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**Monday, September 15  
4:30-6:30PM  
Leclaire Room  
at N.O. Nelson**



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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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## Mission

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

## Vision

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.

## on the cover

### Meet Your Candidates & Elected Officials: September 15

September 15, 2014, the Ed/Glen Chamber's government affairs committee, along with the attorneys of Sandberg, Phoenix & von Gontard, PC will host Meet Your Candidates & Elected Officials. The event will be hosted in the Leclair Room at Lewis and Clark Community College's N.O. Nelson campus in Edwardsville. Cost to attend is \$20 per person; \$30 for non-members. This is a unique opportunity to mingle with local, state and federal elected officials and political candidates in a casual setting during this exciting election cycle! See page 7 for the registration form. RSVP online to pay via credit card.



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The Wooden Nickel Pub & Grill  
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# events

## 8/19 Tuesday 4pm

Ribbon Cutting  
Guardian  
107 South Pointe Drive  
Edwardsville, IL 62025

## 8/20 Wednesday 4pm

Ribbon Cutting  
Granny 8 Mortgage  
4215 South IL Route 159, Suite 2  
Glen Carbon, IL 62034

## 8/21 Thursday 5-7pm

Business After Hours  
Hosted by Edwardsville  
Township and Sivia Business &  
Legal Services  
at Township Park  
6314 Center Grove Road  
Edwardsville, IL 62025

## 8/22 Friday 6pm-Midnight

Annual SIUE Block Party  
Downtown Edwardsville

## 8/27 Wednesday 4pm

Ribbon Cutting  
Frames by 3  
113 Plaza Court  
Edwardsville, IL 62025

## 8/28 Thursday 4pm

Ribbon Cutting  
Brevan's Patisserie  
1009 Century Drive  
Edwardsville, IL 62025

# save the date

## 9/3 Wednesday 8-9am

Membership Orientation  
Chamber Office, Lower Level  
*RSVP to 656.7600 or Online*

## 9/8 Monday 4pm

Ribbon Cutting  
Northwestern Mutual  
26 Ginger Creek Parkway  
Glen Carbon, IL 62034

## 9/9 Tuesday 12-1pm

networking@noon  
Edison's Entertainment Complex  
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## 9/10 Wednesday 9-10am

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## 9/10 Wednesday 4pm

Ribbon Cutting  
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4 Club Centre Court, Suite A  
Edwardsville, IL 62025

## 9/11 Thursday 5:30-7:30pm

YPG Social Hour  
Bella Milano Restaurant  
1063 South IL Route 157  
Edwardsville, IL 62025  
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## 9/15 Monday 4:30-6:30pm

Meet Your Candidates  
& Elected Officials  
N.O. Nelson Leclair Room  
600 Troy Road  
Edwardsville, IL 62025  
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## 8/18 Thursday 5-7pm

Business After Hours  
Hosted by Extra Help, Inc &  
Cleveland-Heath  
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Cheesburger Day!*  
5214 Chain of Rocks Road  
Edwardsville, IL 62025

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## 2014 Halloween Parade Theme Announced

The 2014 Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce Halloween Parade theme is: **FREAKY Friday!** We can't wait to see goblins, ghouls, and all kinds of freakishly cool floats parading down Main Street, beginning at 6:30pm Friday, October 31, 2014. Registration forms and sponsorship information are available for download at [edglenchamber.com](http://edglenchamber.com).



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## Mefford Bids Farewell to Ed/Glen Chamber

After nearly two years working diligently on behalf of the entire Ed/Glen Chamber membership, Caryn Mefford has accepted a position with a division of Thomson Reuters. Caryn has given wholly of herself during her time with our organization, built strong and meaningful relationships with members, rejuvenated networking programs, and played a key role in refreshing annual events. Caryn has also been a cheerleader for the Ed/Glen Chamber's new strategic plan, consistently conveying our purpose through mission-driven conversations at every opportunity. Please congratulate Caryn when you see her out and about in the community!



We are currently seeking qualified candidates for the position of Membership Director. Go to [edglenchamber.com](http://edglenchamber.com) for a detailed position description and submission instructions.



