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Highlights

July, August, September 2018

MAPPING communities have had a productive season. Here are some highlights:

(Please note this is not a comprehensive list)

Argenta:

- Organized 'Throwback Theater in the Park' events on July 13, 2018 with over 100 in attendance, and July 27, 2018 with over 150 people in attendance.

Assumption:

- Hosted a circus on September 30, 2018 with approximately 515 people in attendance. The event raised \$550.
- Organized a summer youth recreation program averaging 15 participants daily.
- Offered a 'Back to School Movie Night' at the park featuring Paddington 2.
- Hosted a 'Meet Up' community networking event.
- Welcomed a Peace Corps Fellow intern to Assumption.

Creve Coeur:

- Organized a village wide yard sale on September 22-23, 2018.
- Held a fall cleanup and tire/TV recycling event on September 29, 2018.

Downs:

- Held Downs MAPPING Town Meeting August 20, 2018. Approximately 75 people attended.
- Started Village radio advertising and offered 10 second spot at the end of each ad for events and businesses.

Durand:

- Organized the 5th annual Fourth of July Duck Race. Approximately 150 people attended and the event raised \$1,600.
- Organized 'Movie Under the Stars' events on July 13, 2018 and August 3, 2018.
- Organized 'Chalk Art in the Park' event in Saelens Park.
- Held Inaugural Durand Charm Consignment Auction August 12, 2018.
- Held a Fall Plant Sale September 7, 2018.
- Coordinated a 'Yard of the Month' award during the summer months.
- Organized Harvest Hayride event on September 22, 2018.
- Decorated the center square for the fourth of July including American flags, poles, lights and large fan flag bunting.

Elizabeth:

- Celebrated the 150th Anniversary of Elizabeth from July 20-22, 2018. Approximately 5,000 people attended the three day event.
- Organized the Garlic Fest on August 11-12, 2018. Approximately 2500 people attended.
- Organized The Gathering of Elizabeths on August 11, 2018. Plan to expand the event in the next couple of years. Approximately 40 people attended.

Findlay:

- Organized the 'Flip 4 Findlay 5K Run/Walk' at Eagle Creek State Park at the start of the Findlay Walleye Festival held July 27-28, 2018. Approximately 40 people attended with \$896 raised.
- Organized aluminum recycling and raised \$160.

Girard:

- First annual fun ride for the Macoupin Valley Trail Hike and Bike Path on October 7, 2018. Approximately fifty people attended and raised \$500.
- Recycling caps to benches has continued with two more benches added.



The circus has arrived in Assumption.



Residents enjoying a hayride in Durand.



Garlic Fest underway in Elizabeth.



Kids enjoying a bounce house in Assumption before the movie.

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Hillsboro residents enjoying the lake before the Cardboard boat Regatta.

Hillsboro:

- Held the 4th annual 'Cardboard Boat Regatta' on July 4, 2018 with over 500 in attendance.
- Organized the Farmers Market.
- Held an informational booth in the downtown about the Imagine Hillsboro organization on August 1, 2018.
- Organized a Pork Patty Bratwurst Lunch fundraiser on August 17, 2018.
- Held a 'Bling it On' fundraiser for Imagine Hillsboro September 26-27, 2018.
- Hillsboro is now connected to the fiber optic network, connection to homes and businesses has begun. CTI, the fiber optic company, renovated the previous Raise the Bar Gym in Hillsboro to be the County headquarters for CTI.

Martinsville:

- Organized the annual 'Redneck Pool Party' on August 4, 2018.

Mattoon:

- Held a 'Family Fun Day in the Community Garden' event July 28, 2018.
- Youth Council at the local high school is continuing with the new academic year. A joint grant proposal was submitted to Youth Services of America.
- Toured business incubators in Decatur, Champaign, and Springfield to gain insight for the development of a business incubator in Mattoon.

McLean:

- Organized the 5th annual 'Get Your 6.6 on Route 66 Run/Walk' on Route 66 from Funks Grove to McLean on August 25, 2018. There were 198 registered participants. Afterwards on the town square, there was food, drinks, music, a team trivia contest, a classic car show, and adoptable dogs. They sold McLean-themed items. The event raised approximately \$3,100.
- Erected three new welcome signs at the entrances to town. The cost was \$1,000 which was paid for in part by the Get Your 6.6 on Route 66.

Neoga:

- The annual NPP Co-Ed Softball tournament fundraiser was held in August. Six teams competed for a \$500 grand prize. Raised approximately \$1500.
- Held Sooeefest on September 29, 2018. NPP raised just over \$1,000 which it donated to the Neoga Theater Arts Fund. Some activities included a 'smore-off,' kids games, vendors, and local musicians.

Oregon:

- \$100,000 was donated by the Etnyre Foundation to support the Black Hawk Statue Restoration.
- Offered scenic bus tours in and around Oregon during the month of August.
- Held an Oregon Together 'Regathering' event September 13, 2018 to bring the community together to highlight Oregon Together's progress and share ideas for the future.
- Oregon Together received their 501c3 designation.
- Scheduled an ongoing series of movie events all summer.

