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Madison County receives tax rate

Bills to be mailed in mid-November, due Dec. 10

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Madison County finally has a tax rate.

After months of delay, the Department of Local Government Finance, or DLGF, returned a tax rate to Madison County Auditor Kathy Stoops-Wright on Tuesday. The rate, along

with other information, is published in the classified section of The Herald Bulletin today.

Now the work of preparing Madison County's 80,000-some tax bills can begin.

"We need to make it very clear that we do not know the tax dollar amount," Stoops-Wright said. "The next few weeks are going to be very

intense around here."

Madison County Treasurer Darlene Likens said a due date of Dec. 10 had been set, exactly seven months after spring property tax bills are usually due. She said bills would be mailed in mid-November.

"They have to, by law, go out 15 days before the due date," Likens said. "There is a lot of calculating yet to be done."

Tax bills were delayed because of

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state legislation passed in 2006 adopting a market-based system for assessment known as "trending." Instead of a full-fledged reassessment, counties will perform trending based on real estate sale prices.

During the extended wait, county officials urged residents to send partial payment based on their 2006 bill and may continue to do so. Those who

have pre-paid will receive a bill for any balance due.

Likens said today's advertisement would feature tax rates for all 39 taxing districts within Madison County, along with information on programs funded by tax revenue. Tax rate information will also be published on the

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grand opening



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Mark Paschal of Vision Signs & Graphics shows Chuck Staley, president of the Flagship Enterprise Center, his company's quality large printing during ABI open house Thursday afternoon.

Doors open

Anderson Business Incubator gets newly renovated home

By **JESSICA KERMAN**
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Only 10 months after the Anderson Business Incubator opened its doors, staff and clients at the center were proud to present a newly renovated, almost full building Thursday afternoon at the ABI open house.

About 40 people attended a short presentation of clients to the ABI before exploring the building and talking to the new business owners.

Mayor Kevin Smith, Terry Trutt of the Falls School of Business

at Anderson University and DeWayne Landwehr, executive director of the incubator, all complimented the new business owners for their hard work and efforts to bring jobs and vision to Anderson.

"We should not forget nor ignore our small business growth," Smith said. "Our thanks go out to you who have those wonderful ideas."

Smith said the success of the ABI depends on the partnership between the city, the university,

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Sharon Morgan and James Willis, chauffeurs, show off Personal Service Limousine's 2008 Cadillac DTS limousine during the ABI open house Thursday.

Clients at Anderson Business Incubator:

- ID Graphics Inc.
- Vision Signs and Graphics
- Personal Service Limousine
- TransAtlantic Collections
- Tim Kern INK
- Artist Leigh A. Borum

Honda hiring 'doesn't pass the smell test'

Lawmakers to seek legislation against hiring practices

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State Sen. Tim Lanane, D-Anderson, plans to seek legislation that will prevent the hiring practices announced by Honda for its new Decatur County plant.

When Honda announced it would be taking applications for its 2,000 jobs, it stipulated a 20-county area surrounding the plant. The only major city in the area is Indianapolis. Communities such as Anderson, Muncie, Marion and Kokomo were left out, meaning workers in those communities could not apply for Honda jobs.

"(Honda) needs to hire from all over the state," Lanane said. He said the state gave Honda incentives to locate in Greensburg, and all Hoosiers should be eligible for jobs. Honda's reasons for drawing up the boundary, said Lanane, was that the company wants its workers to live within an hour's drive of the factory.

Lanane contends that shouldn't matter. "Lots of people drive (from here) to Fort Wayne," he said.

"I don't think it's fair to discriminate based on where someone lives," said Rep. Scott Reske, D-Pendleton. "That doesn't pass the smell test."

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Lanane



Reske



Errington

City to maintain lease on Affiliated office parking lot

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Anderson is one step closer to finishing its deal with First Realty LLC, which owns the building Affiliated Computer Services will use.

The Anderson Redevelopment Commission signed a memorandum of understanding Thursday afternoon that defined several components of the lease agreement the city will have with First Realty LLC in accordance to use of a parking lot.

The memorandum requires the city to maintain a lease for

the parking lot while Affiliated Computer Services has a presence in the building.

In September, Affiliated announced it would bring 500 jobs to Anderson, using a vacant building in The Flagship for a customer care center. First Realty LLC owns the property, but requested assistance from the city to improve the building and the parking lot. The city, through several meetings and boards, agreed to buy land and build a new parking lot to be leased to First Realty for \$100 a year.

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