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An Interview with Karen DeFevers

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Karen DeFevers, a resident of Virden who spoke about her involvement in Illinois school consolidation initiatives, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Agriculture in Illinois – School District Reorganization* Oral History project.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Karen (Goddard) DeFevers was born on October 25th, 1961 in Charleston, Illinois and graduated from Girard High School in 1979. She attended Lincoln Land Community College in 1996 and graduated from Western Illinois University in 2001. She worked for the State of Illinois Department of Energy and Natural Resources from 1980-1983 and Ameren (CILCO) from 1983-present. She also has served on the Virden School Board.

DeFevers was a proponent of the consolidation of the Virden and Girard school districts in 2010 into the new North Mac School District. She discussed her involvement with school consolidation issues, especially the creation of the North Mac School District. She was also active in a later school construction referendum that was unsuccessful.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Board membership; planning for a new district consolidation; North Mac School District; Building Bond Referendum

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