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The Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce will be the preferred provider of watch-dog, education and advocacy services that form a mission-critical catalyst for business success.

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The Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce is a member-driven organization, dedicated to a strong, private sector regional economy.

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Chambers of Commerce honor and respect capitalism and well-informed private sector job creators as a central and foundational element of regional and national prosperity. Chambers of Commerce actively facilitate collaboration and open discussion between business and public officials through education, business advocacy and leadership.

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Annual Ed/Glen Chamber Golf Challenge: June 26 – sponsor, play, donate!

Registration is open for the 2015 Annual Ed/Glen Chamber Golf Challenge. We invite you to sign up to golf at Edwardsville’s beautiful Sunset Hills Country Club Friday, June 26 and plan a fun day of networking, golf and leisure. This is a great opportunity for team building, treating your current or prospective clients, and rewarding your employees.

If you are unable to golf, consider promoting your business through an event sponsorship to the more than 100 local community and business leaders who golf in our annual tournament. Levels range from a $125 ‘Tee Sponsor’ to a $2,500 ‘Chairman’s Circle’ investment, offering a broad variety of benefits and options to fit any marketing budget.

The registration form and sponsorship information are available on pages 8 and 9 of this publication, and may also be found online at www.edglenchamber.com.
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5/6 Wednesday 8-9am
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5/8 Friday 3pm
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6654 Edwardsville Crossing
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5/12 Tuesday 12-1pm
networking@noon
Edison’s Entertainment Complex
2477 South IL Route 157
Edwardsville, IL 62025

5/12 Tuesday 5-7pm
ChamberNET
Gateway Grizzlies GCS Ballpark
2301 Grizzlie Bear Boulevard
Sauget, IL 62206

5/14 Thursday 5:30pm
YPG Social
Global Brew Tap House & Lounge
112 South Buchanan Street
Edwardsville, IL 62025

5/21 Thursday 5-7pm
Business After Hours
RE/MAX Integrity Real Estate Centre with FCB Banks
4215 South IL Route 159, Suite 3
Glen Carbon, IL 62034

5/28 Thursday 4-5pm
Small Business Financial Education Series Session 2:
How To Write A Business Plan presented by Patrick McKeehan of Metro East Small Business Development Center at Glen Carbon Centennial Library
198 South Main Street
Glen Carbon, IL 62034
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6/2 Tuesday 8-9m
YPG Learn from a Leader Breakfast with Thomas Berry of Sandberg, Phoenix & von Gontard, PC
at Stillwater Senior Living
1121 University Drive
Edwardsville, IL 62025
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6/3 Wednesday 8-9am
Chamber 101:
Maximize Your Membership
Ed./Glen Chamber Office
200 University Park Drive
Edwardsville, IL 62025
RSVP Online

6/9 Tuesday 7:15-8am
Morning B2B Networking Brevan’s Patisserie
1009 Century Drive
Edwardsville, IL 62025
RSVP Online

6/18 Thursday 5-7pm
Business After Hours
Bella Milano, First Clover Leaf Bank, Robert ‘Chick’ Fritz Distributing, Global Brew Tap House & Lounge, Korte Lutjohan, and Travel Express N.O. Nelson Leclaire Room
600 Troy Road
Edwardsville, IL 62025

6/25 Thursday 4-5pm
Small Business Financial Education Series Session 3:
Leveraging Your Business Plan with N. Gail Weinrich of S.C.O.R.E. at Glen Carbon Centennial Library
198 South Main Street
Glen Carbon, IL 62034
RSVP Online

6/26 Friday 7:30am
Annual Ed/Glen Chamber Golf Challenge
Sunset Hills Country Club
2525 South IL Route 157
Edwardsville, IL 62025
Saturday, June 6
8:30am and 12:30pm shoot times
Winchester’s NILO FARMS ~ Sporting Clays ~
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Elliott Fine Jewelers, owned by Tom Elliott, is the April 2015 Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month.

Elliott Fine Jewelers has been providing the local market with high quality retail jewelry since 1990, and Tom said that their 25-year Ed/Glen Chamber membership has helped keep the business connected with other businesses and to-of-mind in the community.

When asked how he was introduced to the industry, Tom said, "I was asked by a friend in the industry to work weekends, and that eventually led to full time employment."

"The impact that this industry has on creating special moments for couples and families and being able to build long lasting relationships through generations is absolutely priceless," Tom explained.

Elliott Fine Jewelers has a wide assortment of loose diamonds and bridal rings, along with unique fashion pieces. Tom said that their in-store jewelry repair and free CAD-CAM design is what truly sets them apart from competitors.

Since opening its doors, Elliott Fine Jewelers has expanded its bridal business tremendously. "Our in-store repairs and CAD-CAM designs have grown beyond our expectations and our customer service is nothing short of amazing...we truly go above and beyond for each and every customer," said Tom.