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# Business of the Month



Extra Help, Inc., is the August 2014 Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month. Extra Help, Inc. is a total workforce solutions company that provides area businesses with the tools they need to help increase their efficiency. Their expertise in the areas of employment, payroll and other human resource functions has allowed them the ability to serve more than one thousand clients in 34 states.

Extra Help, Inc. was started when founder Teresa Katubig was working as a CPA and her main client was a temporary employment service. While working that account, she took a leap of faith and opened the doors to Extra Help, Inc. in Johnston City, IL as a single mom with McDonald's management training and a CPA degree. Extra Help, Inc. moved to Marion, IL a couple of years later and introduced payroll services as a complement to employment services in 2000.

"Extra Help, Inc. has evolved into a full service workforce management company that incorporates employment services, payroll services and workforce solutions with offices in five states. While our service offerings and geographic reach has grown, the one thing that remains the same is our desire to offer useful services with great customer service," Katubig shared. "We are an example of determination, teamwork and a dream. We strive to partner with other businesses to help them succeed. From startup companies to Fortune 500s, we provide services to help make them successful."

"We offer customized personal service to our clients each and every time we interact with them. Our number one priority is to get to know our clients, their needs and to work together as partners," said Regional Director of Operations Nicole Kline. "Each of our team members excels in a different market. We embrace these individual strengths to allow us the opportunity to partner with businesses of all sizes and in various industries."

The firm's most recent accomplishment was opening a new office near Scottsdale, AZ earlier this year. Extra Help now has seven offices in five states: Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Alabama, and Arizona.

Katubig is a member of the board of directors for the Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois. She is also a member of the United Way's De Tacqueville Society, the YWCA Circle of Women, and a variety of other organizations. The commitment to community involvement doesn't stop with Teresa – team members participate in organizations and events including the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce board of directors, the Thin Mint Sprint committee, Edwardsville Rotary Club, O'Fallon Rotary Club, Women Empowering Women, among others. "We are ecstatic that we have team members that want to participate in these kinds of events and organizations, it's a part of our culture," Kline added.

"We have been Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce members since 2007 when we opened our Edwardsville office. The Ed/Glen Chamber has provided us with great business and community connections. We have plugged ourselves into the Chamber at many different levels and have received great results from attending various events and being an active member," said Kline.

A favorite mantra of Extra Help, Inc. staff is a quote by Oprah Winfrey, "Surround yourself only with people who are going to take you higher."

To learn more, visit the Extra Help, Inc. team in person at 5214 Chain of Rocks Road in Edwardsville, call 618.655.1212, or go to [www.ExtraHelpInc.com](http://www.ExtraHelpInc.com).

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We would like to recognize the many Ed/Glen Chamber members who are celebrating membership anniversaries in the month of August. 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!

## 30+ YEARS

Oak Brook Golf Club  
Travel Express  
Kettle River Furniture

## 20-29 YEARS

YMCA Edwardsville  
Elliott Fine Jewelers, Inc.  
Wooff Realtors  
Allergy & Asthma Care Center

Home Buyers Relocation Services  
Edwardsville Nursing & Rehab Center  
Mark's Appliance

## 10-19 YEARS

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## 5-9 YEARS

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ABRA Auto Body & Glass  
National MS Society, Gateway Chapter  
Burns & Associates Management, LLC  
Dimond Bros. Insurance Agency, Inc.  
Fr. McGivney Catholic High School  
What to Wear

## 1-4 YEARS

Lindenwood University  
Mutual of Omaha  
Castelli's Moonlight Restaurant  
Gateway Center  
Kunkel Commercial Group, Inc.

Phone Masters  
Sleep Inn & Suites  
Strano & Associates  
Thompson Flaherty CPA

RE/MAX Alliance  
The Wooden Nickel Pub & Grill  
Edward Jones - Kelly Schmidt  
Joe Kinsella & Son, Inc.

