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Highlights of 2018

MAPPING communities have had a productive year. Here are some highlights:
(Please note this is not a comprehensive list)



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Argenta, pop. 974 (MAPPING 2016):



Participants enjoy a live ice carving demonstration during the 2nd annual Argenta IceFest.



ACPA leading the parade in Assumption.



ACPA presentation from Peace Corps Fellow Intern Pape Cissé.



The circus has arrived in Assumption.

- Hosted the 2nd annual Argenta Ice Fest on February 10th. This year Argenta In Motion (AIM) added an evening lighting ceremony to highlight sculptures at night. AIM also hosted a Chili Cook Off as part of the festivities.
- Organized a maintaining the momentum session May 15th and potluck with Gisele Hamm and Linda Lee Blaine.
- Organized a Throwback Theater in the Park series in June and July showing a movie every 2 weeks with between 100 and 150 people attending each movie.
- Coordinated a 'Junk in the Trunk' sale during the community wide rummage sales.
- Hosted a roadside clean up walk.
- Collaborated with the Baptist and Methodist Churches to host a large group (approximately 225) of bicyclists. Volunteers donated baked goods and drinks, and welcomed the cyclists to town.
- Decorated the flower pots downtown for fall.
- AIM members were in the homecoming parade and gave candy out along the route.

Assumption, pop. 1,168 (MAPPING 2016):

- Held the second annual Jigsaw Puzzle Night on January 28th and had 5 teams participate. Approximately \$300 was raised at the event.
- Beautification team solicited donations to decorate the historic garbage cans with holiday greenery.
- ACPA was named the Grand Marshal of the Assumption Fest parade and led the parade and threw candy and collected money for St. Jude's. Collected almost \$700 in donations.
- Hosted a Summer VISTA to coordinate the summer feeding and recreation program an average of 15 kids participated daily.
- Coordinated the Yard of the Month for 2018 including a special Yard of the Month for the best home decorations for the holidays.
- Organized a Historic Homes Walking Tour.
- Spruced up the pollinator garden for spring with the help of the CAM Raiders football team.
- Investigated doing a sister city arrangement with Pana.
- Applied for and received a Peace Corps Fellow from WIU who started in Fall 2018 and will complete an 11 month internship in Assumption.
- Took part in the St. Jude's Runners August 3rd and 4th which raised \$23,500.
- Organized a circus on September 30th. Approximately 515 people attended and the event raised \$550.
- Received \$525 in donations that will be used to buy new holiday decorations for 2018.
- Buy Local campaign is going well and more businesses are participating. Two new businesses opened in Spring 2018.
- Kicked off the Adopt a Pot program for the hanging baskets on Chestnut Street.
- Submitted a grant to MiracleGro for benches, identification charts and raised beds for the pollinator garden.
- ACPA made improvements to the library garden including planting perennials and a smell garden, adding a bench painted to look like a book, and refinishing the Little House on the Prairie bench.

- ACPA donated \$20,000 for the demolition of 4 buildings that the city deemed unsafe in downtown.
- Store windows downtown were decorated with winter scenes and the historic cans were decorated with greenery, peppermint sticks and holiday signs.
- Hosted the annual Festival of Trees and raised over \$400.
- Coordinated the Assumption Christmas Lighting events on November 24th that 150 people attended. Events included carriage rides, hot cocoa and coffee, visits with Santa, and a 1 K 'Dash the Halls' fun run with 100 runners.
- Sponsored a tour of historic churches in Assumption on December 9th.
- Organized a 'Meet Up Assumption' to engage the public and get input as well as recruit volunteers on December 10th that 20 people attended.
- Volunteers decorated Railroad Park on November 10th for the winter holidays.
- Organized a Trunk or Treat and costume parade event for Halloween on October 30th. Over 30 local businesses and organizations set up 'trunks' and 200 kids participated.



Kids enjoying a bounce house in Assumption before the movie.



Volunteers planting flowers downtown in Downs.

Carthage, pop. 2,657 (MAPPING 1991, 2013):

- Hosted a summer VISTA volunteer to run the summer feeding program.
- Organized a Memorial Day Parade and Family Days on May 26th.
- Organized a village wide yard sale on September 22nd & 23rd.
- Hosted "Shop around the Block" to promote shopping locally for the holidays. Approximately 700 attended.
- Held the 25th annual Christmas Open House with over 800 attending.
- Organized Small Business Saturday with local retailers and welcomed approximately 300 shoppers.
- Hancock County CEO class organized Breakfast with Santa and worked with local businesses to offer specials and discounts for those who purchased tickets. Event raised \$2,000 and approximately 165 attended.
- Looking for Lincoln wayside exhibits were replaced with new exhibits throughout Hancock County.
- Legacy Theater Foundation hosted a wide variety of shows including Blackwood Quartet, Illinois Rail, and Celtic Yuletide in 2018. Over 5,000 people attended performances.
- Carthage Industrial Development Corporation was awarded a USDA RD grant to survey and plat acreage for new development in industrial park.



Kids in Downs getting ready for the 'trunk or treat.'

