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Welcome

Welcome to Monticello and Piatt County

From Shelly Crawford-Stock, Executive Director of Monticello Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Bureau and Main Street Monticello

Welcome!! Thank you for your interest in Monticello and Piatt County!

No matter if you are a resident interested in all the latest information, someone looking to visit, or even a person considering moving to our area...we are just excited you had grabbed a copy of the Guide to Monticello and Piatt County because there is so much to tell you!

Our area is lucky to boast amazing schools, several top-notch medical facilities, and a safe environment! We love that our community boasts many active groups and organizations that bring exceptional social services, enhancement of our community, opportunities to network, enjoyment of and support of the arts, and many chances to volunteer!

I'm sure you will enjoy learning about some of our great attractions like Allerton Park and Retreat Center and Monticello Railway Museum.

You will also be interested to learn about our wonderful history that includes our connection to Abraham Lincoln, several historic districts with architecturally significant properties, and museums. Our area is also blessed to boast beautiful recreation opportunities with many parks, walking paths, outdoor dining and more!

Last, but not least, you can't miss out on some great shopping and one or more of the many restaurants with amazing food!!



Shelly Crawford-Stock

If you have not yet visited our area, we certainly invite you to come stay for a weekend...you certainly can't catch it all in one day, but if a day is all you have, give us a call and we'll help you out with a plan!

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City of Monticello

Mayor: “Always an event or something to do”

“Through the use of effective leadership, teamwork, accountability and communication, the City of Monticello provides quality public services that enhance the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Monticello”

- City of Monticello Mission Statement

MONTICELLO – The City of Monticello is governed by a Mayor and City Council who are elected by the people of the City. The Mayor and City Council acting together are the Governing Body. All Governing Body members serve four-year terms. The Governing Body, being the elected representative of the people, adopts all ordinances and resolutions and determines the general goals and policies.

The city council meets on the second and fourth Mondays each month. The council includes the mayor, and eight Aldermen from the four wards in town.

“Monticello has many services and offerings that not many other rural communities can boast,” said Mayor Larry Stoner. “Between Allerton, the Railway Museum, Eli Field, downtown Courthouse Square, and the aquatic center, there is always an event or something to do on weekends in town.”

The council also includes Mary Vogt and Ashley Muse (Ward 1), Wendall Brock and Tammy Sebens (Ward 2), Rodney Burris and Pamela Harlan (Ward 3), and Mike Koon and Tom Reed (Ward 4).

Since 2017, Terry Summers has been Monticello’s City Administrator.

The Monticello Police Department is committed to providing

residents and visitors of the City of Monticello with professional and responsive police services that enhance the quality of life in the Monticello community.

Under the direction of Chief John Carter, the Department provides 24-hour coverage to the community, a point of pride for a rural community of just under 6,000 residents.

The Department is comprised of 12 sworn officers and two administrative personnel.

The Monticello Fire and Rescue Department is a public department made up of volunteer fire professionals that protect almost 6,000 people in a seven square mile area. Services provided to the residents of Monticello, include firefighting, rescue, and emergency medical services.

The department operates two Engines, a Rescue truck, and a utility pickup. The Roster includes a Fire Chief, Assistant Chief, two Captains, three Lieutenants, and 20 Firefighters.

The Department is under the leadership of Fire Chief John Rupkey.



Larry Stoner

Monticello: Paying attention to the past, present, and future

Success of any community not only involves looking to the future for new and improved developments, but also maintaining and retaining what they have. This applies to not only residents and businesses, but also the infrastructure that help make a city function and a great place to be a part of.

Beginning in 2016, the City has been concentrating on road rehabilitation projects with Allerton Road, Marion Street, Washington Street, Piatt Street, and Independence Street, continuing with Bridge Street/Center Street, Sage Drive, Charter Street and William Street, County Farm Road and Fisler Road.

The City of Monticello will continue the pavement rehabilitation efforts throughout the city, focusing on Grant Street from State Street to Greely Street planned for 2023 followed by State Street from Livingston Street to Lone Beech Road tentatively scheduled for 2024.

Quality of life amenities continue to play an instrumental role in our community, attracting new residents and visitors alike. Recognizing that downtown is a key component of what makes Monticello a great community, the City continues to direct attention to improving the space. Streetscape improvements that began in 2002 around the Courthouse Square continued at the Washington and Market Street intersection and will be planned for the remainder of Livingston Street from Market Street to Buchanan Street in 2023.

Working with high school students, the City has continued and grown the parklet program, allowing for downtown spaces to be better utilized.

After completing a rebranding of the City, Main Street, Chamber, and Tourism entities, a unified voice can be used to share Monticello’s story. Look forward to seeing the new branding throughout the community.

Looking at recreation, a master plan for the Veterans Park proposed at the City owned property along North Market Street at Iron Horse Place will soon accompany the recent Robert C. Burke Memorial Park Master Plan approved by the City Council in September of 2021. Veterans Park will be an attractive tribute to active-duty military personnel as well as military veterans near

the north entrance to town.

Efforts continue towards the development of Oberheim Park, a 30 plus acre recreational facility comprising of a multi-use recreating path connecting to the Sangamon River Bridge Trail, soccer, football, baseball, and softball fields, meeting the needs of the Monticello Recreation Department, alongside various other recreational amenities to be finalized. These plans help guide the city leaders in their decisions towards fund allocation to help complete the park spaces.

In terms of residential services, the green waste facility received some much-needed space upgrades and now provides additional space for Monticello residents to drop off their green waste. Please follow the site signage for the appropriate location for grass, leaves, and brush to be deposited.

The City will continue curbside brush pick up the first Tuesdays of each month through October.

