Common Ground

Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce
Annual Community Awards Dinner & Auction
Saturday, March 9, 2013

5:30pm
Social Hour & Silent Auction
7:00pm
Dinner & Welcome
8:30pm
Awards Program

Morris University Center Meridian Ballroom
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
The Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce’s Annual Community Awards & Auction Dinner will take place Saturday, March 9 in SIUE’s Meridian Ballroom with the theme ‘Snapshot of Progress.’ This annual gala truly is the highlight of the Ed/Glen Chamber’s year – an opportunity to celebrate the Chamber’s achievements, the communities it serves, and its volunteers. The dinner/auction is one of the two major fundraisers and social events sponsored by the Chamber.

The Ed/Glen Chamber will present awards to members of our community at the dinner: the Albert Cassens Award for Outstanding Community Achievement, the Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Tallerico Leadership Award. The Business of the Year award will also be presented.

Sponsorship & auction item donation forms have been mailed and are also available online at www.edglenchamber.com. Please see pages 10 & 11 of this newsletter for a print copy of the forms. All sponsorships and silent auction donations are due by February 25, 2013 in order to be included in event print materials.
Gold Level
Anderson Hospital
Gateway Regional Medical Center
Walmart

Silver Level
Ameren Illinois
Hortica
Meridian Village
Sandberg, Phoenix & von Gontard, PC
Scott Credit Union
TheBank of Edwardsville

Bronze Level
1st MidAmerica Credit Union
Associated Bank
AT&T
Cassens & Sons
Cassens Transport
Castelli's Moonlight Restaurant 255
City of Edwardsville
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Eden Village Retirement Community
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Books—A–Million
Brain Balance Achievement Centers
Brickman Orthodontics
Bruckert, Gruenke & Long, PC
Bull & Bear Grill & Bar
Caulk's Collision
Centrue Bank
Chief's Shoppe
Cleveland–Heath
Coldstone Creamery
Collision Plus of Glen Carbon
Commerce Bank
CompuType Inc.
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Country Hearth Inn & Suites
Crowd, Murphy, & Tilly, Inc.
Culver's of Edwardsville
Data Unlimited, Inc.
Days Inn
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Extra Help, Inc.
Farmers Insurance District 61
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M. Thompson & Company, LLC
Magnuson Camelot Hotel
Market Basket
Maryville Women's Center & Med Spa
Mathew Construction, LLC
Midwest Occupational Medicine
Midwest Sunray Lighting & Sign Company
Minuteman Press
National Bank
Network Specialists
Office Depot
OnThor Construction
Papa Murphy's Take 'N' Bake Pizza
Red Robin
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Regions Bank
Richards Brick Company
Royal Office Products, Inc.
Royal Solutions, LLC
Sanford–Brown College
Schrucks
Scott Credit Union
Sears Hardware & Appliance
Sentry Insurance
Silvio Business & Legal Services, P.C.
Sleep Inn & Suites
Southern Illinois Underwriters
Specialty Printing Midwest
Spencer T. Olin Golf Course
Sport Clips Haircuts
Sunset Hills Family Dental
Super & Pontoon Beach
TheEDGEBANK
The Scheffel Companies
Thompson Fishery CPAs
Tropical Escape Tiki Bar & Grill
Tiger Plumbing
Two Men & A Truck
U.S. Bank
Verizon Wireless
Vision For Life
Wenzel & Associates

2/19 Tuesday 4pm
Ribiton Cutting
Anytime Fitness
233 Harvard Drive
Edwardsville, IL 62025

2/20 Wednesday 4pm
Ribiton Cutting
Ooh La La Spa, Anti–Aging & Wellness
110 Cottonwood Road
Glen Carbon, IL 62034

2/20 Wednesday 6:30–8pm
YPG Global Brew U
Global Brew Taps & Lounge
112 South Buchanan Street
Edwardsville, IL 62025
RSVP Required: Pay $15 @ Door

3/6 Wednesday 8–9am
Member Orientation
Ed/Glen Chamber Office

3/9 Saturday 5:30–9pm
Annual Community Awards & Dinner Auction
SIUE Meridian Ballroom

3/11 Monday 12–1pm
Mayoral Candidate Roundtable Discussion
GI Cuisine & Crystal Garden
1230 University Drive
Edwardsville, IL 62025
RSVP Required: Limited Seating