Creve Coeur, pop. 5,451 (MAPPING 2016):

- Coordinated the 2018 Holiday Home Decorating Contest.
- Organized the 3rd annual tree lighting ceremony with local entertainment and hot cocoa.
- Hosted a meeting to coordinate all the organizations in town toward a common purpose.
- Organized a village wide yard sale.
- Held a fall cleanup and tire/TV recycling event.



Christmas Light competition winner in Creve Coeur.



Residents enjoying a hayride in Durand.



Buddy was very excited about decorating for Christmas in Hillsboro.



Shoppers stop for a picture with Elfe in Elizabeth.

Downs, pop. 1,005 (MAPPING 2018):

- Organized work days at the park to paint garbage cans and make additional improvements to the park.
- Collaborated with the Village on radio advertising promoting the community and advertising businesses and events.
- Solicited donations and sold raffle tickets to support the 4th of July fireworks.
- Organized a clean-up day followed by a movie in the park.
- Worked with the Village to offer free hearing screenings in September.
- Installed 4 pots of flowers in the downtown.
- Updated the list of businesses on the Village website.
- Citizens in Action (CIA) coordinated 'Downs Dooley Park Holiday Wonderland' and decorated the park and community for Christmas.
- Organized a residential Christmas decoration contest and announced winners on Christmas Eve.
- CIA assisted with the Downs Haunted House for Halloween. Over 3,500 people attended the event and CIA sold concessions each night.
- CIA organized the Down Un-haunted house on October 28th and almost 400 kids attended and enjoyed Disney characters, hayrack rides, the Oscar Mayer Weiner mobile, and free hot chocolate.
- Hosted Cookies with Santa on December 8th and 9th. Almost 300 kids visited Santa and enjoyed milk and cookies.

Durand, pop. 1,443 (MAPPING 2013):

- Hosted a workshop on "Do-it-Yourself Taxes... A Good Idea or Not?" January 15th.
- Sponsored a meet the candidates event on Feb 27th.
- Received an ITEP Grant from IDOT for \$1,289,560 for a downtown streetscape project.
- Created a database of available residential and commercial properties for the Durand and Lake Summerset communities.
- Organized a 2018 Spring Plant Sale on May 4th.
- Partnered with CUSD #322 and the YMCA of the Rock River Valley on a community needs survey to gauge interest in bringing YMCA programming to Durand.
- Held a consignment auction August 11th.
- Organized the 4th annual Fourth of July Duck Race. Approximately 150 people attended and raised \$1,600.
- Organized Movies Under the Stars events on June 8th, July 13th, and August 3rd.
- Organized 'Chalk Art in the Park' a community art event in Saelens Park. Approximately 25 people attended.
- Organized Harvest Hayride event on September 22nd.
- Decorated the center square with American flags, poles, lights, and large fan flag bunting.
- Awarded prizes for best Christmas decorations in the 'Merry and Bright Christmas Lighting Contest.'
- Coordinated the Candy Lane Craft Show on November 18th as a fundraiser for Durand Charm.
- Organized 'Halloween on the Square' on October 27th that included a magic show, children's parade, costume contest, trunk or treat, and hayrides.

- Worked with the Village of Durand on the development of the Durand Disc Golf Course which opened in November, 2018. The Steelglove family donated the funding for development of the course.
- Worked with the Durand School District on a memorial tree planting program in the School District's outdoor learning environment.
- Organized the annual scarecrow decorating contest – including a new People's Choice award.
- Collaborated with the Durand State Bank on a Realtor's Open House which included a tour of the community, information on the Village, and available lending from local banks such as the Durand State Bank.



Youth selling baked goods during the Elizabeth Spring Fling.

Elizabeth, pop. 761 (MAPPING 2013):

- Received an ITEP Grant from IDOT for \$49,400 for downtown sidewalk improvements.
- Sand Prairie Fiber is working with the community to install a fiber optic internet network.
- GEAR hosted the 6th annual Chili Cook Off.
- Organized a "Ride the Ups and Downs" bike race on May 5th.
- Coordinated the June 2nd Spring Fling with garage sales, bounce houses, petting zoo, fire station hog roast and a grand opening for Jane Marie's Boutique.
- Coordinated the 2018 Farmers Market that opened May 4th.
- Launched the 2018 Movies in the Park with 'Greatest Showman' on June 6th.
- Organized a 2 mile run/walk 'Mustache Dache' where participants received a fake mustache to wear during the race.
- Installed new banners downtown.
- Launched the 2018 Adopt-A-Pot program.
- Celebrated the 150th Anniversary of Elizabeth, IL from July 20th-22nd. Approximately 5,000 people attended over the three days. Organized a raffle for the 150th anniversary celebration. For \$5, people received a commemorative button and a chance to win a variety of special prizes.
- Collaborated on the Garlic Fest on August 11th & 12th. Approximately 2,500 people attended the popular event.
- Organized 'Gathering of Elizabeths' on August 11th. Approximately 40 people attended.
- Drafted and distributed a daycare survey and have received over 200 responses to date.
- Held Christmas in the Village on December 1st and had over 300 attend, including a significant number of people from outside the community. Event raised \$240 for a local charity.
- Coordinated a Scarecrow Festival with a scarecrow decorating contest for businesses and residents.
- Decorated downtown for fall with corn stalks around light poles downtown.
- Started 'Elfie in Elizabeth' with a number of prizes donated by local businesses to incentivize people to shop local. Promotion included an 'Elfie' mannequin that visited local businesses and people were encouraged to take a picture with Elfie and post it to social media for a chance to win a prize.
- Continued the Christmas light decorating contest and awarded first, second and third place awards.