Tom is involved with a number of local organizations, including Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois, Coldwell Banker Brown/Mortgage Makers, Mosaic Crisis Pregnancy Center, Edwardsville Children’s Museum, Edwardsville Arts Center, KCBS for Kids, and many others in the tri-county area.

One of Tom’s favorite sayings is, "The buck stops here."

In June 2015, Elliott Fine Jewelers will celebrate 40 years in the industry.

To learn more about Elliott Fine Jewelers, stop by the store at 1405 Troy Road in Edwardsville, call 618.656.3090 or go to elliottfinejewelers.com.
We would like to recognize the many Ed/Glen Chamber members who are celebrating membership anniversaries in the month of April. This monthly feature spotlights members for their ongoing support of the Ed/Glen Chamber. We offer our sincerest thanks to each of the following business for their continued membership!

**40+ YEARS**
Edwardsville Lions Club

**30–39 YEARS**
Eden Village Retirement Community

**20–29 YEARS**
Cassens Transport
Garwood’s Heating & Cooling, Inc.
Automation Facilitators, Inc.

**10–19 YEARS**
Reed, Armstrong, Mudge & Morrissey, P.C.
SIUE Credit Union
Christian Hospital
St. John’s United Methodist Church

**5–9 YEARS**
Assurance Brokers, Ltd.
BARBERMurphy Group
J.W. Cole Financial, Inc.

**1–4 YEARS**
B & W Heating & Cooling, Inc.
Mark’s Tree Trim & Removal, Inc.
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Studio GAIA, LLC
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Edwardsville, IL 62025  
618.692.0532  
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**Madison County Treasurer’s Office**
Kurt Prenzler  
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157 North Main Street  
Edwardsville, IL 62025  
618.692.6260  
www.madcotreasurer.org
2015 Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber Golf Challenge
Friday, June 26 at Sunset Hills Country Club

Deadline for registration is June 19. No refunds after June 16. Payment must accompany registration.

Name ________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
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_____ Please reserve ____________________ twosome(s) at $250 each. Names are listed below.

_____ Please reserve ____________________ individual ticket(s) at $130 each. Place me with a team.

_____ I would like to participate in the skins game at $20 per team.

Please list names below, with team captain's name and e-mail address listed as "Player 1":

Player 1 ___________________________________________________ Player 2 ________________________________________________________
Player 3 ___________________________________________________  Player 4 ________________________________________________________

Please enclose a check payable to Ed/Glen Chamber.
Payment in full due upon receipt of registration.

Please fax this completed form to the Chamber office at 618.656.7611 or mail with payment to:
Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce, 200 University Park Drive Suite 260, Edwardsville, IL 62025

Tournament Includes
• 18 holes of tournament golf with cart at Sunset Hills Country Club
• Unlimited use of driving range and putting green
• Straightest drive, longest putt & closest to pin contests
• Hole in one contest
• Snack & beverages on the course
• Late lunch provided (post-play)

Schedule of Events
6am  Registration & Driving Range Open
7:30am  Shotgun Start
12:30pm  Late Lunch in Banquet Room

Flight Winner Awards
1st Place  A Flight $500  Round of for 4 @ SHCC
2nd Place  B Flight $500  Round of for 4 @ SHCC

Proceeds Advance the Ed/Glen Chamber’s Mission

Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce
200 University Park Drive, Suite 260
Edwardsville, IL 62025
618.656.7600  edglenchamber.com
## Golf Challenge Sponsorships

Promote your business to more than 100 golfers including Chamber members & area community/business leaders!

Information must be received by June 19 to guarantee full benefits. Payment must accompany registration.

### Chairman’s Circle $2,500
- Exclusive event sponsor
- Welcome message at reception
- 2 teams (4 players/team plus carts)
- Separate corporate logo display
- Tables available to advertise, pass out gifts & interact with participants
- 3 hole sponsorships
- Full-page color ad in event program
- Certificate for full-page color ad in *Common Ground* (chamber newsletter)

### Vice Chairman’s Circle $1,000
- 1 team (4 players/team plus carts)
- Tables available to advertise, pass out gifts & interact with participants
- 1 hole sponsorship
- Half-page color ad in event program
- Certificate for half-page color ad in *Common Ground* (chamber newsletter)

### Golf Cart Sponsors $600
- Limited to four businesses
- Company logo on front of all cart signs
- Sign at registration area before and during tournament
- Eighth-page black and white ad in event program
- Certificate for quarter-page color ad in *Common Ground* (chamber newsletter)

### Post-Party Lunch Host $600
- Exclusive sponsorship
- Signage on all dining & buffet tables
- Table available to advertise and share gifts/promotional items with participants
- Eighth page black and white ad in event program