Pana:

- Yard of the Month Committee judged and awarded a residential Yard of the Month, Business of the Month, and then in August the public voted on a 'People's Choice Award.' The winners were interviewed, photos taken, a story about the awards ran in 2 newspapers.
- Organized the Pana Pride Cookout on July 20, 2018.
- The local AAMP group (Autism and Movement Project) provided 11 volunteers to work decorate for the downtown lampposts and the Little Ireland Memorial Park.
- Pana Pride hosted the following beautification projects:
 - Sanded and painted the rail on the incoming highway
 - Pulled weeds downtown - 1 hour/4 people
 - Pana Labor Day Parade route cleanup
 - Dumpster Days
 - Mum planting on City Hall and Welcome to Pana signs
 - Watering flowers and landscaping weekly at the Welcome to Pana signs and City Hall



Group photo at the 5th annual Get Your 6.6 on Route 66 run/walk.



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Pana Pride Cookout.

Rushville:

- Formed a new chamber of commerce.
- Plans are progressing for the Rushville Fitness and Community Center. Architectural plans have been finalized and a ribbon cutting is planned for October 14, 2018. Currently 440 Community members have signed up for memberships. An anonymous donation of \$2,000,000 was received for the community center.

Savanna:

- Organized 'Dog Days of Summer First Friday' on July 6, 2018 for First Friday.
- Hosted a First Friday complete with a parade of flamingos on August 3, 2018.
- Coordinated a 'First Friday Happy Harvest' event on September 7, 2018.

Shelby County Partners:

- Held the Shelby County Bicentennial Tractor Drive with 27 participants.
- Held a 'Passport to Shelbyville' game with the Shelbyville Business Community, bringing people into our businesses to see what we have to offer.
- Organized the Second Shelby County Bicentennial Vendor Fair and the Community Garden had a booth selling sandwiches.

Stewardson:

- Hosted the Stewardson Little Free Library 'Get Caught Up in a Great Adventure' event including a tour of libraries, an opportunity to meet local authors and prizes on September 9, 2018.

Stockton:

- Organized the annual NW IL Art and Jazz Fest in July 21st and 22nd with over 35 artist vendors, live jazz performances, and a mural painting.
- Organized the Movie in the Park in August.
- Stockton Strong partnered with the chamber and held their annual 'Fall Into Stockton' event.
- Took part in the Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing Fundraiser and raised \$4,650.

Strasburg:

- Organized the Farmer's Market. Between 250 and 350 people attended the market each week and approximately \$1,200 was raised. SCAN held multiple fundraisers at the Farmer's Market and also added features such as free ice cream and bouncy houses for kids.

Walnut:

- \$10,000 was donated for a community walking/bike trail at a community interest meeting by Pass It Along, a local non-profit resale shop.
- Organized a Cash Mob event on August 11th to promote shopping local.
- Created a Pop-Up Shop initiative offering daily and monthly rates to encourage potential business owners to try out a business downtown.
- Working on Walnut completed an application for the OSLAD grant.

Winchester:

- Designed a new logo 'Be Local Winchester' and offered Be Local t-shirts, community calendar magnets and 'Be Local' window clings for sale at town meeting.
- Coordinated a Cash Mob event at Tipsords' Turf and Landscape – Florist and Gifts on August 11, 2018 and over 25 people attended.
- Held Winchester MAPPING Town Meeting September 8, 2018 with 117 people in attendance.
- Held a Community Park Work Day with 20 volunteers, September 15, 2018.
- Held a Winchester Vintage Picker's Market September 29-30, 2018.
- Planning a Haunted House for the basement of the Old School Museum.
- Commissioned a mural entitled 'Lincoln's poems to Linnie and Rosa.'



Residents kicking off the 4th of July weekend with the First Friday in downtown Savanna.



Bouncy house at the Strasburg Farmer's Market.



New Mural in Stockton painted during the NW IL Art and Jazz Fest



\$10,000 was donated to the bike trail at the community meeting by Pass It Along, our local non-profit resale shop.



Winchester locals showing off their 'Be Local Winchester' shirts.



Residents enjoying the concert at Windsor Harvest Picnic.

Windsor:

- Creating brochures and a quilt showing churches of the community to be displayed during the Bicentennial Smithsonian exhibit 'Museum on Main Street.'
- Windsor Happenings Around Town (WHAT) provided food for a local auction with approximately 100 in attendance and \$398 raised.
- WHAT sold desserts as a fundraiser in support of the annual Windsor Harvest Picnic. Approximately 10,000 people attended with \$769 raised.
- Organized the annual Fall Plant Sale selling mums via preorder with \$190 raised.
- The beautification team maintained plantings at Village entrances, on Main Street, and at the park.

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It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things.

Leonardo da Vinci



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