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Tazewell County Board

*Continuing a Family Tradition of Community Service*

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I will be holding a Press Conference at the East Peoria City Hall on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at 8:00 AM. The purpose of this Press Conference is to introduce a new communication tool for the public to use; [www.JohnCAckerman.com](http://www.JohnCAckerman.com). It will be a way not only for us to communicate on a one-to-one basis, but also as a source of general information for:

- Upcoming events and meetings in Tazewell County
- County Board agendas and actions
- Recently published editorials and columns
- Website links to all of the municipalities within District Three
- Website links to other State and Federal Elected officials

Earlier this year I was sworn in as a Tazewell County Board Member for District Three. One of the stated goals for not only me but also all of the candidates during the campaign was increased communication. I believe that an unbiased, factual and accurate accounting of government is crucial in today's world of change and tribulations.

In the short amount of time since the election, I have made important new strides at accomplishing this goal. Another way to complete this goal is [www.JohnCAckerman.com](http://www.JohnCAckerman.com), which will offer me the opportunity to engage constituents one-on-one. This website will allow me to directly communicate my views and will offer the public a one stop spot for everything that is happening not only in District Three but throughout Tazewell County.

A recent GateHouse News article covered the emergence of websites as a public service communication tool. It stated that about half of the State Legislators use social networking sites. One legislator reported that 90% of his constituent contact comes through emails. Currently, I am not available to my constituents in this way and several of the regularly updated items on the site are not currently available elsewhere on the web.

While websites are nothing new and other elected officials have used them for campaign purposes, [www.JohnCAckerman.com](http://www.JohnCAckerman.com) will not be just another campaign tool but will be a continually updated source of information and an important communication tool that is currently lacking. The site will be regularly updated with the latest County Board Agenda's, latest County Board votes from me, latest editorials, most recent columns, responses to new stories, updated upcoming events and meetings, etc.

**No public funds have been used in the construction and will not be used in the maintenance of this website.**

News coverage is encouraged for the event and can be filmed, recorded and/or interviewed. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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