Garlic Fest underway in Elizabeth.



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



Findlay's Valentine Breakfast Flyer.



Hillsboro's Father Daughter Princess Ball.

Erie, pop. 1,602 (MAPPING 2018):

- Had a booth at the open house for the new village hall. The booth featured a tree that was decorated with residents' ideas for the future.
- Revitalize Erie had a booth at a holiday craft/vendor fair and a basket was given away at the end of the event.
- Set up a booth at the Watkins Basketball Tournament.
- Developed a list of 73 businesses that includes information on location, owners, type of business and status of business.
- Researched conducting a business retention and expansion survey.
- Inventoried available retail/commercial spaces. All vacant or underutilized properties have been identified and information about buying/leasing property has been gathered.



Hillsboro's annual European Style Harvest Market.

Findlay, pop. 723 (MAPPING 2011):

- Organized the 'Flip 4 Findlay' 5K run/walk at Eagle Creek State Park at the start of the Findlay Walleye Festival. Approximately 40 runners registered and raised \$896.
- Offered aluminum recycling and raised \$160.
- Partnered with the Village on a clean up day on June 9th.
- 2018 'Flip N' What Golf Outing' was held on June 10th and raised \$1,339.
- 2018 community garden was established and 5 people rented spaces.



Hillsboro residents enjoying the lake before the Cardboard boat Regatta.

Girard, pop. 2,103 (MAPPING 2014):

- Caps to Benches has continued progress with two more benches added for a total of five benches created.
- Macoupin Valley Trail sent one representative to Chicago for the Illinois Bike Summit.
- Hosted the Macoupin Valley Trail Country Tour a bike ride starting at the golf course trail head. Forty-seven people joined the ride and after the ride were treated to a live band, food, silent auction and a photo opportunity. The ride raised over \$3,000.

Hillsboro, pop.6,207 (MAPPING 2015):

- Organized the 4th annual Cardboard Boat Regatta on July 4th with over 500 in attendance.
- Organized the Farmers Market.
- Organized a Pork Patty Bratwurst Lunch fundraiser on August 17th.
- Launched the 2018 Adopt-a-Pot program.
- Organized a Back to School Clothing Shop. Local businesses collected clothes and back to school supplies. The shop helped over 200 students with back to school clothes/supplies.
- Organized a fundraiser to fund improvements to the pickleball courts.
- Offered a Tree Care workshop and 25 attended.
- Collaborated with U of I Extension on summer coding classes for junior and senior high school students.
- Partnering with the high school on a maker space that will be available to the community after school hours.
- Held a Tech Meet and Greet event at the Opera House. The Tech committee provided hors d'oeuvres for the gathering.
- Organized a workshop on herbs at the community garden and participants helped plant herbs.



Hillsboro resident sending their letter to Santa

- Organized the Summer Concert Series.
- Co-sponsored the third annual State of Hillsboro Breakfast.
- Organized a Mother Son Crazy Bowl.
- Hosted a Pack the Place fundraiser with Superheroes at Gianni's Pizza, and a percentage of the sales benefited the Mother Son Crazy Bowl.
- Held a Father Daughter Princess Ball, complete with Disney characters.
- Promoted Montgomery County's CEO fundraiser "A Night In New York".
- CTI began laying fiber optic line to bring high speed internet to Montgomery County.
- Organized the 2018 Storybook Christmas event on November 30th and December 1st. Included Christmas Parade, Christmas Market, Lighting Ceremony, Character Contest, Frosty 5K, contest for best decorated windows in a business, and local entertainment. Approximately 1,000 attended the event.
- Held a raffle for a vacation package including 4 tickets to St. Louis Union Station on the Polar Express, a hotel stay, tickets to A Charlie Brown Christmas and gift certificates for food/beverages.
- Released a map of the current and planned trails in the area.
- Offered a book signing and reading for *Sammy's Secret* by local author Patty Whitworth.
- Organized the 2018 Spooktacular Scramble golf tournament that raised over \$5,000.
- Organized Friday Night Lights to extend shopping hours until 8pm every Friday during December.
- Coordinated a Rake and Run event on November 10th. Event helped senior citizens and veterans who needed help with their leaves.
- Organized a Historic Haunts Walking Ghost Tour for adults as a fundraiser.
- Held the 4th Annual European Style Hillsboro Harvest Market on October 6th with vendors, entertainment, apron auction and a chili cook-off. Approximately 800 people attended the event.
- Created an online survey to evaluate the Chili Cook Off that was part of the 2018 Hillsboro Harvest Market.

