

# Girard Chamber to sponsor City Wide Garage Sale

The Girard Chamber of Commerce voted during their April 13th meeting to sponsor a City Wide Garage Sale in conjunction with the Blue Carpet Corridor on Saturday, June 11.

The chamber will allocate the same amount of money as they did two years ago for the City Wide Garage Sale which will include a map of all garage sales going on throughout the city.

Girard Blue Carpet Corridor coordinators Randy Gray and Darrin Burnett said that their would be music all day in the city park and that the Boy Scouts would be offering their old fashioned rides around the city square. In addition their will be food vendors offering old fashioned treats.

Guest speaker during the Chamber's April meeting was Robyn Hays, President of the North Mac District #34 Board of Education.

She reported that the staff was working hard to revise curriculum.

The school has added advanced math programs. It has added a 4th and 5th grade

band program. It will be adding a CEO program which encourages entrepreneurship.

The technology in the schools has expanded including the rewiring of its connectivity in the internet.

Fiscally the school has gone from being on the state fiscal watch to now having fiscal recognition as having the highest fiscal level.

Robyn Hays said that the board was developing five, ten and fifteen year plans for the district. She said eventually something would have to be done to the High School building which has many sections unusable and non-repairable.

She said that life safety

bonds were being used to fix the roofs on many of the district's buildings.

She thanked the public for passing the 1 cent sales tax which should generate approximately \$380,000 annually to North Mac District #34. This money has to be used for building and facility needs. This tax is collected throughout Macoupin County and distributed to school districts based on their county student enrollment .

Darrin Burnett with Pleasant Hill Village, said they were beginning to plan for this fall's fundraiser which will be hosted Oct. 15 at the Virden K.C. Hall.



*Robyn Hays, President of the North Mac District #34 Board of Education, spoke to the chamber about the school.*



*Girard Chamber officers include (seated left) President Victor Angulo, Vice President Darrin Burnett, (standing left) Secretary Deb Burnett and Treasurer Mike Mauk.*

Secretary Deb Burnett said that the chamber currently has 42 paid members.

Attending April's meeting were President Victor Angulo, Vice President Darrin Burnett, Secretary Deb Burnett, Treasurer Mike Mauk, Peggy and Bill Giles, Bill Deck, Randy Gray, Bob Ernst, Dawn Horrell, Dave Campbell, Mary Alice Cunningham, John and Jeanette Earley, Phil Garner, Miss Girard Sarah Watson, Robyn Hays, Dr. Juanita Rule, Millie Burgess and Nathan Jones.

North Mac Ministerial Association and 1st Baptist Church Girard sponsored the April 13th chamber breakfast which was hosted at Doc's Soda Fountain. The Chamber will next meet on Wednesday, May 11th, at Doc's Soda Fountain. The May chamber breakfast will be sponsored by Girard Chiropractic/Dr. Todd Babcock.