



# MEDP'S NewsFlash

SPECIAL ISSUE

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## MEDP Names Dean Plovich Young Leader of The Year

"I would like to congratulate those nominated for the 'Top 25 Young Leaders' of Macoupin County at the 1st Annual Macoupin Economic Development Partnership Dinner on June 9th at the Gillespie Civic Center. There were many great people nominated, and I feel honored to have been named along with them, as a young leader of Macoupin County.

"The MEDP has done something wonderful, in that we are joining together to

support Macoupin business, large and small. Small business is the fundamental core of Macoupin County. I'm very proud of my parents Terry and JoAnn for being small business owners/entrepreneurs in Macoupin County for over three decades. My grandparents, John and Dorothy Plovich, were also small business owners in Macoupin, running a tavern in Benld for many years. They both taught me that hard work, dedication, and being honest will help

This is a special NewsFlash dedicated to those Named Top 25, Under 45 Macoupin Made Young Leaders at the MEDP Annual Dinner on June 9, 2011.

Candidates were selected based on their attributes/qualities/characteristics that enable them to inspire others. Professional achievements, activities and community involvement. Particular attention was paid to the nominee's overall commitment to and impact on the Macoupin County region. One nominee was named Leader of the Year.

you succeed in any occupation in life that you choose. I see those same traits in the young leaders of Macoupin that were selected last Thursday evening, and it makes me proud to have been nominated along with this great group of young leaders.

"Thank you again to the entire MEDP Board, Shari Albrecht, and Courtney Wood for putting on a wonderful event. I'm very proud to have been named the Macoupin Made Young Leader for 2011."

Sincerely,  
Dean Plovich

**Name:** Dean Plovich

**Position & Co.:** Lt. Colonel, Macoupin County Sheriff's Dept - Jail Administrator  
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**Social Networking:** Face-

book

**Education:** Bachelor of Liberal Arts, SIU-Edwardsville

**Family:** Wife, Catherine, Son Matthew (2), and daughter Alex (16)

**Affiliations:** Secretary, Benld Rotary Club; Benld Lions Club; Litchfield Moose Lodge

**When I was 10, I wanted to be...** A Police Officer

**Best thing about living and or working in Macoupin County?** I love knowing the people of Macoupin County. Simply put, it's home.

**Favorite Charity:** Albert Pujols Foundation - For Children living with Down Syndrome

**Favorite Quote:** "Some dream of success while others wake up and work hard at it."

# 2011 Top 25, Under 45

## Macoupin Made Young Leaders



**Name:** Brad Ambuel

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**Education:** Diploma from Sanford-Brown Business College

**Family:** wife, Kathryn (Katie) Ambuel; Children: Karly (11) and Jake (10)

**Affiliations:** Cross Church, Carlinville, IL; President Carlinville Fire Dept.; Treasurer Cavie Crusher Baseball Club

**If someone wrote a biography about you, what do you think the title should be?** Help? The Guy Who Can't Say No

**When I was 10, I wanted to be...** Carpenter like my grandfather

**Best thing about living or working in Macoupin County?** Macoupin County is one of the few counties where people seem to genuinely care for one another. A lot of counties have the "all about me" complex, and Macoupin County is not that way.

**Favorite Charity:** "Help the Elf" with the Carlinville Fire Dept. or American Cancer Society

**Favorite Quote:** "If you're not making mistakes, you're not trying!!"



**Name:** Regina Byots

**Position & Co.:** Chief Operating Officer for Macoupin County Housing Authority and The Village at Morse Farm

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**Social Networking:** Facebook

**Education:** Associates Degree in Business Administration & Computers. Currently working on Executive Director Certification through PHADA (Public Housing Authorities Directors Association), Certified Housing Counselor through U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Certified Public Housing Manager through Nan McKay and Associates. Future plans under way to complete my Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Business.

**Family:** Husband Mike, Process Manager for U.S. Steel, Daughter Dominique "Nique", Freshman this Fall at Blackburn College majoring in Business and playing Soccer for Blackburn Beavers. Sons' Michael (9), J.D. (8) and Noah (4) all three boys are very active in sports as well.

