, stables and out-buildings, and, in November, they completed their new church. They named their settlement New Gnadenhutzen, meaning "Tents of Grace." [Read more...](#)

## HR Corner

By Eric Herrpich, Macomb County Human Resources

The Employee Benefit Portal has been removed from the Human Resources and Labor Relations webpages. If you want to process an address or name change, obtain flexible spending claim forms or update beneficiary information, go to the Human Resources and Labor Relations webpages to download the necessary form or contact our office. If you want to know the balance on your flexible spending account please call the 800 number on the back of your card, [\(800\) 645-9978](#).

Open Enrollment packets will be mailed to your home by the end of October with our Open Enrollment period running from November 3 to November 14, 2014. I am happy to say that we plan to have the same medical and dental plans as last year, so if you want to maintain your same medical and dental coverage in 2015, you will not have to do anything. Only those employees wanting to make a change to medical or dental coverage will need to complete the necessary forms.

I will send out an Open Enrollment email at the end of October and please look for your Open Enrollment packet in the mail around Nov. 1, 2014.

## Healthstyles Update

Employee Flu Clinics

Employee flu clinics are in full swing. Appointments are filling up quickly, but immunization staff can see employees on a walk-in basis as well. Employees

Healthstyles





Several departments in Macomb County got together to participate in McLaren Macomb's annual BRAvo event, which raises money for a very important cause. Our submission won "Most Spectacular!" To read about Macomb County's personal experience at the event, visit our Make Macomb Your Home blog at <http://mmyh.wordpress.com/2014/10/10/breast-in-show/>.

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## Recipe Stop - Butternut Squash Soup



Provided by MSU Extension

(Bake squash ahead of time)

Bake two medium-sized butternut squash (leave whole) in 400 degree oven for one hour, turning every 15 minutes. Cool completely, then cut in half lengthwise and scoop out seeds. Peel off skin and dice squash. [Read more...](#)

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with Macomb County sponsored health insurance have no co-pay for the flu shot. Bring copies of your driver's license and insurance cards to the clinic. Remaining clinics will be held in the following locations and times:

Oct. 28 - VerKuijen Building - Assembly Room B (noon – 3 p.m.) [Read more...](#)

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## What you need to know for Election Day

### Vote Nov. 4 - Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**By Carmella Sabaugh, Macomb County Clerk**

Voters across the State of Michigan and right here in Macomb County will make their voices heard on Nov. 4. A great deal of attention has been focused on the U.S. Senate and gubernatorial election, but many other important decisions are going to be made locally on that day too.

On the partisan section of the ballot, voters will select a new United States senator, members of congress, state senators, state representatives and county executive, along with the 13 members of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners.

Education slots will be filled for the State Board of Education and the governing boards of the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Wayne State University. Additionally, voters will chose trustees for Macomb Community College and school board members for all 21 Macomb County school districts. [Read more...](#)

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## PED deputy director elected WID vice president



Macomb County Planning and Economic Development Deputy Director Vicky Rad has been elected vice president of the Michigan chapter of Women in Defense (WID-MI). She will serve a two-year term on the board of directors.

Formed in 2007, WID-MI's mission is to "strengthen and influence the defense and national security industry by inspiring women, cultivating leadership and growing professional relationships." The organization has 529 members representing 198 companies and organizations throughout the state of Michigan and is involved with many charitable and educational programs. [Read more...](#)

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## Pets of the Month

**By: Jeff Randazzo, Macomb County Animal Shelter**

Hi, my name is Vincent (ID#A282878) and I am a neutered male, tan and white



Pit Bull Terrier. The shelter staff think I am about 2 years old. I have been at the shelter since Apr 03, 2014.



Hi, my name is Salen (ID#A284747). I am a neutered male, black domestic shorthair. The shelter staff think I am about 6 months old. I have been at the shelter since Jun 19, 2014.



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

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