

## Hammack Nominated to PGPC

The IMGA has nominated City Councilman John Hammack of Pinckneyville to serve on the Public Gas Policy Council, the advocacy arm of the American Public Gas Association (APGA).

Hammack, an alternate member of the IMGA Board of Directors, has a long and distinguished record of public service. Elected to the Pinckneyville City Council in 2003, he serves as the Accounts and Finance Commissioner for the City. He was previously involved in the creation of the Pinckneyville Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District, and served as a member of the TIF Joint Review Board.

Economic development has long been a priority for John. He served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board, and also served on that group's Economic Development Committee. He is also a member of the Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce, where he also served as a board member.

Members of the Public Gas Policy Council represent APGA member communities in relations with Members of Congress and other federal officials. Council members travel to Washington, D.C. each spring for briefings by federal policy makers and visits to Capitol Hill.

"I'm pleased that John has agreed to take on this important role," said IMGA President Craig Robinson. "He will do an outstanding job representing our interests at the federal level, and will allow us to gain added information about federal issues affecting the IMGA and it's members."

Hammack is a self-employed real estate broker and insurance producer. He has been married for 32 years, and has two adult children. His nomination is expected to be approved by the APGA this month. ♦



Thebes County Courthouse was built in 1848. Shown, above, before restoration and, right, after restoration.



## Nearly 32% Oil Production Shut-In by Q3 Storms

The Minerals Management Service reported a 27,152 bpd increase in output from idled Gulf of Mexico oil production, as companies operating in the offshore waters continue their slow recovery in returning operations in the Gulf that were disrupted by three hurricanes in the third quarter. The MMS, which based its data off the reports of 53 companies, showed oil production still idled at 476,035 bpd, which reflects 31.74 percent of the offshore capacity in the Gulf of Mexico.

The MMS report also showed that 2.475 Bcf/d of Gulf output remains idled, compared to 2.650 Bcf/d previously. The shut-in capacity represents 24.75 percent of total natural gas capacity in the Gulf of Mexico.

Since Hurricane Katrina first triggered production shut-ins on August 26 through today, 99.456 million bbl of crude or 18.166 percent of total annual crude output in the Gulf of Mexico has been idled.

Through the same period, 514.448 Bcf of natural gas has been shut-in in the offshore Gulf waters.

MMS reported 132 of the 819 manned platforms are still evacuated. ♦



## Newest Member

The Illinois Municipal Gas Agency welcomed the Village of Thebes, Illinois as its newest gas purchasing member in October, 2005, when the Village Board approved a five-year contract with the Agency.

A community of approximately 500 located on the banks of the Mississippi River in Alexander County, Thebes offers some of the finest camping and most picturesque views of any community in the area. Village President Anthony "Scott" Bomar and his board are working diligently to develop the tourist potential in their riverside community. The Thebes Courthouse, which is located on the National Register of Historic Places, has been given a facelift and there are hopes of even more renovation to come. Abraham Lincoln practiced law there while riding circuit, and Dred Scott, a slave whose Supreme Court case advanced civil rights, was once given overnight housing in the Courthouse jail.

"We are confident that this contract is the best option for our community," Bomar said at the Village Board meeting. The new pact provides the community with decreases in the commodity cost of gas, transportation and management fees. IMGA will also be providing technical assistance to the community on rate setting, risk management and other issues. ♦



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IMGA offices will be closed at noon December 23 and reopen at 8:30 a.m. December 27. They will close at noon December 30 and reopen at 8:30 a.m. January 3, 2006.

## 2005 Storage Contest Concludes

September 8<sup>th</sup> kicked off the Annual IMGA Storage Contest for 2005. The contest was to see who could come closest to predicting the net change in weekly storage, and was open to officials and employees of IMGA member communities, whether or not those communities purchased gas through IMGA. All contestants had to be 18 years of age or older.

The contest ran for nine weeks and each weekly winner won an IMGA t-shirt proclaiming them a “Gas Guru”.

The following is a list of our “Gas Gurus”:

9-08-05	Mike Millikin	City of Pinckneyville
9-15-05	Cindy Marston	City of New Boston
9-22-05	Mike Collins	Village of Bethany
9-29-05	Mike Collins	Village of Bethany
10-06-05	Terry Prillaman	Village of Rossville
10-13-05	Craig Robinson	Village of Pleasant Hill
10-13-05	Mike Millikin	City of Pinckneyville
10-20-05	Brenda Junis	City of New Boston
10-27-05	Tricia Huff	Village of Milford
11-03-05	Craig Robinson	Village of Pleasant Hill

This year we also had special second chance drawings to win other cool IMGA goodies.

October 20<sup>th</sup> there was a special second chance drawing for all first time contestants, won by Patricia Plahn, City of Roodhouse. Patricia received a vintage IMGA t-shirt for her efforts.

October 27<sup>th</sup> a special second chance drawing was added exclusively for elected officials, won by Cindy Prentice, City Clerk, City of Pittsfield. Cindy won an IMGA briefcase.

The final week of November 11 a second chance drawing was held for all contestants who entered the final week’s contest. The final week’s winner of the second chance drawing was Linda Keepes, City of Grayville. Linda won an IMGA canvas chair.

Ten weeks of competing to be “Gas Guru” wasn’t enough for Mike Collins, Village of Bethany. He challenged Mike Millikin, City of Pinckneyville, and Craig Robinson, Village of Pleasant Hill, to a final challenge for the title of “Guru of all Gurus”. The three of them were tied at two wins apiece during the regular Storage Contest. Mike and Craig both accepted the challenge, so the week of November 18<sup>th</sup> the three guessed one more time for braggin’ rights.

Craig Robinson, Village of Pleasant Hill, walked away with those braggin’ rights and the title of Guru of all Gurus. ♦



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