Monticello will continue to strive to offer the level of services and amenities that residents and visitors both expect. As a community, we should be proud of our services and businesses that help make Monticello a great place to be.



Places

Piatt County

Piatt County: A rich history and a bright future

PIATT COUNTY – 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.



Other Piatt County facts thanks to the Piatt County Historical and Genealogical Society

Native Americans

Native Americans were the first to live in the area later known as Piatt County. At the time of European contact the Illiniwek were the tribe that lived in this part of North America. As the Europeans settled the Eastern United States many tribes were displaced. Two of the primary tribes or nations to temporarily live in this area were the Kickapoo and Potawatomi.

Early European Settlers

In 1822, George Hayworth, a Quaker from Tennessee, arrived and built the first house in the area. James Martin was next to build a home and then more settlers arrived. Surnames of some of the other early settlers include Carver, Cordell, Daggott, Fry, Furnace, Hanline, Holliday, Piatt, Varner and York. James A. Piatt, whom the county was eventually named after, his wife Jemima and their six children arrived from Indiana in 1829. Settlement in the area increased in the 1830s and 1840s and several towns began to be established.

County established

Piatt County was formed January 27, 1841 from Macon and DeWitt Counties. The county is approximately 439.1 square miles or 281,056 acres. Monticello, which had been laid out and named in 1837, became the county seat. The first courthouse was built in 1843 and the second was built in 1856. The present courthouse was completed in 1904.

Abraham Lincoln

President Abraham Lincoln has ties to Piatt County. Before Lincoln became President of the United States he practiced law in the Eighth Judicial Circuit Court of Illinois. Piatt County was part of that circuit and several local families established ties with Lincoln either through providing him a place to stay on his travels or having him as their lawyer in court. And, in July of 1858 actions taken by Lincoln in Piatt County played a significant role in the planning of what became known as the Lincoln – Douglas debates.

Railroads

During the late 1800's several railroads made their way across Piatt County. The

introduction of railways to the county put an end to the existing stage coach lines and forever changed business, immigration, land value, travel and much more.

Pepsin Syrup Company

In 1875, Dr. W. B. Caldwell came to practice medicine in Cisco Illinois. Ten years later he moved his practice to Monticello Illinois. While in Monticello he developed Caldwell's Syrup of Pepsin, which became Monticello's leading industry for many years.

Allerton Park and Retreat Center

Allerton Park, designated as a National Landmark and recently named one of the Seven Wonders of Illinois, has its own place in Piatt County history. The farmland was purchased in the late 1800's by Samuel Allerton, a man of wealth from Chicago. In 1900, the Allerton Mansion was built and the estate eventually became the private retreat of Samuel's son, Robert Henry Allerton. The estate was donated to the University of Illinois in 1946 when Robert moved to Kauai. The mansion and a majority of the estate are open to the public as a park and retreat center.

Historic Buildings

Piatt County has many historic homes, farmsteads and barns. A concentration of some very lavish historic homes along State Street in Monticello became known as "Millionaires Row" and is



Piatt County Courthouse in downtown Monticello

Events and Attractions

Monticello Railway Museum

Workin' on the railroad

MONTICELLO - The Monticello Railway Museum is open for the summer season with regular weekend operations and a host of special events.

Please check our website for details (www.mrym.org). Visitors will be able to buy tickets to ride the Museum's train, powered by vintage diesel or steam locomotives, and ride in our vintage passenger cars for a trip between the Main Museum complex (known as Nelson Crossing) and the Museum's restored Wabash Depot in downtown Monticello. Visitors are encouraged to lay over between trains and enjoy the restaurants and shops in downtown Monticello before boarding the train for the return trip.

For 2022 the Museum is operating six themed dinner trains and ten donut trains in addition to specials on Mother's Day, Father's Day, and the Fourth of July. 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.

In the display area are new exhibits exploring Monticello's place in the railroad network, the Illinois Central Railroad, the railroad research program at the University of Illinois, and more. The Nelson Crossing complex includes a train storage shed 640 feet long and three tracks wide which house 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. Also located at the Nelson Crossing complex, the recently completed Richard P. Stair interlocking tower, where trains are controlled by trackside signals, is open to visitors most weekends.

The Museum's 1907 steam locomotive, Southern Railway No. 401, will return to service in the summer of 2022 after undergoing its federally mandated 1472 service day inspection. To prepare for this inspection, volunteers removed all the jacket and lagging, cab plumbing, dynamo, and sand dome.

The tubes in the engine's boiler were cut out and the inside of the boiler was sandblasted. An ultrasonic survey of the boiler and firebox was undertaken to ensure the steel has maintained a safe thickness. After an initial Federal inspection, new tubes were installed and the engine was reinspected under hydrostatic pressure. Please check our website for dates when No. 401 is running.

For more information:

217-762-9011

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A TICKET TO RIDE- An engine rolls into the Monticello Railway Museum during its annual Railroad Days.

The Museum continues to restore old railroad equipment and bring it back to life. Volunteers recently completed the restoration of a Quebec Central snow plow complete with operating wings that push the snow further away from the track. Another big project was the interior restoration of the Rock Island commuter coach which has been one of the mainstay pieces of equipment ever since arriving at the Museum.

Volunteers took advantage of 2020's lack of operating season to completely gut the interior and install new flooring, wall panels, and ceiling. In 2018, the Monticello Railway Museum's volunteers completed an extensive multi-year restoration of the museum's second vintage Illinois Central Railroad dining car in time to use on the Polar Express trains that the museum ran in November and December, 2018. Built in 1949, IC No. 4110 arrived at the museum in 2015, a donation from the Pacific Railroad Society in California.