Kewanee, pop. 12,944 (MAPPING 2002, 2011):

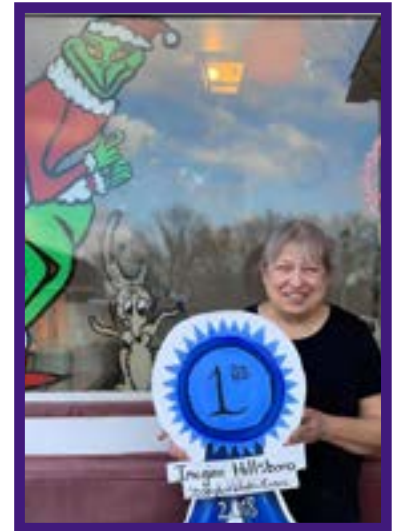
- Launched the 2018 Farmers Market.

LaHarpe, pop. 1,235 (MAPPING 2015):

- Organized 2018 Farmers Market.
- Planted flowers in the downtown and organized watering throughout the summer.

Lanark, pop. 1,457 (MAPPING 2014):

- Organized Spring Fling on March 17th with shopping, story time, and arts and crafts.
- Promoted Transformations, a local thrift store that funds beautification efforts around Lanark.
- Organized a Fashion Flip/Transformations sale during Old Settlers Day as a fundraiser.
- Coordinated the 2018 Farmers Market.
- Received the Governor's Hometown Award for the development of the Lanark Area Community Foundation.
- Organized Jingle Fest and Small Business Saturday. The event included 'A Taste of Holiday Treats', a vendor fair, photos with Santa, carolers, and a food drive.



Hillsboro's winner for best decorated windows in a business for Storybook Christmas.



Lanark Area Community Foundation Board Members pose with Governor Bruce Rauner.



Martinsville on the Move float for tonight's Parade of Lights.



Stockton Strong's Christmas tree.

Martinsville, pop. 1,161 (MAPPING 1996, 2012, 2017):

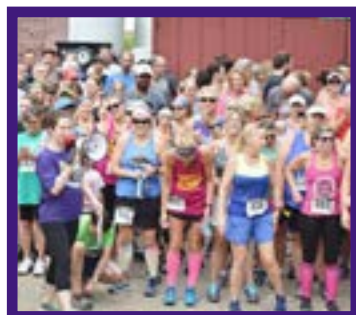
- Organized a Pork Burger Drive-thru as a fundraiser for Martinsville on the Move's Festivals and Events Committee.
- Sold donated plants at the Master Gardeners' Annual Plant and Bake Sale on May 5th.
- Organized a work day at Linn Park to clean the amphitheater and do landscaping.
- Offered a free concert by Trouble and Company June 23rd at the Linn Park Amphitheater and local restaurants had food for sale.
- Organized the Redneck Pool Party on August 4th.
- Hosted a concert by Lloyd Wood to kick off Heritage Days.
- Martinsville on the Move organized the annual Hometown Christmas celebration with a variety of events including a Candy Cane Hunt, ornament making for kids, free food and the Parade of Lights.
- Organized the Jingle Bell Fun Run/Walk on December 8th as part of Hometown Christmas. Participants received a glow necklace and jingle bell bracelet.

Mattoon, pop. 18,441 (MAPPING 1994, 2017):

- Organized a youth council that meets regularly to advise Mattoon in Motion on the needs and wants of Mattoon youth.
- Formed a team of staff members from organizations that target youth development.
- Hosted a workshop April 11th to brainstorm ideas with Ride Illinois for a bike plan sponsored by the Lumpkin Family Foundation.
- Hosted 8 Summer Associate VISTA volunteers to work on community garden and intergenerational programs.
- The tourism team helped plan and implement the ArtWorks festival.
- Applied for and received a Peace Corps Fellow intern who began in Fall 2018.
- Received \$12,000 Youth Engagement grant funded by Youth Service America.
- Organized a 'Kids in the Kitchen' partnership with Mattoon Public Library, University of Illinois Extension, Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center and Fit-2-Serve. First event was held in November and events will continue at the library quarterly throughout 2019.
- Organized Family Night at Franklin Preschool as a partnership of Mattoon Public Library, YMCA and Fit-2-Serve.
- Received \$2,500 from Mattoon Community Works to fund the Better Together Project including family nights and a garden space at Franklin Preschool.
- Developed 'Walk in My Shoes' (a senior sensitivity program) piloted by University of Illinois Extension office in partnership with Fit-2-Serve as an educational opportunity for 3rd graders participating in Generation-2-Generation.
- The Big Brothers Big Sisters organization and the Family Consumer Science program at Mattoon High School are developing a program for high school youth to serve as "bigs" for "littles" enrolled in elementary school.
- Fit-2-Serve presented to all JROTC classes on AmeriCorps and plans are underway to teach a six week talents-2-strengths workshop for the cadets this upcoming spring.
- Applied for a Google Impact Challenge Grant.
- Peace Corps Fellow, Carlos Ortega, has been investigating new ways to market the community online and on the interstate.



Shelby County promoting the CEO student event.



Runners ready for the 'Get Your 6.6 on Route 66' run.