**Affiliations:** President of the Macoupin County Interagency Council, President of the Carlinville Women's Softball League, Member of the Carlinville Soccer Board, CHS Soccer Booster President from 2008 to 2011, Coaches Little League Baseball and Soccer, Coached HS Girls Soccer from 2007-2011 during their off season, participates in a women's volleyball league in the fall and a

women's softball leagues in the summer. Member of Ageless fitness center in Gillespie. Member of SS. Mary & Joseph Church in Carlinville.

**If someone wrote a biography about you, what do you think the title should be?** Love & Balance

**When I was 10, I wanted to be...** Teacher

**Best thing about living or working in Macoupin County?** The best thing is that it feels that we are one big family. Being from communities such as ours gives you the opportunity to know everyone and not just be a sea of faces. Everyone reaches out to help each other. You cannot get the support like Macoupin County has in the big cities. It is fantastic to be able to walk into every local businesses and have them know you by your first name and appreciate your business. There are many talented people in Macoupin County and the way that everyone works together makes us one of the richest counties in the U.S. Personally it is nice having the extra eyes on my kids and knowing there are people watching over them that know and love them as well. It is a feeling of achievement being able to give back to the community.

**Favorite Charity:** American Cancer Society

**Favorite Quote:** "It doesn't do you any good to say you did your best if what was necessary wasn't achieved"



**Name:** David Cisler

**Position & Co.:** Owner/Broker/Appraiser --- Cisler & Associates Real Estate Inc.

**Age:** 40

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**Education:** BS Accounting/Minor Marketing – Southern Illinois University Edwardsville; Staunton High School, Staunton Illinois

**Family:** Susan (Wife), Andrew (15), Matthew (12), Joseph (7)

**Affiliations:** NAR (National Association of Realtors); SIRMLS (Vice President Board of Governors); Staunton Chamber of Commerce; Zion Lutheran Church in Staunton

**If someone wrote a biography about you, what do you think the title should be?** The Journey

**When I was 10, I wanted to be...** A School Teacher - Teaching Lower Grades

**Best thing about living or working in Macoupin**

**County?** Macoupin County is a great place to live and work geographically from Metro St. Louis. We offer all the services, shopping, and education in a small town/county atmosphere yet close enough to easily experience the culture, arts, and experiences of a larger metropolitan city.

**Favorite Charity:** Habitat for Humanity

**Favorite Quote:** "Luck favors the prepared" – Edna Mode The Incredibles



**Name:** Laura Dabbs

**Position & Co.:** Office Manager/ Bunker Hill Publications

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**Education:** Southwestern HS - 2000; McKendree University - 2003 Major: English/Writing

**Family:** Husband Brady and son, Logan (1)

**Affiliations:** Bethel Baptist Church - Jerseyville, IL

**If someone wrote a biography about you, what do you think the title should**

**be?** The Life and Times of a LRG GRL

**When I was 10, I wanted to be...** A Teacher

**Best thing about living or working in Macoupin County?** Friendly people and welcoming atmosphere

**Favorite Charity:** Ronald McDonald House

**Favorite Quote:** "The role of a writer is not to say what we all can say, but what we are unable to say." - Anais Nin



**Name:** Pete Duncan

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**Education:** Carlinville High School '05, Blackburn College

**Family:** Single

**Affiliations:** Illinois Association of County Clerk and Records

**If someone wrote a biography about you, what do**

**you think the title should be?** Stood Tall

**When I was 10, I wanted to be...** a Disney Cartoonist

**Best thing about living or working in Macoupin County?** Working in the County I've lived in my whole life, I get the chance to give back to the place that gave me so much.