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 branch line 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.



services

Willow Tree Missions

Resale shop helps fund domestic violence services through local organization

Willow Tree Missions is a Christian based certified non-profit mission dedicated to eliminating domestic abuse in Piatt County.

Our team is comprised of a Board of Directors, an Executive Director, a Director of Operations, a Director of Services, shop staff, and dozens of volunteers.

Last July we purchased a new building at 100 E. Washington St. on the square in Monticello. In October, the Family Service Center and business offices moved to the second floor where our care team serves those in crisis and in the domestic violence arena. Soon our Resale Shop will expand into the first floor.

Until then, the Resale Shop is located at 351 W. Monroe St. in Monticello and serves as our primary source of income for supporting the mission. 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 our 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;
- collaboration with law enforcement officials;
- helping clients with orders of protection;
- 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.

Especially with the addition of the new building, your support is necessary! You can support our mission through



a variety of means:

- Donate goods to our resale shop (see <https://www.facebook.com/willowtreemissions>);
- Donate supplies we commonly use (a list is available on our website);
- Volunteer at our resale shop, new building, or Family Service Center;
- Donate money to support our operations and direct services. Donations can be made:
 - o On our website at www.willowtreemissions.org;
 - o In our resale shop at 351 W. Monroe St. in Monticello;
- or
 - o By mail to our business office at 100 E. Washington St. in Monticello.
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Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our mission. Great things are happening! May God bless each of you!

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Monticello Chamber of Commerce

Monticello boasts thriving, supportive, unique business community

The Monticello Area Chamber works to promote and support local businesses. Monticello has an active and diverse business community!

With over 160 members the Chamber is very proud to be actively involved in making the business environment beneficial and supportive.

Our business community supports a thriving downtown, creates jobs, and generously supports events and organizations while enhancing the general quality of life. The sales tax generated from local shopping is the second biggest revenue source for the City of Monticello and support all sorts of city services – services we all expect and enjoy.

Make It Monticello, our tourism arm, invites visitors to 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, along with all the services necessary to support our community.

People are encouraged to Make it Monticello with mailings, TV spots, billboards, and print ads.

In addition to helping our local business community thrive, we also bring Santa to town so kids can have Lunch with Santa and participate in one of the best Christmas parades in the area each year.

Santa then spends some evenings in the Depot for a few weeks, following the parade, so kids have an opportunity to pass along their wishes before Christmas!

You can find both or either Monticello Chamber and Make It Monticello on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram where they work to further promote Monticello businesses and community updates.

You can also learn more at www.monticellochamber.org, or reach out at 217-762-7921.

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or visit the Facebook page *Monticello Chamber of Commerce*

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Monticello Main Street

Historic preservation, business promotion are its essence

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 of the downtown area and to strengthening the community's economic growth.

Main Street hosts downtown events throughout the year such as Chocolate Fantasy and the Whites of Spring. Throughout the summer, Main Street offers a wide range of entertainment in the downtown, 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, enjoy our wonderful parklets while dining, 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 recognized as an affiliate community of Illinois Main Street and Main Street America.

You will find more information about Monticello Main Street on Facebook, at www.monticellomainstreet.org or they can be reached at 217-762-9318.

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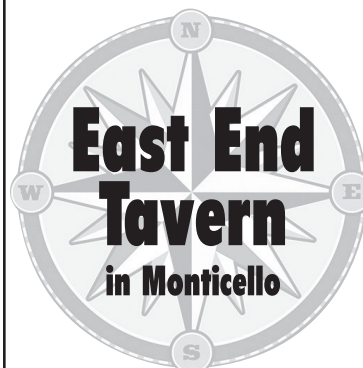
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Every Saturday & Sunday: April 30-October 2: Weekend Train Rides. Monticello Railway

Every 3rd Saturday Storytime at Bryant Cottage - Geared to kids ages 5-10

Every Thursday Afternoon June 16-Oct 6 Farmers Market in Afternoons. Downtown Monticello

Every 1st and 3rd Friday: Bement Opry & Dinner. Monticello Community Building.

June 3-5: Junior High Rodeo. Piatt County Trailblazers June 3: Summer Concert Series- Last Minute, Green Diamond Express. Allerton Park

June 6-30: Youth Day Camps 9 AM-3 PM. Allerton Park June 6-24: Monticello Theater Kids Theater

Sessions. Monticello Theater Association

June 9-12: High School State Finals Rodeo. Piatt County Trailblazers

June 10-11: Horizon RC Fest. Eli Field

June 11: Garden Tour. Bryant Cottage

June 11: Piatt County 40th Anniversary Celebration. Downtown Monticello 10am-1pm

June 11: Monticello Movie Night: Encanto. Downtown Monticello

June 12-13: High School State Finals Rodeo. Piatt County Trailblazers

June 18: Monticello Celebrates: Music on Main. Downtown Monticello

June 18-19: Dads Ride Free. Monticello Railway Museum

June 21: Woofstock

June 23-25: 66th Annual Rodeo. Piatt County Trailblazers

June 24: Tree Walk. Allerton Park

June 25-26: Southern 401 In Steam. Monticello Railway Museum

July 1-29: Youth Day Camps (none July 4-8). Allerton Park

July 1: Summer Concert Series - Red White and Blues. Allerton Park

July 2: Croquet All Day - Bryant Cottage 1 PM-4 PM

July 3: Monticello Freedom Fest. Lodge Park

July 3: Fireworks Train. Monticello Railway Museum

July 4: 4th of July Celebration. Bement

July 9: Monticello Movie Night - Ghostbusters: Afterlife. Downtown Monticello

July 16: Music on Main. Downtown Monticello

July 16-17: Southern 401 In Steam. Monticello Railway Museum

July 22-30: Student Musical. Monticello Theatre Association

August 13: Monticello Movie Night - Luca. Downtown Monticello

August 19-21: Mansfield Homecoming

July 29: Lincoln/Douglas Meeting Open House - Bryant Cottage 1-4 PM

August 6: Monticello Celebrates Back to School - Kids Fun Day. Downtown Monticello