- Developing a list of houses in need of paint and coordinating having them painted by volunteers Spring 2019.
- Spearheaded a collaboration between Lake Land College and local employer LSC Communications. Students who complete the 9 week course with a passing score are guaranteed employment at LSC Communications.
- The Business Development Team toured different business incubators to gain insight into creating a business incubator in Mattoon. Peace Corps Fellow Carlos Ortega and team members researched and projected the revenue and expenses of the proposed incubator for five years. The business plan has been drafted. The team is now working with designers and architects to develop the plan for the physical space that is being donated by Rural King.

McLean, pop. 799 (MAPPING 2010):

- Organized the 5th annual 'Get Your 6.6 on Route 66' run/walk from Funks Grove to McLean on August 25th. 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 leftover run/walk items (shot glasses, t-shirts, etc.) as well as other McLean-themed items. CORE McLean raised about \$3,100 from this event.
- Erected three new welcome signs at the entrances to town. The cost was \$1,000 which was paid for in part by proceeds from the Get Your 6.6 on Route 66.
- Launched an Instagram page with pictures of CORE projects.
- Organized the planting of flowers for the 2018 Adopt-A-Pot program.

Mt. Carroll, pop. 1,717 (MAPPING 2015):

- Organized eight week summer concert series on the square.
- Arranged a weekly winter concert from January to March 2018.

Neoga, pop. 1,636 (MAPPING 2013):

- The annual Neoga Partnership for Progress (NPP) Co-Ed Softball tournament fundraiser was held in August. Six teams competed for a \$500 grand prize. The event raised approximately \$1,500.
- Received an ITEP Grant from IDOT for \$26,400 for a shared use path project.
- Sooeyst was held on September 29th at Jennings Park in Neoga. NPP raised just over \$1,000 with the event. Ten teams competed in the annual smoke-off competition for a grand prize of \$500. NPP hosted a beer garden, ice cream stand, homemade pie contest, live local music, and a kiss-the-pig contest. Local community groups hosted kids games and other activities such as kids tractor pull, hair braiding, games, and other activities. Local vendors sold homemade crafts and other items.
- Formed a new committee focused on applying for grants. Members attended a grant writing class.
- Held a Halloween costume contest with approximately 50 participants.
- Hosted a Christmas tree lighting ceremony with approximately 100 in attendance.
- Organized the Resolutions 5K for New Year's Eve.



Volunteers in Neoga preparing the town Christmas tree.



Basket winners during Oregon Together's Chocolate Walk.



\$100,000 was donated by the Etnyre Foundation to support the Black Hawk Statue Restoration.



Oregon Together's "Winter 61061" photo show.



Pana Pride received an award of \$3,500 for excellent performance in the Elevate Community Challenge.



Pana Pride presenting the Business of the Month award.



Pana Pride Cookout.

Oregon, pop. 3,721 (MAPPING 2016):

- Held a very successful photo show titled 'Winter 61061' with an opening reception March 2nd.
- Promoted the grand opening of Cork and Tap.
- Designed t-shirts as a fundraiser for the restoration of the Black Hawk Statue.
- Held a luncheon to fundraise for the restoration of the Black Hawk Statue on May 20th.
- Organized the 2nd annual Chocolate Walk with 39 businesses participating. Ten volunteers coordinated the event. Over 100 people participated.
- Held a regathering meeting to update everyone on the progress of Oregon Together.
- Held the 2nd annual Rockin' River Fest on June 16th. The event attracted 1,000 participants and 150 people volunteered for the event. More than \$10,000 was raised in sponsorships to produce the event.
- Held a series of free movie nights in the Coliseum, with businesses sponsoring the events. Approximately 100 community members attended each event and raised approximately \$950.
- Received an ITEP Grant from IDOT for \$20,160 for streetscaping along Washington Street.
- Park District received an ITEP Grant from IDOT for \$1,086,100 for the Rock River Heritage Trail.
- Hosted a holiday volunteer social to celebrate the Oregon Together volunteers.
- Oregon Together received a 'Community Builders' award from the Oregon Masonic Lodge.
- Partnered with the Ogle County Historical Society to relocate a historic brick summer kitchen originally built by the town's founder John Phelps.
- Organized the 'Autumn 61061' photography show at the gallery upstairs at the Cork and Tap. The show opened with a reception held November 2nd.
- Worked with kids at the Oregon Elementary School to raise money for the restoration of the Black Hawk statue. Alfano's Pizza and Oregon Together treated the class that raised the most to a pizza party.
- Organized a Halloween High Tea on October 20th complete with costumes, door prizes, a meal, and a talk on the healing benefits of tea.
- Announced that Oregon Together Black Hawk Team raised the necessary funds to restore the statue and local landmark. The team received a \$100,000 grant from Etnyre Foundation, raised \$125,00 with local fundraisers, and received a \$350,000 Illinois Department of Natural Resources grant.