**Favorite Charity:** First Books (firstbook.org) and Carlinville Christmas Shopping Spree

**Favorite Quote:** "So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and then when we summon the will, they soon become inevitable." - Christopher Reeve

**Name:** Jordan Garrison

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**Favorite Charity:** Salvation Army and Carlinville Food Pantry



**Name:** Bart Hassard

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iff's Department

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**Social Networking:** Facebook

**Education:** Staunton High School Class of 1989; Lewis Clark Community College Associates Degree in Criminal Justice 1993; Illinois State Police Academy Class of 400-44

**Family:** Wife – Jerilyn Hassard; Son – Brylie (12); Daughter – Grace (7)

**Affiliations:** Illinois Police and Fire Commission; Staunton Police Commission; Trinity Lutheran Church

**If someone wrote a biography about you, what do you think the title should be?** Life is a Journey - Live Each Day

**When I was 10, I wanted to be...** Someone who made a difference. I wanted to be a police officer. Twelve years later that became a reality. Today I still enjoy it because I like to help and interact with people.

**Best thing about living or working in Macoupin County?** I was born and raised in Macoupin County. Since 1994, I have worked throughout the County as a Deputy with the Macoupin County Sheriff's Department. I have witnessed many changes over the years and have enjoyed serving the people of the County. I have seen firsthand how living in a great community like Macoupin County makes a difference.

When someone needs a helping hand, Macoupin County comes together to support the cause.

**Favorite Charity:** Make-A-Wish – Because kids don't have a choice when life deals them a bad hand. Make-A-Wish allows kids to dream big and deal their own hand. With Make-A-Wish, BIG wishes can come true.

**Favorite Quote:** "GOD won't give you more than what you can handle."



**Name:** Jeff Hunn

**Position & Co.:** Outside Operations Superintendent/ Shipman Elevator Co.

**Age:** 41

**Education:** Southwestern High School

**Family:** Wife Angie and one son Cody, just graduated high school

**If someone wrote a biography about you, what do you think the title should be?** Wasted Time is Wasted Money

**When I was 10, I wanted to be...** A Farmer

**Best thing about living or working in Macoupin**

**County?** The County has an abundance of top quality people that aren't afraid of working hard at what they believe in!

**Favorite Charity:** American Cancer Society

**Favorite Quote:** "A Penny Saved is a Penny Earned"



**Name:** Dr. Poonam Jain

**Position & Co.:** Owner, Staunton Family Dentistry

**Age:** 43

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**Education:** DS: Delhi University; MS: The University of Iowa; MPH: Saint Louis University

**Family:** Husband: Dr. Raj Jain; Daughters: Kadambari, Surbhi and Sonali Jain

**Affiliations:** Associate Professor and Director of Community Dentistry, SIU School of Dental Medicine

**When I was 10, I wanted to be...** A Doctor

**Best thing about living or working in Macoupin County?** The people and the sense of belonging!

**Favorite Charity:** National

Public Radio; SIUE Foundation; Staunton Education Foundation

**Favorite Quote:** "Be the change that you want to see in the world." Mahatama Gandhi



**Name:** Louise Jett

**Position & Co.:** Marketing Director, Pleasant Hill Village; Former Editor of Macoupin County Enquirer-Democrat

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**Social Networking:** Facebook

**Education:** A.A. with an emphasis in Journalism, A.A.S. in graphic design and B.S. in Organizational Leadership

**Family:** Son, Keenan Mount; Significant Other Luke Allen

**Affiliations:** Adjunct Professor, Lewis & Clark Community College; Public Relations Officer, Macoupin County Historical Society; TAILS, advocate and supporter

**If someone wrote a biography about you, what do you think the title should**

**be?** Attitude is Everything

**When I was 10, I wanted to be...** President of the United States of America (I've always dreamed big!)

**Best thing about living or working in Macoupin County?** The great organizations, which enrich our communities and the opportunities for volunteerism. Best place to raise my son, beautiful green spaces.