August 12: Summer Concert Series - Irish Fest. Allerton Park
August 13: Sage City Triathlon. Monticello Family Aquatic Center
August 13: Monticello Movie Night - Luca. Downtown Monticello 8 PM

August 19-21: Apple Dumpling Celebration. Atwood

August 20: Music on Main. Downtown Monticello

August 20: PCFB Tractor Drive and Centennial Celebration. Downtown Monticello

August 20: Weldon Homecoming. Downtown Weldon

August 19-21: Mansfield Homecoming

August 20-21: Southern 401 In Steam. Monticello Railway Museum

August 26: Woofstock. Robert Milligan Dog Park

September TBA: 2 Comedy Showcase Events. Monticello Theater Association

September 5: Deland Homecoming. Forrest Preserve Park in Deland

September 9: Summer Concert Series - Summer's End. Allerton Park

September 11: Piatt County Farm Bureau Foundation Farm to Fork. Downtown Monticello

September 11: Heritage Sunday. Music, and Education. Bryant Cottage

September 17: Sage City Band Invitational. Monticello High School
September 17: Music on Main. Downtown Monticello

September 17-18: Railroad Days & Southern 401 in Steam. Railway Museum

September 23: Monticello Celebrates: Homecoming with Music on Main. Downtown Monticello

October 1-2: Southern 401 In Steam. Monticello Railway Museum
October 2: Monticello Mercantile Parking Lot Party. Downtown Monticello

October 28: Monticello Area Chamber Safe Trick or Treat with Allerton Public Library

October 30: Boutique Bash. Monticello Shopping Event. Downtown Monticello

November 1-5: National Authors Day Celebration and Book Exchange. Bryant Cottage

November 18-20: Polar Express. Tentative. Monticello Railway Museum

November 25-27: Polar Express. Tentative. Monticello Railway Museum

November 25: Reds of Christmas. A wine-walk and shop event. Downtown Monticello

December TBA: Christmas Show. Monticello Theatre Association
December 1-31: Holiday Glo. Allerton Park

December 3-4: Lunch with Santa on the Train. Monticello Railway Museum

December: 2-4: Polar Express. Tentative. Monticello Railway Museum

December: 3: Christmas Parade. Downtown Monticello
December 2-4: Holiday Showcase. Allerton House

December 10: Holiday Open House. Bryant Cottage

December 3: Holiday Affair. Allerton House

December 10: Sweets with Santa. Allerton House



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.

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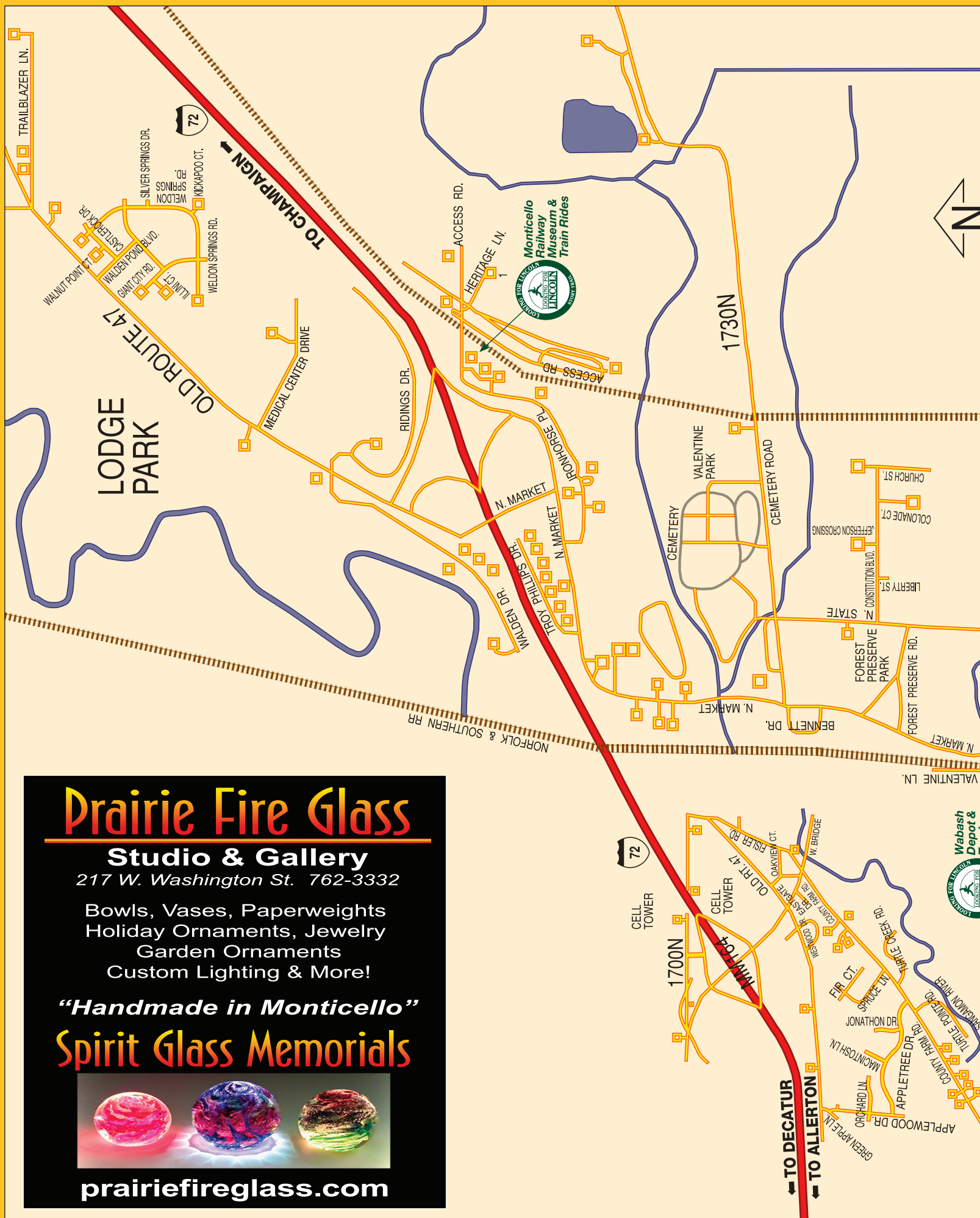
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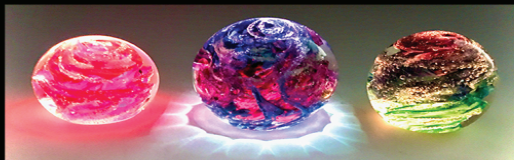
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First Christian Church, Bement. Phone: (217) 678-3035

