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Tazewell County Board

Continuing a Family Tradition of Community Service

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***** News Update *****

[The Heartland Partnership's Updated Website](#)

The Heartland Partnership, the parent organization for a family of community organization and assistance groups including The Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce, The Economic Development Council for Central Illinois, Peoria Next, The Heartland Capital Network, The Heartland Foundation and TransPort Authority, today released it's newly updated website www.heartlandpartnership.org.

This new website offers more information concerning all of the separate organizations, work done and being worked on throughout the Tri-County Area and beyond, and the organizations goals and objectives. The new website also provides information on a variety of topics that can assist business needs from resources for technical and financial assistance to regional demographics and available sites for your business.

Another new release is the video section that will feature regularly updated videos with stories and interviews from key leaders throughout the region. The first featured video that was released today is "The Insiders' View - Our Road To Recovery" discussion with US Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, Caterpillar CEO and PhD Economist Jim Owens, and The Heartland Partnership President and CEO Jim McConoughey.

The Heartland Partnership is key component in the business and political communities of the Tri-County area and Central Illinois. The updating of this website is just another example of the possible technological improvements that can and are being made to make local levels of government more transparent. Every day, more and more decision making information is being made available on great websites like this new one that allow every citizen the opportunity to see the facts and gather the necessary information to help them understand the political and business discussions that effect all of us. The Heartland Partnership is to be applauded for their efforts in this field.

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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