Pana, pop. 5,847 (MAPPING 2016):

- Gave City Hall a makeover with new landscaping, curb painting, and mulch.
- Coordinated a roadway clean up on May 1st.
- Worked with the Cub Scouts on a clean-up of alleyways downtown on April 18th.
- Organized a clean-up day along the bike trail on April 17th.
- Had an Open House on May 31st at the new Pana Pride office to celebrate Pana Pride's successes and encourage more people to get involved.
- Created a float for Pana Labor Day Parade. Pana Pride collected Hot Wheels toy cars and donations to buy toy cars. Collaborated with the car show to pass out Hot Wheels cars during the Labor Day Parade.

- Researched a new 'Welcome to Pana' sign including visiting other towns, taking pictures and pricing signs.
- Decorated the downtown memorial parks including new decorations at the Railroad Depot and adding floral designs to downtown lamp posts.
- Assisted the hospital with a 5K fun run for Memorial Day weekend.
- Raising money and assessing sites for the development of a dog park.
- Yard of the Month Committee awarded a residential Yard of the Month, Business of the Month, and in August the public voted on a 'People's Choice Award.' The winners received a sign for their yard, \$25 in Chamber of Commerce Cash, and an article in two papers.
- Organized the Pana Pride Cookout on July 20th.
- The local AAMP group (Autism and Movement Project) added seasonal decorations to the downtown lampposts and the Little Ireland Memorial Park.
- Beautification team projects:
 - Pana Pride opened an office and installed a sign.
 - Sanded and painted the rail on the incoming highway.
 - Pulled weeds downtown.
 - Pana Labor Day Parade route cleanup.
 - Dumpster Days.
 - Mum planting at City Hall and around the 'Welcome to Pana' Signs.
 - Watering flowers and landscaping weekly at the 'Welcome to Pana' signs and City Hall.
 - Volunteers put up flags downtown for Veterans Day.
 - Replaced the trees downtown that didn't survive the summer.
- Volunteers created a float for the Christmas Parade.
- Assisted with the Christmas Light Display at the fairgrounds by providing volunteers to man the entrance booth and serve cookies with Santa.
- Pana Pride received an award of \$3,500 for excellent performance in the Elevate Community Challenge.

Pittsfield, pop. 4,576 (MAPPING 2018):

- Wrote a successful grant application for \$15,000 to establish a Frisbee golf course.
- Submitted a Safe Routes to Parks grant proposal to the JPB Foundation.
- Completed a needs assessment for parks and ranked goals by priority.
- Created a photo opportunity for Girls Night Out with a picture frame and incentivized approximately 150 people to post a photo to social media with a chance to win a gift basket.
- Preparing for their first Cash Mob in 2019. They have drafted a letter and sent it to retail businesses to determine which ones would be good to 'mob'.
- Started developing a welcome packet for new resident and businesses.
- Worked with McDonald's to give employees with a Work Ready certificate a 25 cent per hour raise.



Picture Pittsfield getting prepared for their Girls Night Out Social Media Event.



Pittsfield residents enjoying Girls Night Out with Picture Pittsfield.



Tim is ready to sign up new members for the Rushville Fitness and Community Center.



A photo with santa in Stewardson.



People enjoying Easter festivities in Stewardson.



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



Participants getting ready for the 2018 Hoofin' to the Cow race in Stewardson.

Rushville, pop. 3,229 (MAPPING 1991, 2001, 2013):

- Announced the receipt of a significant anonymous gift for the development of the Rushville Fitness and Community Center. The city donated 2.8 acres of land for the project. The team has developed a logo, website and Facebook page for the new center. Architectural plans have been finalized and a ground breaking ceremony was held in October. The team organized multiple events to register members at local businesses and have signed up over 440 members.
- Launched a new Chamber of Commerce and started soliciting memberships.
- Organized a city-wide yard sale on June 2nd.
- Held a 'Deck your Windows' contest for area businesses with winners announced both for best live window and best decorated windows.
- New Rushville Chamber of Commerce worked with area businesses to organize special deals for Small Business Saturday. They also put together a map of businesses participating in Small Business Saturday.
- Held a ribbon cutting on November 15th at the new Double K Car Wash LLC. Approximately 50 people attended.
- Held a ribbon cutting for Benny's Pizza on November 12th.
- Organized a Chamber Forum on October 29th. Over 50 participants attended the event and five new businesses joined the chamber.
- Hosted a ribbon cutting for a new Edward Jones office in Rushville.
- Organized the annual Rushville Merchant Halloween Walk.
- Designed window clings to promote the Chamber and gave them out to participating businesses.
- Created an online survey for the Chamber of Commerce to get public input into the potential role of the Chamber and benefits to members.
- Organized the annual Christmas punch cards to promote shopping locally.

Savanna, pop. 3,542 (MAPPING 2003, 2013):

- Hosted the 4th annual plant and bake sale. Donations were requested for plants and baked goods and volunteers labeled and sold the items. The event raised \$1,406 and approximately 200 people attended.
- Organized a First Friday event each month with shopping, live entertainment, and dining opportunities.
- Organized a work day to plant flowers in downtown pots on May 19th.