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MANSFIELD

Mansfield Community Church Of The Nazarene, Old US Hwy 150 & W. Griggs St., Mansfield, Phone: (217) 489-3231.

Mansfield United Methodist Church, 200 W. Illinois St., Mansfield. Phone: (217) 489-5691.

DELAND

Bethel Church, N. 800 East Rd., DeLand.

Christian Church of DeLand, 335 N. Eastern Ave., DeLand. Phone: (217) 664-3557.

The Ranch House Church, 120 N. 4th St, De Land, Phone: (217) 664-3800.

ATWOOD

Lake Fork United Church-Christ, 1401 E. 300 North Rd., Atwood. Phone: (217) 578-2706.

First Baptist Church, 231 N. Illinois, Atwood, Phone: (217) 578-2555.

WHITE HEATH

Centerville United Methodist Church, 2267 Licksillet Rd., White Heath.

CERRO GORDO

Church of the Brethren, 102 E, Durfee St., Cerro Gordo, Phone: (217) 763-8641.

Cerro Gordo United Methodist Church, 104 E. Carter St., Cerro Gordo. Phone: (217) 763-8411.

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Cisco United Methodist Church Address: N. 145 Eldon St., Cisco. Phone: (217) 669-2446.

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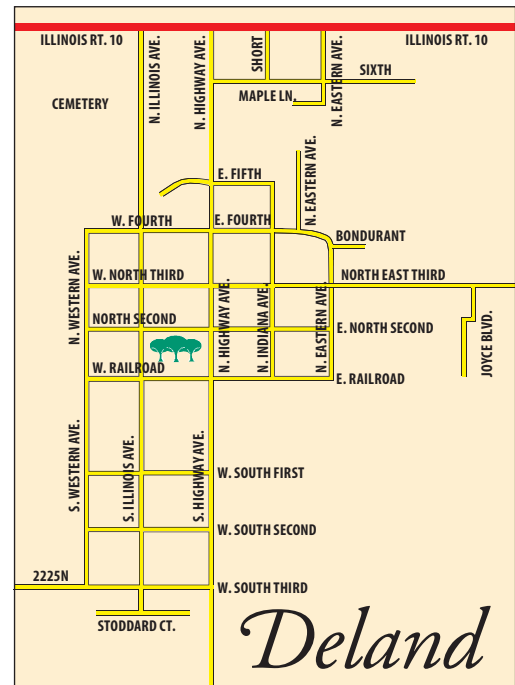
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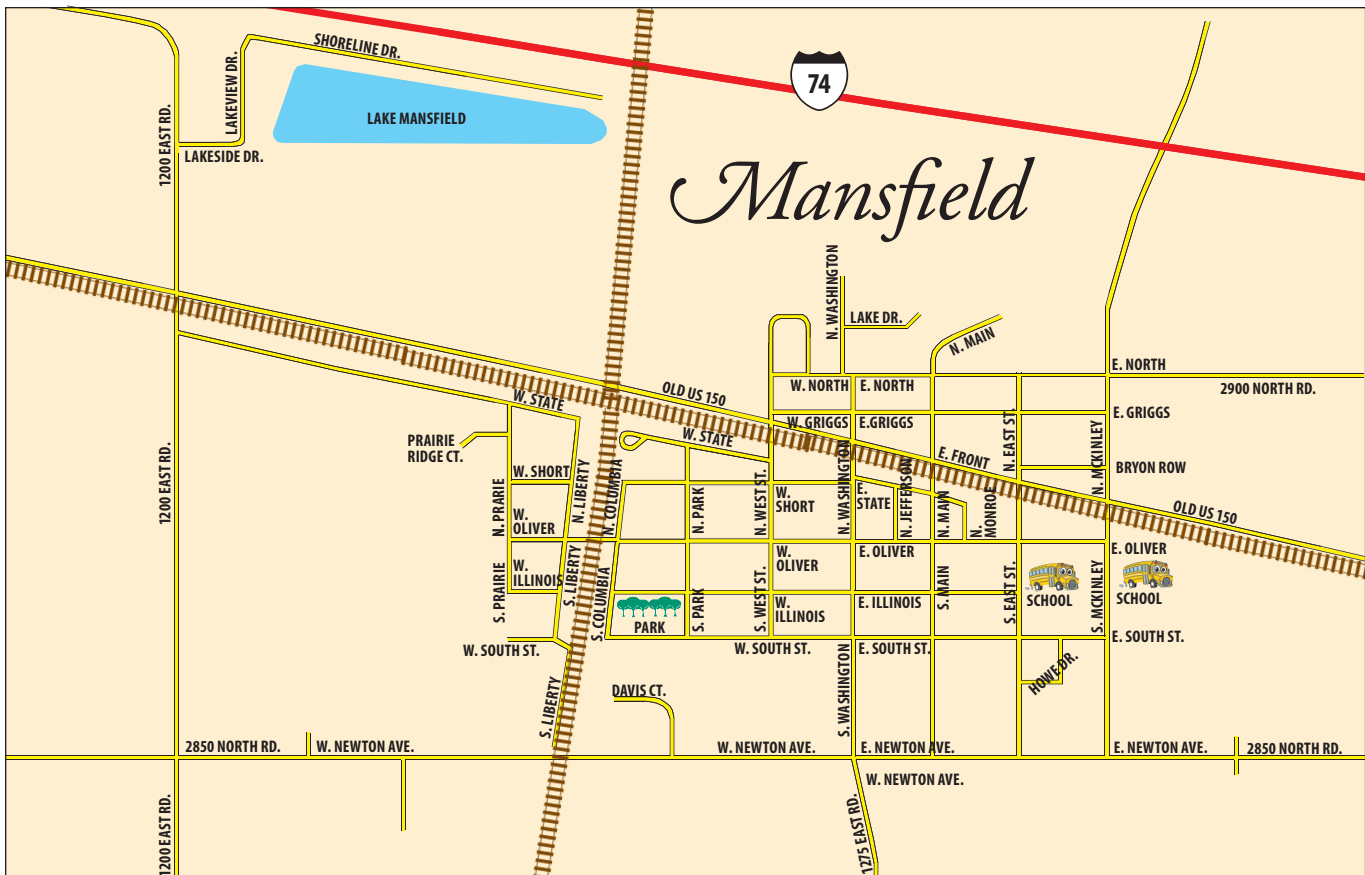


