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Continuing a Family Tradition of Community Service

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www.JohnCAckerman.blogspot.com

In an continual effort to improve overall communication with my constituents, I have developed a new "blog" at www.JohnCAckerman.blogspot.com which will carry:

- A) All of Monthly Political Columns
- B) All of my Tazewell County Board Recaps
- C) Some of my Newsletters

This new "blog" can be found by going directly to it at www.JohnCAckerman.blogspot.com or you can also find it on the website as a new "Blog" link under "Quick Links" on the Home Page. This new "blog" format will allow you, my constituents, another avenue to communicate your thoughts and opinions with me.

Under the current website format, I can communicate with you. The website has become a leading source of information concerning the Tazewell County Board, Tazewell County Events, an archive of my Columns and Press Releases, and much more. With this new "blog" site, you will be able to post your thoughts and comments. This will allow you the opportunity to tell me what you think about what is taking place in Tazewell County.

One feature of this new "blog" even allows for polling information to be collected. As time goes on and I want to see what your thoughts are on a subject, I will post a poll for you to vote on as another way of expressing your opinions.

You can currently find and will continue to see my postings on the Illinois Review Blog (www.IllinoisReview.com), the McLean County Pundit (www.mccopundit.com), and Peoria's Blogging While Republican (www.BloggingWhileRepublican.blogspot.com). I respect each of these groups and strongly recommend them to you.

During my campaign for office, I discussed my goal of greater communication and availability of information. This new blog, in conjunction with my website and newsletter, is just one way in which I hope to accomplish that goal. Government only works properly when the elected officials have proper information from the people and I encourage you to help me with this by providing your input. Together we can continue to strengthen and grow Tazewell County and the State of Illinois.

A few months ago, the Bloomington Pantagraph said this about my website: "Give Tazewell County Board member John C. Ackerman a "sunbeam" award for his role in improving access to public information for his constituents." They went on to say, "Normally, we wouldn't promote a single board member's site...But it contains useful information - information that should be, but isn't, on the official government site...we commend Ackerman for filling in the gap and for following through with his campaign pledge to improve communication and access to information." While this compliment from a

leading Central Illinois Newspaper is appreciated, my goal of greater communication is just as never-ending as the continual growth of new technologies.

You can also communicate with me via the web at www.JohnCAckerman.com and via my Newsletter, which you can sign up for on the Home Page of the website. As always, I consider it an honor and a privilege to serve you on the Tazewell County Board and if I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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