Sones Family Dental, LLC  
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## **business after hours**



**Business After Hours, Irwin Chapel w/ The Wooden Nickel Pub & Grill, July 17**



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# ribbon cuttings



God's Hands Florals & Gifts, July 5



Sunset Hill Funeral Home Garden of Reflection, July 8



Wild Birds Unlimited, July 9



Lahr-Well Christian Academy, July 10




The Children's Museum Library Exhibit, July 18



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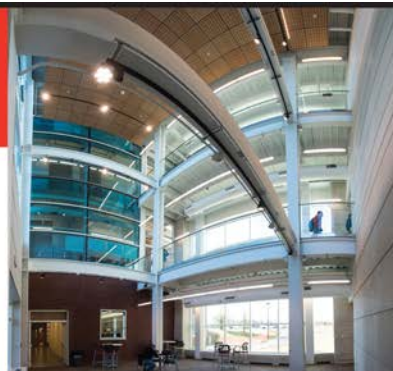


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## SIUE DAY 2014

### Community



### Networking Breakfast

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SIUE School of Engineering Atrium  
Park in Lot B






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# your business

## Prudential One Realty Centre Signs New Franchise Agreement with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, the real estate brokerage network operated by HSF Affiliates LLC, recently announced the signing of Prudential One Realty Centre, which is among the most recent wave of new affiliate signees nationwide. Prudential One Realty Centre began operating as Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Elite Properties August 12, 2014.

"We're excited about the transition and know our agents will be proud to represent this outstanding brand," said Julie Plummer-Lading, Vice President and Managing Broker of Prudential One Realty Centre. "By joining Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, we know we're taking our company and our service to the next level and we look forward to introducing homeowners to the new brand."

The brokerage, which is independently owned and operated, joins a growing roster of affiliates that have transitioned to the brand since September 2013. Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices now counts nearly 29,097 agents and 836 offices in 42 states. "We're pleased with the rapid growth of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices and our momentum continues to build," said Earl

Lee, CEO of HSF Affiliates LLC. "Affiliates understand the strength and long-term potential of a real estate brand whose namesake is Berkshire Hathaway, Inc., the world's most respected corporation according to Barron's."

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, based in Irvine, CA, is a brand new real estate brokerage network built for a new era in residential real estate. The network, among the few organizations entrusted to use the world-renowned Berkshire Hathaway name, brings to the real estate market a definitive mark of trust, integrity, stability and longevity. Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices in early 2014 was named "Real Estate Agency Brand of the Year" by consumers in the 26th annual Harris Poll EquiTrend® study of the largest real estate networks. The brand was also recently recognized with a Gold Stevie award in the startup of the year category of the 12th annual American Business Awards presented June 13 in Chicago.

For more information on Prudential One Realty Centre conversion to the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices network, go to [www.PruOne.com](http://www.PruOne.com) or follow the Prudential One Realty Centre page on Facebook.



### EDEN VILLAGE ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

Friday -- October 3rd  
Oak Brook Golf Club -- Edwardsville  
11:00 a.m. Registration and Lunch / Noon Shotgun Start  
Four Person Scramble -- Individuals Welcome  
\$300.00/Team or \$75.00/Golfer  
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The Fellows of the ABF is an honorary organization of attorneys, judges, law faculty, and legal scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in the profession and service to society. They are nominated by their peers and elected by the Board of the Foundation. The Fellows support the research work of the American Bar Foundation through annual contributions and sponsor seminars and events of direct relevance to leaders of the legal profession.

For information on the areas of law practiced by the attorneys at Gori Julian & Associates, or to contact an attorney at the firm, go to [gorijulianlaw.com](http://gorijulianlaw.com) or call 888.362.6890.

## First Clover Leaf Bank Opens Swansea Branch

First Clover Leaf Bank is pleased to announce the second expansion of the bank's footprint into St. Clair County. A new full-service branch located at 4101 North Illinois Street, Swansea, opened July 1,



2014. "As First Clover Leaf Bank continues its expansion, St. Clair County, and Swansea, IL in particular, are logical extensions of our franchise. We are excited to provide FCLB's unique personalized banking services to the area," stated Dave Kuhl, president and CEO of First Clover Leaf Bank.