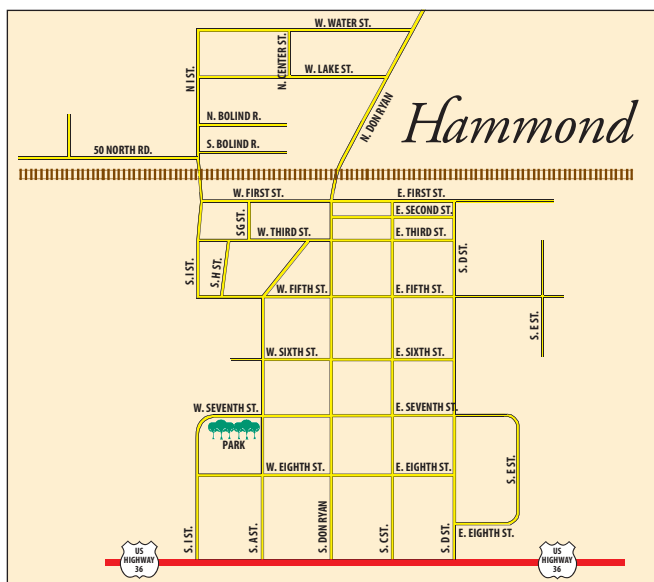
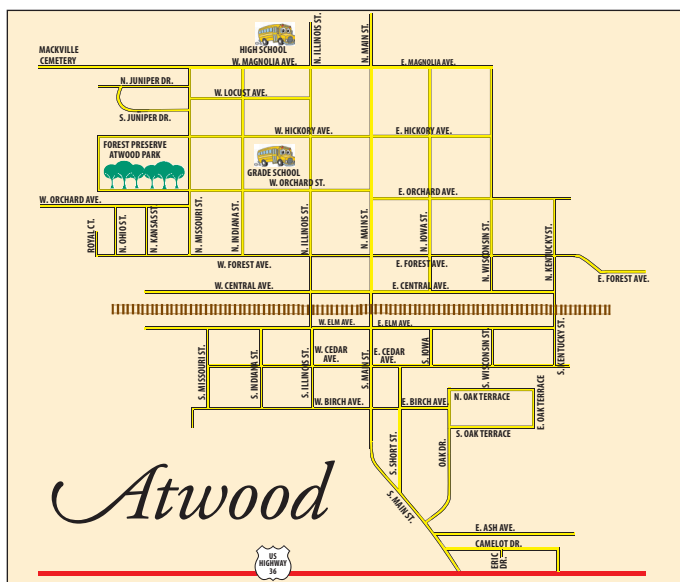
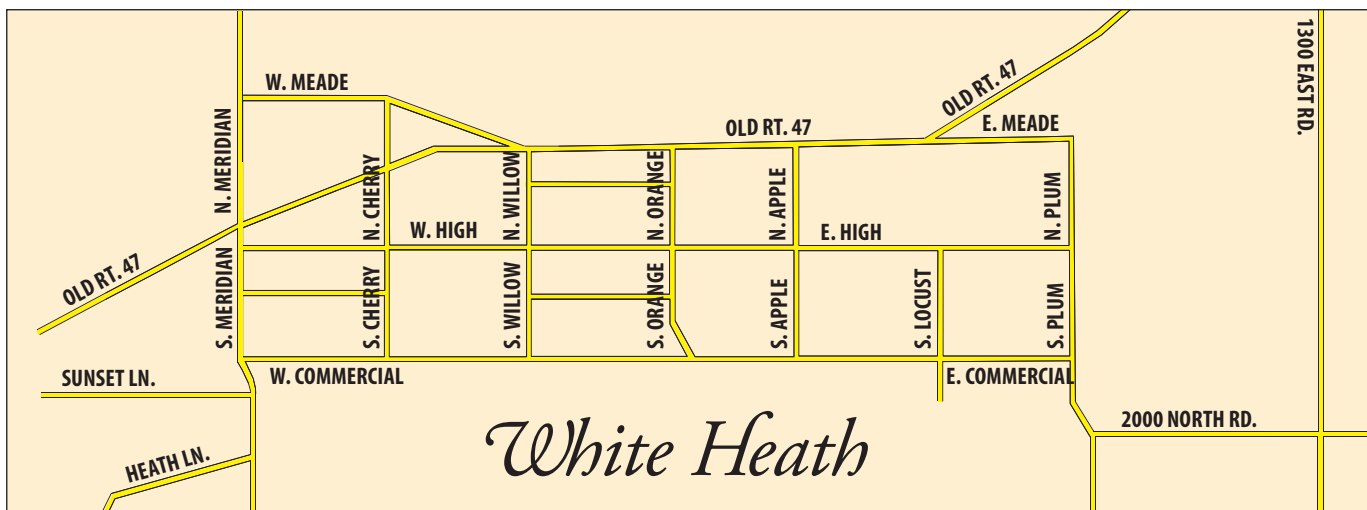
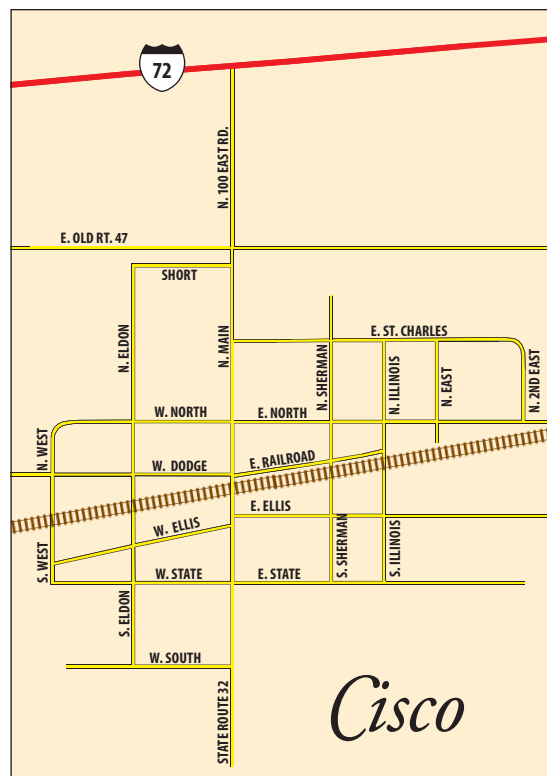