### Putting Green Sponsor $600
- Exclusive sponsorship
- Sole sponsor sign in practice green area before & during tournament
- Use as an opportunity to pass out golf balls or gifts, or visit with golfers
- Honor of delivering prize for low score on putting contest during awards ceremony
- Eighth-page black and white ad in event program
- Certificate for quarter-page color ad in *Common Ground* (chamber newsletter)

### Lunch & Beverage Sponsors $600
- Limited to four businesses
- Sign at grill area before & during tournament
- Signs on beverage carts & beverage centers throughout the course
- Tables available to advertise, pass out gifts & interact with participants
- Eighth-page black and white ad in event program
- Certificate for quarter-page color ad in *Common Ground* (chamber newsletter)

### Cash & Prize Donation
- Donate cash, a door prize or contest prize (value of approximately $25–$100)
- Recognition in golf program and *Common Ground* (chamber newsletter)

### Exclusive Hole Sponsor $250
- 1 exclusive hole sponsorship (sign provided by chamber; 18 available)
- Opportunity to advertise, pass out gifts & interact with participants
- Eighth-page black and white ad in event program
- Certificate for quarter-page color ad in *Common Ground* (chamber newsletter)

### Hole In One Sponsor
- Provides car at designated hole

### Tee Sponsor $125
- Placed along cart paths in high visibility areas

### All Sponsorships Include:
- Logo/listing in all event programs, website & *Common Ground*
- Social media recognition
- Acknowledgement during awards ceremony
schmooze
business after hours

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annual gala awards & regional lobby day

Business of the Year: Gateway Regional Medical Center (Matt Blevins pictured)

Albert Cassens Award for Outstanding Community Achievement: Paul Millard

Tallerico Leadership Award: Patty Navin

Lifetime Achievement Award: Gerry Schuetzenhofer

St. Louis Regional Chamber Illinois Lobby Day, March 11

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Huneke Promoted to BOS Community Bank President

Bank of Springfield (BOS) recently announced Justin Huneke has been promoted to community bank president. Huneke is located in the Glen Carbon BOS branch serving the communities of Glen Carbon and Edwardsville.

BOS was founded in 1965 in Springfield, IL and remains locally owned and operated. BOS serves eight communities in Illinois with full service branches in Springfield, Chatham, Jacksonville, Quincy, Shiloh, Swansea, Staunton and Glen Carbon, and has one lending center in Brentwood, MO.

Scheffel Boyle Accountant Earns CPA Designation

Scheffel Boyle is pleased to announce that Kate Cantrell, MBA has passed all four parts of the AICPA’s administered CPA exam and has officially obtained the designation of Certified Public Accountant (CPA). She is now among approximately 50 CPAs working throughout Scheffel Boyle’s ten offices. Kate earned both bachelor’s and master’s degrees from SIUE before joining the Scheffel Boyle team in September of 2014. She specializes in tax planning and preparation for businesses and individuals. Kate’s knowledge of advanced tax software and applications has been an asset to her team at Scheffel Boyle.

Scheffel Boyle is recognized as the largest locally-owned accounting firm in Southwestern Illinois, and as one of the largest accounting firms in the St. Louis region. Their offices are located in Alton, Edwardsville, Belleville, Highland, Jerseyville, Columbia, Carrollton, Bartelso, and Bethalto. Established in 1924, their services include corporate, personal, and governmental tax, auditing, and accounting.
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- Non-solicitation agreements
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- Breach of fiduciary duty actions
- Injunctive relief
- Consumer fraud and unfair business practices
- Partnership, corporate and LLC litigation
- Bank-related litigation

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Sandberg Phoenix Featured in Three of Missouri’s 2014 Top Verdicts

Sandberg Phoenix’s Health Law Practice Group has received recognition for its tremendous success in 2014, during which attorneys defended clients against major medical malpractice claims. In three Missouri cases alone, a total of $16,369,000 was sought from Sandberg Phoenix clients. Defense wins in each of these cases earned the firm 5th, 13th and 15th places on Missouri Lawyers Weekly’s annual list of top defense verdicts.

Bradshaw v. Mercy Clinic, attorneys Ken Bean and Bobbie Moon received a defense verdict for an OB–GYN defendant after a three week trial in Phelps County, MO. In this highly complex obstetrical case, with Plaintiffs seeking pecuniary damages of $13.46 million, the jury returned a verdict for the defense.

Attorneys Rodney Sharp and Dennis Harms successfully defended Meyers v. McCarthy, another complex medical malpractice claim, in St. Louis County. In this case, the Plaintiff alleged a failure to diagnose and treat a benign spinal lesion and Plaintiff’s counsel demanded the available insurance policy limits before trial. After rejecting the demand, attorneys obtained a defense verdict from the jury.