Shelbyville, pop 4,971 (MAPPING 2011):

- Received an ITEP grant from IDOT for \$42,480 for the 'Phase 10 Bike Path.'
- Secured a \$5,000 grant for the endangered Chautauqua building.
- Organized a Bicentennial event for May 6th with a history of music. Received a grant of \$2000 from the County for the event.
- Held a ribbon cutting for Shelbyville Community Garden in April. Received a \$75 donation for the community garden.
- Organized speakers and musicians to perform while the Smithsonian Institute "Museum on Main: Crossroads: Change in Rural America" is in Shelbyville.
- Assisted in several fundraisers for the Chautauqua Preservation Committee.
- Created articles on Shelby County history for the Illinois Bicentennial Committee.
- The Shelbyville EDC worked on attracting developers to Shelbyville to build new housing. Worked with WIU/IIRA on a survey.

Shelby County Partners:

- Organized Main St. Makeover events in Stewardson, Strasburg, Shelbyville, Windsor and Findlay.
- Shelby County CEO class organized a trade show May 4th.
- Organized a food drive for Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service and received 480 food items for the local pantry and \$350 in donations.

Stewardson, pop. 716 (MAPPING 2010):

- Held a fish fry with promotional videos and raised \$1,100.
- Planned pictures with the Easter Bunny for April 1st.
- Organized the 2018 'Hoofin' to the Cow' 5K race on June 2nd.
- Partnered with the Stewardson Fire Department on the Independence Day festivities including a parade, a Mister Heifer Contest, food vendors and fireworks.
- Hosted the Stewardson Little Free Library event on September 9th.
- Collected donations of hygiene products for foster children.
- Collaborated with the First National Bank of Waterloo to organize free pictures with Santa on December 15th.
- Offered a cookie walk and a snowman painting class as part of 'Jingle and Mingle' on December 1st and raised funds for the park improvements. Donations were also received for foster children in central Illinois.
- Helped organize a Halloween Harvest Parade with prizes for best costumes and offered food and a cake walk after the parade.

Stockton, pop. 1,862 (MAPPING 2014):

- Planted flowers in pots along Highway 20 and around downtown.
- Held a fundraiser with Schwan's and a percentage of each sale was donated to Stockton Strong.
- Organized the 3rd annual Family Fun Walk/Run on April 27th.
- Took part in the Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing Fundraiser and raised \$4,650. These funds will be used to provide a scholarship, fund the ArtFest, free movie nights, and the fun run in the spring.
- Stockton Strong offered their first scholarship to a graduating senior who is pursuing their education in leadership and community development.
- Organized the 4th Annual NW IL Art and Jazz Fest in July.
- Commissioned a mural to be painted on a downtown building during the 4th annual NW IL Art and Jazz Fest.
- Organized a Movie in the Park in August.
- The chamber held their annual 'Fall Into Stockton' event. Stockton Strong members volunteered to help with this event.



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



Strasburg's Basket Binga Flyer.



Strasburg's Traveling Gnome Gnorman traveling to area businesses to highlight what they have to offer.



Participants in the Walnut Cash Mob at the Walnut Acres Country Store.



Patriotic Painting Party underway in Walnut.



Winchester worked with graphic artist Katy Lashmett on a design for their MAPPING effort.



Kids enjoying a sledding day in Walnut.

Strasburg, pop. 467 (MAPPING 2007, 2017):

- Held a 'Dining in the Dark' event in April and raised \$500.
- Traveling gnome Gnorman started visiting area businesses to highlight what they have to offer.
- Participated in Main Street Makeover on April 21st. Purchased new landscaping rock for the community center.
- Welcomed to town Jean-Yves Bard from Strasbourg, France who visited all the Strasburgs in North America.
- The Seasoned Citizens organized a road trip to Charleston on April 25th.
- Launched 2018 Farmers Market (June through August). Market kickoff included Strawberry Fest and a pork sandwich meal. Throughout the summer, the Farmers Market had many special events and features. Approximately 350 people attended Strawberry Fest and \$1,200 raised.
- Held a Krispy Kreme Donut fundraiser.
- Held a birthday party for the June 27th Stew-Stras Area Seasoned Citizens.
- Organized the annual Christmas Lighting Contest.
- Year End Celebration and Holiday Stroll was held and raised \$300. Approximately 50 people participated.
- SCAN formed the 'Little Hatchets Sports Club' for children ages pre-school to 2nd grade. Ten volunteers are working with 38 kids.
- Sold 2 lots in the York Acres Subdivision and raised \$5,000.
- Organized the annual 'Santa Brigade Breakfast and Market.' Approximately 150 people attended the event and \$3,000 was raised.
- Held a car show which raised \$4,000 and over 100 people attended.
- SCAN is working to establish Little Free Libraries in the community and have one library installed.

Sullivan, pop. 4,440 (MAPPING 2018):

- The housing committee is working with USDA and IHDA on funding for housing development.
- Organized an event for Small Business Saturday and gave away two Little Theater on the Square season tickets and \$250 in Sullivan Chamber Bucks.
- Worked with the Little Theater on the Square to offer a free community movie on November 24th.
- Offered hot cocoa and a photo opportunity to Sullivan's Old Fashioned Christmas. Team gave away at least 160 cups of cocoa.