**Favorite Charity:** Macoupin County Historical Society; TAILS; Pleasant Hill Village

**Favorite Quote:** "You could not step twice in the same river; for other waters are ever flowing on to you." - Heraclitus, Greek Philosopher



**Name:** Natalie Johnson

**Position & Co.:** Customer Service Rep, Madison Communications; Certified Personal Trainer & Certified Group Exercise Instructor – Aerobics & Fitness Association of America, Independent Contractor

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**Social Networking:** Facebook & Twitter

**Education:** Associate in Science, Computer Networking – Ranken Technical College

**Family:** Husband John and son Issiah, 4

**Affiliations:** Mt. Olive Academic Foundation, Delta Tau Sorority, Mt. Olive, Church of the Ascension, Mt. Olive.

**If someone wrote a biography about you, what do you think the title should be?** The Girl who doesn't say "No"

**Best thing about living or working in Macoupin County?** I am very proud to both live and work in Macoupin County. There are so many hard working people that devote so much of their time to creating events for everyone to enjoy. From festivals and bike races, to car shows, and concerts in the park, there are so many great activities for people to engage in without traveling too far from their own homes. You can safely walk around town without fear, our children have beautiful parks and great schools, and it's a great feeling when you can walk into your favorite restaurant and know nearly everyone in the room! I'm also very proud to work for a progressive company that serves the community I live in because it enables me to educate and promote the company, products, and technology that I know and love to my friends and neighbors each day.

**Favorite Charity:** I do not have a particular favorite charity, but I like to support any local city or county or-

ganizations that are raising money that will be put back into the communities and schools.

**Favorite Quote:** "Good ideas are common - what's uncommon are people who'll work hard enough to bring them about" – Ashleigh Brilliant



**Name:** Lee LoBue

**Position & Co.:** Policy and Budget Analyst, Illinois Senate

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**Social Networking:** LinkedIn, Facebook

**Education:** Master of Liberal Arts - Univ. of Pennsylvania; B.A. in Communication - Univ. of Illinois at Chicago

**Family:** Sarah LoBue, wife; Tom and Rose LoBue, parents; Anna Holmes, sister

**Affiliations:** Macoupin County Board, District 8; Macoupin County Housing Authority; Carlinville Park District (2009-2011)

**If someone wrote a biography about you, what do you think the title should be?** He tried hard and enjoyed doing it.

**When I was 10, I wanted to be...** A chef or a baseball player

**Best thing about living or working in Macoupin County?** Living and growing up in Macoupin County, I have found that there are many opportunities for individuals of all ages to easily get involved and be active in their communities. I believe this plays a significant role in Macoupin being such a great place to live.

**Favorite Charity:** Music for Relief and Habitat for Humanity

**Favorite Quote:** "We don't have to wait for some grand utopian future. The future is an infinite succession of presents, and to live now as we think human beings should live, in defiance of all that is bad around us, is itself a marvelous victory." - Howard Zinn



**Name:** Andrew Manar

**Position & Co.:** Macoupin County Board Chairman / Chief of Staff for Illinois Senate President John Cullerton

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**Social Networking:** Facebook

**Education:** B.A. in History / Minor in Political Science from SIUE / Illinois Secondary Education Teaching Certification

**Family:** Trista / Children: Abbie(6), William(4), Ben(2)

**Affiliations:** Zion Lutheran Church-Bunker Hill, Bunker Hill Education Foundation Board of Directors, Macoupin County Farm Bureau, Benld Area Rotary Club, Macoupin County Democrat Party, Former Mayor of Bunker Hill

**When I was 10, I wanted to be...** A pitcher for the St. Louis Cardinals

**Best thing about living or working in Macoupin County?** The kindness of people

**Favorite Charity:** Bunker Hill Education Foundation

**Favorite Quote:** "I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him."  
--Abraham Lincoln

**Name:** Erin Martin

**Position & Co.:** Owner, Practical Works of Art

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**Education:** Classic Beauty College, Phoenix, Arizona

**Family:** Husband Troy, Daughter Allyson

**Affiliations:** Economic

Development Committee, Brighton, St. John's UCC, Brighton

**When I was 10, I wanted to be...** I wanted to own a business

**Best thing about living or working in Macoupin County?** Small town feel, people you know



**Name:** Jenna Morrison

**Position & Co.:** Vice President/Lending; United Community Bank

**Age:** 29

**Email:** jmorrison@ucbbank.com

**Education:** 2004 Graduate of Illinois College with a major in Economics and Finance minor; 2000 Graduate Carlinville High School

