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what could go wrong
and think of what
could go right.

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Free Fall Workshops and Classes

Coles County—Credit Workshop will be held on Thursday, October 18th 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the First Neighbor Bank—900 Broadway Ave. E in Mattoon (across from McDonald’s and Walmart). Free credit reports will also be available. For more information contact Sandy with ERBA 217-923-3113

Livingston County— Next Step Financial Opportunity Center Orientation. See how financial, employment, and income support services work together to help you raise your income and net worth. Thursday, October 18th 9:45-11:00 a.m. at Mid Central Community Action 1301 W. Washington in Bloomington. Register at 309-829-0691

McDonough County— Illinois WorkForce will be at River Run Community Room on Wednesday, November 7th at 10:00 a.m. For questions contact Pam at River Run 309-837-4811

Menard County— Illinois State Employment workshop will be offered at the Parkside Homes Community Room in Athens on Wednesday, October 24th with a workshop for job seekers from 10:00-11:30 a.m. and information on how to obtain employment through the State of Illinois from 1:00-3:00 p.m. To sign-up call Valarie with Land of Lincoln Workforce Alliance at 217-558-4268

Scott County— Basic Computer Class on Monday, October 15th at 7:00 p.m. and Windows 10 Computer Class on Tuesday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m. both at the Lincoln Land Community College Jacksonville location 32 N. Central Park Plaza. Register for either workshop by calling Sarah with Jacksonville Public Library at 217-243-5435.

These are some great opportunities! If you attend any workshops or classes in your county, please let Lindsay know so she can track them on your Individual Training and Services Plan.

Reminders

MCHA Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:00-4:30

Friday 8:00-Noon

MCHA is Closed Monday,
October 8th in observance
of Columbus Day

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The Area Agency on Aging



The Area Agency on Aging is a planning and service agency designated by the Illinois Department of Aging to develop programs and support services for persons 60 years and older and family caregivers. Their purpose is to help older adults live and age well. As an area-wide focal point for the aging network, the Area Agency works to create an awareness of aging and caregiving issues and encourages the development and coordination of services to address those issues.

With state and federal funding received through the Illinois Department on Aging, the Area Agency on Aging awards grants and contracts to local service providers throughout the area for a variety of services. Funded services include Routine Health Screenings, Transportation, Congregate and Home Delivered Meals, Information and Assis-

tance, In-Home Respite, Caregiver Counseling, Legal Assistance, Long-Term Care Ombudsman, and Medication Management.

The Area Agency directly provides information and Assistance, Caregiver Training and Education, and a Senior Employment Program. The Area Agency and its network of service providers have been active in efforts to assist older persons and persons with disabilities to enroll in Illinois pharmaceutical assistance programs and Medicare Part D.

For more information, contact your local Area Agency on Aging:

Coles & Livingston County: 309-829-2065
McDonough County: 309-793-6800
Menard & Scott County: 217-787-9234

To report suspected abuse, financial exploitation or neglect of an older person or a person with disabilities ages 18-59, call the statewide 24-hour Adult Protective Services Hotline 1-866-800-1409 or 1-888-206-1327 (TTY)

Housing Counseling

The Menard County Housing Authority serves as a HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agency. We offer pre and post purchase counseling, credit and budget assistance, credit reports, mortgage delinquency, renter's assistance, fair housing assistance, Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) counseling, loss mitigation and relocation assistance.

Contact Teresa Sexton or Pamela Spoor for any of your Housing Counseling needs.

Teresa: 217-632-7723 ext. 131
tsexton@menardcha.org

Pamela: 217-632-7723 ext. 303
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LIHEAP Energy Assistance for 2018

Monday, October 1—Households with customers 60 years of age or older and households that have customers with disabilities.

Thursday, November 1—Households that have a child under the age of 6 and households that are completely disconnected.

Monday, December 3—General public that are income eligible.

Coles County: ERBA Community Action 217-345-4840
(Hours M-F 8 a.m.—4 p.m.)

Livingston County: Mid-Central Community Action 815-844-1169
(Hours M-Th 8 a.m.—4 p.m.)

McDonough County: WIRC Community Action 309-837-2997
(Hours M-F 8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.)

Menard County: CAPCIL Community Action 217-732-2159
(Hours M-F 8 a.m.—2:30 p.m.)

Scott County: MCS Community Services 217-243-9404
(Hours M-F 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.)

**Menard County
Housing Authority**
Your Provider of
Affordable Housing
Services!

Our mission is to promote and provide quality housing while encouraging upward mobility and a better quality of life.

Our vision is creating housing that families and communities can be proud of.

Job Preparation

Obtaining and retaining employment isn't just about finding the job of your dreams and turning in an application. Being prepared means that you can say yes to the following questions:

- Do I have appropriate clothing for the position?
- Do I have enough money for gas between now and my first paycheck?
- Do I have a childcare plan in place?
- Do I have a reliable vehicle?
- Do I have a plan if something should happen to my vehicle?
- Do I have a state ID or driver's license?
- Do I have a working phone for emergencies?
- Do I have my social security card?
- Do I know what is on my criminal background check?
- Can I pass a drug screening test?
- Have I taken care of medically necessary appointments?

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