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Tazewell County Board

*Continuing a Family Tradition of Community Service*

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**\*\*\* Press Release \*\*\***

## [Website Update](#)

Two years ago yesterday, March 29<sup>th</sup> of 2009, my website went live to the public. Released just months after being sworn in as a Tazewell County Board Member, this communication tool was just one method I used to work towards accomplishing my campaign goal of increasing communication. As I stated then "I believe that an unbiased, factual and accurate accounting of government is crucial in today's world of change and tribulations."

At the time, many of the documents and information I shared on this site could not be found anywhere else on the internet. While the Official Tazewell County Website got a major facelift afterwards, still today many of the important public documents and issue information I post on my website cannot be found elsewhere.

The website has been a huge success and has more than fulfilled its original goals. It is said that "imitation is the highest form of flattery." To that point, I have been honored with the many requests for advice and recommendations from other County and Municipality leaders seeking to increase communication with their constituents through websites of their own from throughout Central Illinois.

Maybe the highest honor the site has received came six months after the site was made public when the Bloomington Pantagraph recognized my efforts with a "Sunbeam" award for my role in improving access to public information.

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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