**Affiliations:** Carlinville Community Chamber of Commerce; Macoupin Economic Development Partnership

**When I was 10, I wanted to be...** a teacher and a princess

**Best thing about living or working in Macoupin County?** Macoupin County is a community in the truest sense. Businesses and people work together to pro-

mote the betterment of the area and each other

**Favorite Charity:** Children's Miracle Network

**Favorite Quote:** "Be who you are and say what you feel because those who matter won't mind and those who mind, don't matter" Dr. Suess



**Name:** Ryan Ocepek

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**Education:** High School

**Family:** Alex -son

**Affiliations:** APSA of Illinois; Staunton Chamber of Commerce; Staunton Ribfest Committee

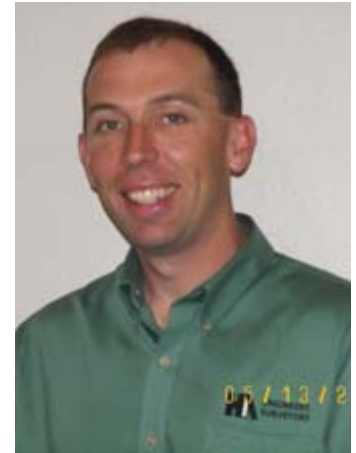
**If someone wrote a biography about you, what do you think the title should be?** Who?

**When I was 10, I wanted to be...** A baseball player

**Best thing about living**

**or working in Macoupin County?** The people!

**Favorite Charity:** Make-A-Wish



**Name:** Ronnie Paul

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**Education:** BS Civil Engineering - University of Missouri - Rolla; MS Ag & Bio Systems Engineering - University of Kentucky

**Family:** wife Becky; Bryce (10), Addi (8), Justin (6), Eli (3)

**Affiliations:** ASABE - American Society of Agricultural and Bio Systems Engineers; Carlinville United Methodist Church; Carlinville Park Board's Baseball Board Committee; Friends of The Field

**If someone wrote a biography about you, what do you think the title should be?** A little late, but here to help

**When I was 10, I wanted to be...** A fisherman and a carpenter

**Best thing about living or working in Macoupin County?**

Macoupin County has proven to be a great place for my wife and I to raise our family. I can't suggest one aspect of life in Macoupin County that is the "Best." instead, it is a combination of the people and their core values. The school system, the sense of belonging in/being a part of the community, recreational opportunities, etc., that make Macoupin County a great place to live.

**Favorite Charity:** St. Judes

**Favorite Quote:** Don't believe anything you hear and only half of what you see.

**Name:** Keely Rucker

**Position & Co.:** Daycare Assistant

**Age:** 23

**Affiliations:** Staunton Emergency team; Sponsor Youth Council



**Name:** Mark B. Skertich

**Position & Co.:** Superintendent, Southwestern CUSD #9

**Education:** BS in Middle School Math from Illinois State University; MS in School Administration from

SIUE; Superintendent's Endorsement from U of I Springfield

**Family:** Stacy, Anthony and Olivia

**When I was 10, I wanted to be...** I don't recall but I imagine it was a professional football or basketball player

**Best thing about living or working in Macoupin County?** I enjoy the pride people have in their communities and schools more than anything. Residents of Macoupin County are close knit and take care of their own...I've been very fortunate to have been raised and resided here for nearly all of my life.

**Favorite Charity:** Toys for Tots

**Favorite Quote:** "Work hard and have fun!"



**Name:** Lari Vanderpeol

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**Education:** B.A., Blackburn College

**Family:** Husband Jim, Daughter Lanna

**Affiliations:** St. Paul's United Church of Christ; Girl Scouts of America

**If someone wrote a biography about you, what do you think the title should be?** Life is a Highway

**Best thing about living or working in Macoupin County?** Definitely, the community atmosphere!

**Favorite Charity:** My husband and I have several local and national charities that we support on a regular basis



**Name:** Nick Wieseman

**Position & Co.:** I am the President as well as a Captain on the Bunker Hill Fire Department Company #1 and a Process Operator at ConocoPhillips.