Walnut, pop. 1,416 (MAPPING 2017):

- Completed a Cash Mob on March 17th at the Walnut Acres Country Store and on August 11th at Pass-It-Along.
- Organized a sledding party with 60 to 70 participants.
- Held a Maintaining the Momentum Session to celebrate WOW accomplishments of the first year and plan for year two.
- Encouraged community to use Amazon Smiles to benefit Working on Walnut.
- Hosted second annual Fall Fest Eve with a chili cook-off and pie baking contest. Event had over 100 attendees, and raised about \$500 for future events.
- Coordinated volunteers to load and haul away the rubble from the previously demolished building and back fill the resulting hole, saving the Village of Walnut approximately \$100,000.
- Sold repurposed bleacher boards and raised about \$1,500 for the Walnut Park Trail during Fall Fest on Main.
- Hosted the first "Pop Up Shop" at the Walnut Main Street Revitalization-owned property during Fall Fest on Main.

- Held a Taste of Walnut on May 5th and approximately 100 participated.
- Organized a two day Nerf war June 22nd and 23rd at Sunset Ridge MX and approximately 160 youths participated.
- Held an open house to tour the empty buildings renovated by Walnut Main Street Revitalization on June 30th.
- Organized a 'Patriotic Painting Party.' People could register for a spot and they were provided with paint and brushes and allowed to create a patriotic picture on the parade route to be seen during the 4th of July parade.
- Conducted a community meeting with 13 people in attendance to get information out to other organizations and individuals. \$10,000 was donated to the bike trail at the community meeting by Pass-It-Along, the local non-profit resale shop.
- Attended an event in Oglesby to learn more about funding opportunities. Following this event, the group completed an application for the OSLAD grant.
- Hosted Walnut's second mattress sale and raised approximately \$3,000 for the Walnut Park Trail.



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

Winchester, pop. 1,769 (MAPPING 1997, 2018):

- Organized a 'Cash Mob' on May 12 at Dorsey's Hardware. Approximately 35 people attended and each pledged to spend \$20.
- Developed and administered a survey to gauge community interest in parks, recreation, fitness and entertainment.
- Ordered new trash receptacles for Douglas Park and downtown. They are being funded by the Winchester Civic Group.
- Developed the 'Be Local' logo.
- Recruited a new business, Paradise Shaved Ice to Winchester. Opening night was a success with 199 customers.
- Organized a weekly Music in the Park program with a meal sold as a fundraiser each week. The music series kicked off June 7th.
- Hosted Movies in the Park every Friday during the summer.
- Organized a clean-up day with the Winchester High School Leadership group. They did yard work at the Winchester Library, the fairgrounds and the Scott County Nursing Home.
- Organized a New Year's Eve Party at the Old School Museum. The event featured live music, hors d'oeuvres, and drinks.
- Started a lighted Christmas parade for this year's Hometown Christmas. The Civic Group also coordinated vendors to be set up around town and had a booth themselves.
- Offered Memory Trees for sales for Winchester Hometown Christmas. These living trees could be purchased in memory of a loved one and were lightly adorned and displayed around downtown during Winchester Hometown Christmas.
- Helped organize Ladies Night Out.
- Sold mugs featuring the Be Local Winchester Logo for Ladies Night Out and Hometown Christmas.
- Buck and Jo's Too Café hosted a Thanksgiving dinner with a percentage of the proceeds benefiting the Winchester Civic Group.
- Organized volunteers to decorate the square for Christmas.
- The Civic Group commissioned a mural featuring Lincoln inspired by his poems to Linnie and Rosa. The mural was commissioned as part of the Paint the Town initiative.
- Sold pictures of historic sites during a presentation by a Lincoln impersonator for the Illinois Bicentennial on November 28th.
- Organized the Haunted House for the community October 26th to 30th at the old school museum.



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



Sullivan Spark's 'A few of my Favorite Things' chalkboard during Old Fashioned Christmas.



Residents enjoying the concert at Windsor Harvest Picnic.

Windsor, pop. 1,029 (MAPPING 2011):

- Assisted with the Spores 'n More festival on April 20th and 21st.
- Documented the history of Windsor by creating brochures and a quilt showing churches of the community to be displayed in Shelbyville during the Bicentennial Smithsonian exhibit Museum on Main Street.
- Assisted with the Windsor Harvest Picnic. The group sold desserts as a fundraiser in support of the annual Windsor Harvest Picnic. Approximately 10,000 people attended and \$769 was raised.
- Windsor Happenings Around Town (WHAT) provided food for a local auction with approximately 100 in attendance and raised \$398.
- WHAT participated in the Fall Plant Sale selling mums via preorder and raised \$190.
- WHAT continued maintaining plantings at entrances, on Maine Street and at the park.
- Organized a craft vendor event on June 2nd as well as town wide rummage sales.
- Participated in Main Street Makeover and cleaned flowerbeds at the city park and American Legion.
- Collaborated with Findlay on the 2018 Flip 'N What golf outing. Raised \$1,339 for each community.
- Organized the 2018 Spring Plant Sale and raised \$739.
- Promoted the CEO program and the trade show.
- Encouraged community members to make end of year charitable donations to the Windsor Community Foundation/WHAT.

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