Tullock v. Success Health Corp., et al involved a medical negligence/wrongful death claim against a client defended by John Sandberg and Sara Obermark. The Plaintiffs alleged the defendants failed to timely diagnose and treat an ascending aortic aneurysm after the decedent presented to the ER with complaints of abdominal pain. Attorneys received a unanimous defense verdict on behalf of the client.

“We have been fortunate to develop strong relationships with many healthcare providers throughout St. Louis and the Midwest,” says Sandberg Phoenix Managing Partner John Sandberg. “And our commitment has always been to provide extraordinary service in the pursuit of our clients’ goals and best interests. We’re proud of our achievements in 2014 and look to build on this success in 2015 and beyond.”

Sandberg Phoenix has handled more than 5,000 malpractice suits, defending hospitals, physicians, nurses, nursing homes and other healthcare institutions and providers throughout Missouri and Illinois. Over the past 35 years, the firm has earned a reputation for having the most experienced, talented and resourceful medical malpractice defense attorneys.
Mike Marshall:

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TheBANK understands our operations, they’re proactive in meeting our needs, and they provide a wide range of financial products including commercial lending, treasury management and investment banking that help us meet and exceed our goals.

But really, it’s even more than that. While the great financial products and first-rate customer service we get are important, we truly believe TheBANK of Edwardsville has a strong desire to see our organization succeed, and that means everything.
Joe’s Market Basket Unveils New Grocery Deli, Reinvests in Edwardsville Business

Joe’s Market Basket recently hosted a grand opening celebration for its newly expanded deli and grocery sections at their Edwardsville location.

“Our Boar’s Head Deli has always been a bright spot of our business and we felt it was time to allow more space for the deli to grow, while offering fresh, prepared foods that our customers can take home and enjoy like they do our other fresh-made convenience items. We are excited about the addition and believe our customers will be too,” said Jason Stevens of Joe’s Market Basket.

With its quick and friendly service, Joe’s Market Basket hopes to offer a variety of lunch options for customers interested in grabbing lunch to go back to the office or out to a park to eat with family.

Stevens added, “We hope the deli will provide an even greater level of convenience for our customers and that they take advantage of our fast, friendly service. Our lunch items will be great for take-out lunch items for office meetings, grab and go lunches and for taking food on the go to one of our many parks.”

Since 1971, Joe’s Market Basket has been a family owned business based on involvement and service to the community. Joe’s Market Basket is more than just your provider of garden and landscaping products and services. The Edwardsville location is also a popular full-service grocery store offering a fresh selection of produce, everyday grocery items, a full service deli and meat department and a great selection of liquor, wine and beer. For more information about Joe’s Market Basket, please go to joesmarketbasket.com.
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Illinois Chamber of Commerce: Congress Must Act on TPA Now

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce is a strong proponent of international trade. Illinois is home to businesses of all sizes that compete on the global level and as a result, we benefit from the influx of business that passes through our state. However, there are threats to this important component of our economy.

Earlier in April legislation was introduced in both chambers of the U.S. Congress that would allow President Obama to use Trade Promotion Authority (TPA). This would allow the president to negotiate free trade agreements (FTAs) with other countries and then submit these agreements to Congress for an up or down vote. Congress would still have input by setting objectives and requiring the president to consult with them during negotiations while providing the necessary space to come to an agreement.

This ability is not new. Every sitting U.S. president since Franklin D. Roosevelt has had TPA and President Obama should be no exception. Without TPA, American companies are at a competitive disadvantage as competing countries have similar authority. As a result, it is more difficult to enter into free trade agreements and sell American goods and services to 95% of the world’s population that lives beyond our borders.

FTAs ensure that U.S. exports do not encounter as many barriers or face extremely high tariffs. FTAs allow U.S. companies to compete in the global market and our success rate shows it. America’s FTA partners buy nearly half of our exports despite accounting for only 10 percent of the global economy. As a result of trade with these 20 FTA partners, new jobs have been created right here in Illinois.

In 2013, Illinois exports totaled over $95 billion and directly supported more than 156,000 jobs from a variety of fields from manufacturing to agriculture. Nationwide, one out of every three manufacturing jobs depends on exports while more than 97 percent of the companies that export their products are small- and medium-sized businesses.

Allowing TPA is essential for Illinois and the U.S. to grow our exports abroad. Currently there are two trade deals under negotiation: the Trans-Pacific Partnership pact and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership. Without TPA, completion of both of these agreements is impossible and U.S. goods will continue to face significant challenges when competing on the global market.

While divisions within Congress remain, we are continuing to work with allies across the country to ensure that the president is granted TPA authority and that the introduced legislation is signed into law as soon as possible.

Todd Maisch, President & CEO
Illinois Chamber of Commerce

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