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**Social Networking:** Facebook

**Education:** I am a 1996 graduate of Bunker Hill High School and completed the Process Operations Technology Program from Belleville Area College (now SWIC) in Granite City. I am a Certified, in the State

of Illinois, as a Firefighter II. Additionally, I hold a First responder license in both Illinois and Missouri. I was an EMT-B in Illinois from 2000-2004, and have taken 25 certified classes from the Illinois Fire Service Institute, 4 certified classes from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Administration), and I have 1 certified class from the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. I am also a CPR instructor for the American Heart Association.

**Family:** I am married to Lacey (Albrecht) Wieseman and I have a daughter Kamryn, and we're expecting a baby boy in August. I am the son of Francis and Jenny Wieseman.

**Affiliations:** I have been on the Volunteer Fire Department for nearly 14 years. I am in the Operating Engineers Local 399 with ConocoPhillips and a member of the First Congregational Church of Bunker Hill.

**If someone wrote a biography about you, what do you think the title should be?** An Unscripted Life

**When I was 10, I wanted to be...** A mechanical engineer

**Best thing about living or working in Macoupin County?** I really enjoy the close knit community and that most of my family lives within just a few miles.

**Favorite Charity:** The American Red Cross. I have witnessed the organization help so many families get back on their feet after fires have occurred in their homes.

**Favorite Quote:** "Whatever

you are, be a good one.” – Abe Lincoln



**Name:** Rev. Jeremy R. Wood

**Position & Co.:** Pastor, First Congregational Church of Bunker Hill

**Age:** 37

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**Social Networking:** Facebook

**Education:** B.A., Education and Music, Moody Bible Institute, 1996; M.Div., Covenant Theological Seminary, 2007

**Family:** Parents – Bob and Gloria Wood, pastoring in Ohio; Siblings – Joel and Emily Wood, pastoring in Kansas; David and Lynda Wood, a college instructor in Indiana

**Affiliations:** National Association of Congregational

Christian Churches; Congregational Foundation for Theological Studies

**If someone wrote a biography about you, what do you think the title should be?** Everything I Need to Know I Learned in Sunday School: The Lord and Learning for a Lifetime

**When I was 10, I wanted to be...** An airplane pilot. What little boy doesn't dream of flying?

**Best thing about living or working in Macoupin County?** Without a doubt, the people. They have loved me, accepted me, encouraged me, and become family to me. I'm very thankful for the relationships I have here, so it is a joy to serve and work for the benefit of our community.

**Favorite Charity:** World Vision – an international Christian relief, development, and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families, and communities to overcome poverty and injustice.

**Favorite Quote:** I have two.  
"The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing."  
- Albert Einstein

"If you think you're too small to have an impact, try going

to bed with a mosquito in the room." - Anita Roddick



**Name:** Brian Thomas Zilm

**Position & Co.:** Election Specialist, Illinois State Board of Elections

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**Social Networking:** Twitter

**Education:** Lewis & Clark Community College

**Family:** son, Carter (2)

**Affiliations:** Carlinville Community Chamber of Commerce, Macoupin Economic Development Partnership and Zion Lutheran Church

**If someone wrote a biography about you, what do you think the title should be?** It Makes Much More Sense to Live in the Present Tense

**When I was 10, I wanted to be...** John F. Kennedy

**Best thing about living or working in Macoupin County?** We're fortunate to have the perfect blend of rural and suburban living. Being halfway between Springfield and St. Louis we are only an hour away from entertainment and events that only come to the cities, but we have local access to businesses in Macoupin County where we can truly shop local on nearly any item one could need.

**Favorite Charity:** Carlinville Christmas Shopping Spree

**Favorite Quote:** We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors; we borrow it from our Children. – Indian Proverb

"I've been told that our young people go away to college and never come back. I have also been told I would never be able to recruit young professionals to work and raise their families in Macoupin County. This program proves both of those statements false. We had 43 nominees and over 50 nominations for the Top 25, Under 45. We have great young leaders who are making a big impact in their communities and the County. MEDP would like to once again say how grateful we are to have you working and living in Macoupin County.

Shari Albrecht  
Executive Direct, MEDP



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