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Atwood Village Board

The board meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m.
Atwood Village Officials
President: Bill Fleming (2023)
Clerk: Nancy Wierman (2025)
Treasurer: Jamie Simpson
Trustees: Allen Kibler (2025), Scott Harris (2025), Ronald E. Wallace (2023)

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Arthur School District

Community Unit School District No. 305
Arthur Grade School: 126 E. Lincoln St., Arthur, 217-543-2109
Atwood-Hammond Grade School: 316 N. Illinois, Atwood, 217-578-2229
Lovington Grade School: 330 S. High St., Lovington, 217-873-4318
ALAH High School: 301 E. Columbia St., Arthur, 217-543-2146
Superintendent: 301 E. Columbia St., Arthur, 217-543-2511
The board meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.
Superintendent: Shannon Cheek
Board of Education members: Beth Wiley, Monica Green, Kristie Mechling, Ryan Nettles, Justin Wierman, Brock Casteel, Suzi Berkich

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Community Unit School District No. 5
Elementary School: 201 S. Champaign St., 217-678-4200
High School: 201 S. Champaign St., 217-678-4200
Superintendent: 201 S. Champaign St., 217-678-4200
The board meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.
Superintendent: Dr. Sheila Greenwood
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Blue Ridge Schools

Community Unit School District 18
The board meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.
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
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Superintendent: 411 N. John St., Farmer City, 309-928-9141
Superintendent: Hilary Stanifer
Board of Education members: Franci Miller (2025), Kenna Dunlap Johnson (2025), Dale Schneman (2023), Chelsie Leffelman (2023), Carlos Burton (2023)

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Cerro Gordo Village Board

The board meets the third Monday of the month at 6 p.m.
Cerro Gordo Village Officials
President: Jim Henderson
Clerk: Tina McCarty (appointed)
Treasurer: Samantha Schenkel (appointed)
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 The board meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
 Superintendent: Brett Robinson
 Board of Education members: Rodd Runyen (2025), Karen Freese (2025), Dustin Curran (2025), Stephen A. Hayes (2023), Angela Miller (2023), Tony Piraino (2023), Deborah Greenwood (2023)

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Cisco Village Board

The board meets the second Monday of the month at 6 p.m.
 Cisco Village Officials
 President: Paula Chumbley (2025)
 Clerk: Rita Hatfield
 Treasurer: Audrey Pirtle
 Trustees: Randy Bennett (2025), Lloyd Turner Jr. (2025), Robert Bennett (2025), Gary Pirtle (2023), Trevor Blackburn (2023), Ronald Weishaar (2023)

DeLand Village Board

The board meets the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m.
 DeLand Village Officials
 President: Todd Benting (2025)
 Clerk: Kristi Fink (appointed)
 Treasurer: Kristi Fink (appointed)
 Trustees: Thresa Zipprich (2025), William Schmidt (2025), Karen Westray (2023), Carol Yokley (2023), Matthew Karnes (2025)