Chad Abernathy, senior vice president at First Clover Leaf Bank, stated, "I am excited to bring First Clover Leaf Bank's style of community banking of high touch customer service and high quality banking products to the Swansea community."

The Swansea Branch is First Clover Leaf Bank's sixth branch location. Call 618.416.7895 to learn more.

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## Tom Holloway, TheBANK of Edwardsville's President & CEO, Announces Retirement

After 10 years of distinguished service and leadership, Thomas E. Holloway, president and CEO of TheBANK of Edwardsville, recently announced that he will retire on May 29, 2015.

"It's been a tremendous honor and privilege to work with the wonderful people at this great institution," said Holloway, who became only the 12th president in TheBANK's 146-year history when hired in April of 2005. "Time sure does pass quickly, and I know the next nine months will as well. But I truly feel that it will be the right time for me. I never planned to work forever, and I'm turning 65 next year. I'm ready for the next phase of my life."

According to Robert Plummer, chairman of TheBANK's board of directors, Holloway's retirement plans come as no surprise. "When we went through the process of hiring Tom nearly 11 years ago, it was clear that he was looking to work another 8 to 10 years, and next year will be his 10th as president and CEO of our bank," he said. "Of course, we would like for Tom to stay another 20 years. He's been a great leader and a tremendous asset to TheBANK. But we also understand his decision to want to spend more time with his family and enjoy the next part of his life. We wish him nothing but success and happiness in retirement."

Mark Shashek, chairman of TheBANK's holding company, THE BANC ED CORP., said a search committee has been established to find a replacement, with the goal of having someone in place to work with Holloway during his last few months to make the transition as smooth as possible. "We've started the process and we're going to be interviewing a number of candidates, both internal and external," Shashek said. "We want someone who understands the culture and the values of not only our company, but also the values of the people in the communities we serve. That is such an important aspect of this whole process, finding a candidate who understands what TheBANK is trying to do and can lead us forward. Tom did a wonderful job at that over the past decade."

A graduate of SIU Carbondale with a BA in mathematics and an MBA in finance, Holloway began his banking career in 1974 at First Granite City National Bank, where he was elected president in 1984. He served in that capacity until the bank was acquired in 1988 by Magna Group, Inc., a Belleville-based banking holding company. He then served Magna Bank and its successor, Union Planters Bank, as president and CEO from 1991 until taking over as president and CEO of TheBANK in 2005.

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The results of Holloway's leadership at TheBANK speak for themselves. During his term as president, TheBANK grew from 14 to 18 locations while its assets have grown each year, rising from just over \$1 billion in 2005 to more than \$1.6 billion today. Meanwhile, The Investor Group at TheBANK, its trust and financial services division, grew from \$600 million to over \$1 billion in assets during his tenure. Holloway was able to help guide TheBANK to success despite the longest and most catastrophic financial crises in this country since the Great Depression.

"There have certainly been some rather unique challenges along the way," Holloway said. "But there is a great group of people working at TheBANK and a great management team in place, so I'm confident that the success we've shared over the past 10 years will continue well into the future."

In addition to guiding TheBANK to continued financial success, Holloway has also been active in the communities throughout the area. He currently serves on the board of directors of the EGHM (Edwardsville) School District 7 Foundation, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, McKendree University, the SIUE Foundation, University Park at SIUE, the St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association, Memorial Group (parent company of Memorial

Hospital) and Memorial Hospital East. A current member of the Belle-Scott Committee, he has also served on the boards of the Belleville District 118 Educational Foundation, Hospice of Southern Illinois, the Home Builders of Greater Southwest Illinois and Junior Achievement, as well as the Advisory Board of the Okaw Valley Council, Boy Scouts. In addition to a variety of other charitable and community development commitments, he has served as President of the Chamber of Commerce of Southwest Illinois, the Greater Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Leadership Council Southwest Illinois. A former Chairman of the Board of the United Way Illinois Auxiliary Board, he also chaired the 1996 United Way annual campaign.



In retirement, Holloway said he plans to spend time with his family, including his wife of 35 years, Lisa, their three children and one grandchild.

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