DeLand-Weldon Schools

Community Unit School District No. 57
 Elementary: 2311 N 300 East Rd., Weldon, 217-664-3411
 Senior High: 304 E. IL Rt. 10, DeLand, 217-664-3314
 The board meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.
 Superintendent: Amanda Geary
 Board of Education members: Paige M. Trimble (2025), Dean L. Bush (2025), Christy J. Knight (2025), Joshua Shofner (2023), Jennifer Roos (2023), Jamie Dunn (2023), Shannon Summers (2023)

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Hammond Village Board

The board meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.
 Hammond Village Officials
 President: Deborah Waldrop (2025)
 Clerk/Treasurer: Brenda Sebens (appointed)
 Trustees: Jordan Pfeifer (2025), Payton Messmore (2025), Marsha Burgener (2025), Bradley Frantz (2023), Kimberly Gee (2023), Don Chenoweth (2023)

Mansfield Village Board

The board meets the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m.
 Mansfield Village Officials
 President: Andrew Stiger (2025)
 Clerk: Melissa Place (appointed)
 Treasurer: Lisa Lehnert (appointed)
 Trustees: Ronald P. Konen (2025), Lucas Gilbert (2023), Jessica Bartley (2023), April Manning (2023)

Monticello City Council

The board meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7 p.m.
 Monticello City Officials
 Mayor: Larry Stoner (2025)
 Clerk: Jill Potts
 Trustees: Ward I—Mary Vogt (2025); Ward II—Wendall Brock (2025), Tammy Sebens (2023); Ward III—Rodney Burris (2025), Pamela Harlan (2023); Ward IV—Mike Koon (2021), Tom Reed (2023)

Monticello Schools

Community Unit School District No. 25
 Lincoln Elementary: 700 N. Buchanan St., 217-762-8511, ext. 2250
 White Heath Elementary: 300 High St., White Heath, 217-762-8511, ext. 4260
 Washington Elementary: 3 Sage Dr., 217-762-8511, ext. 1230
 Middle School: 2015 E. Washington St., 217-762-8511, ext. 3290
 High School: 1 Sage Drive, 217-762-8511 ext. 1210
 Superintendent: 2 Sage Drive, 217-762-8511 ext. 1200
 The board meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.
 Superintendent: Dr. Vic Zimmerman
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DeWitt-Piatt Bi-County Health Department

The DeWitt-Piatt Bi-County Health Department was established Jan. 6, 1948, and is located at 1020 S. Market St. in Monticello.

Its mission is to provide preventative health measures for individuals in the community via clinical, educational and environmental health services.

For more information contact 217-762-7911 or visit the web site at www.dewittpiatthealth.com.

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 217-762-7733 for reservations.

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 49 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.

Call 217-762-9494 for more information.

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The Piatt County Transportation Program is a door-to-door public transit system serving Piatt County with daily trips to Champaign and Decatur. Fares vary depending on destination, but you can find more information at www.piattran.org. For more information, call 217-762-7821 or e-mail ride@piattran.org.

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.

Piatt County Services for Seniors

Piatt County Services for Seniors provides a central office, central person and central telephone number for linking elder Americans (60 years of age and older) to the many agencies, services and activities available in this area.

Seniors can obtain help accessing such programs as circuit breaker and pharmaceutical assistance, energy assistance, Public Aid, Medicare, weatherization, home delivered and congregate meals and lifeline equipment.

Assisted transportation is also provided.

Call Leslie Cooper at 217-762-7575, ext. 1.

Faith In Action

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Faith in Action
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Services for Seniors
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clubs and organizations

Atwood American Legion
Contact: Ken Caraway
Meetings: Third Thursday at 7:30 at the Legion Building on N. Missouri St., Atwood

Atwood American Legion Auxiliary
Contact: Edith Brandenburg
Phone: 217-578-2775
Meetings: Third Monday at the American Legion Building on N. Missouri St., Atwood

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

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

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

Bement American Legion Auxiliary
Albert Parker Unit #620
Contact: Nancy Ard
Phone: 217-678-7041
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
Gina Morr Ritchie
217-454-2257
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

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: Third Wednesday every other month at 7 p.m. Meeting locations rotate.

Cisco American Legion
Contact: Alvin Bauer
Phone: 217-669-2371
Meetings: Second Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Legion Hall, 55 Dodge St.

DeLand American Legion
Contact: Dave Slade
Phone: 217-664-3597
Meetings: Third Monday at 7 p.m. at the Legion post, 423 N. Highway Ave.

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.

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 are with the American Legion on the first Thursday at 7 p.m.

Monticello American Legion
Contact: Nick Nichols
Phone: 252-320-6138
Meetings: VFW Building, 108 E. Livingston, Monticello
First Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Bement Community Council
Contact: Judy Good
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
Monticello Masons Fraternal Lodge 58
Contact: Harry Munster
217-778-8535
Meetings: Third Monday at the Masonic Lodge at 601 W. Bridge Street, Monticello at 7:30 p.m.

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: 217-862-7227 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
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1115 N. State St., Monticello
Phone: 217-762-9997
www.piattthistory.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

TOPS
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
piattcountvfw5346@gmail.com
Meetings: second Tuesday at

the V.F.W. Building 108 E. Livingston, Monticello at 7 p.m.

Cerro Gordo Lion's Club
Meetings second and fourth Monday 6:30 p.m. at Hope-Welty Public Library

Kirby Hospital Auxiliary
Contact: Membership Chairperson, Kathi Schilling
President, Michelle Hillard; Treasurer, Irma Racraft
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: Lana 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
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Meetings: Dinner meetings the second and fourth Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Monticello Community Building



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