2/22 Friday 4pm
Ribiton Cutting
St. John’s Community Care
1015 B University Pointe II
Edwardsville, IL 62025

2/25 Monday 7:30–9am
Legislative Summit
LeClaire Room @ N.O. Nelson
600 Troy Road
Edwardsville, IL 62025
RSVP Required

2/28 Thursday 5–7pm
Business After Hours
Meridian Village
27 Auerbach Place
Glen Carbon, IL 62034

3/14 Thursday 5–7pm
Business After Hours
Scott Credit Union
101 Credit Union Way
Edwardsville, IL 62025

3/25 Tuesday 8–10:30am
Professional Education:
ID Theft Prevention & Recovery
Hampton Inn
5723 Heritage Crossing Drive
Glen Carbon, IL 62034

3/28 Thursday 5–7pm
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Edwardsville Intelligencer
117 North Second Street
Edwardsville, IL 62025

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community link resource guide sales this summer

The Ed/Glen Chamber’s new Community Profile & Resource Guide project will kick off this summer – remember to earmark advertising dollars for this project! Look for notices to learn when our CommunityLink sales representative will be in Edwardsville & Glen Carbon scheduling visits.

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2013 membership dues were invoiced the last week of December, 2012. We want to thank each member for your commitment to the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce. Your support plays an instrumental role in the success of small businesses in Edwardsville and Glen Carbon. Call Gloria at 618.656.7600 should you have any questions about your invoice.
Join us for the Christian Hospital Annual Heart Fair!

Featuring physician and comedian, Brad Nieder! There is no substitute for a healthy heart, but there are substitutions you can make to your diet and attitude to help make your heart healthy and happy! Come and learn health tips, cooking tips and how laughter may be the best medicine. Free screenings are offered and so much more.

This FREE event is made possible by the Christian Hospital Foundation.

Space is limited, please call 314-747-WELL and register today!

- FREE screenings
  - Cholesterol
  - Glucose
  - Blood Pressure

- Guided tour of the CH Surgery Center
- Informational displays
- Ask the experts
- Informative lectures
- Refreshments and much more …

February 9, 2013

8:30 a.m.-noon
Screenings and Informational Booths
9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Lectures

Christian Hospital
Detrick Building
Atrium

Make plans to attend our FREE Heart Fair!

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Edwardsville, IL 62025
618.307.6611
www.massageluxe.com

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Mens Haircuts in a Sports Themed Environment
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Glen Carbon, IL 62034
618.659.2151
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Edwardsville, IL 62025
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Tad Middleton
First Clover Leaf Bank

John Russell
The Scheffel Companies

Amy Yan
CompuType, Inc.
We would like to recognize the many Ed/Glen Chamber members who are celebrating membership anniversaries in the month of February. This new monthly feature will spotlight members for their ongoing support of the Ed/Glen Chamber. Thanks to each of the following business for their continued membership!

**40+ YEARS**
Madison County Farm Bureau

**30–40 YEARS**
Guaranty Title Company

**20–29 YEARS**
Balke Brown Transwestern
Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois
Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen, PC
Fitness Designs
Grogan’s Academy of Martial Arts

**10–19 YEARS**
Friends of Leclaire
United Way of Greater St. Louis - SW Illinois
First Christian Church
Irwin Chapel of Glen Carbon
Illinois Fed. of Business Women - Metro East
Mojo’s Music
Law Office of Robert T. Bruegge
FCB Edwardsville Bank

**5–9 YEARS**
Bull & Bear Grill & Bar
Denny’s
Holiday Inn Express
Magnuson Camelot Hotel
Midwest Sunray Lighting & Sign Company
Super 8 Motel
Tiger Plumbing Services
Baugher Financial & Associates, Inc.
GLS Properties, Inc.
Madison County Record
Edwardsville Vision Center
Benjamin Stephenson House
Extra Help, Inc.
AT&T
Grime Stoppers, Inc.
Heroic Adventures
Omega Promotional Enterprises, LLC
Sandberg, Phoenix & von Gontard, PC

**1–4 YEARS**
AAdvantage Insurance Group, LLC
Simply Smiles
Tutoring Center
Country Club Lawn & Tree Specialists, Inc.
ed-glenfamilies.org
Ooh La La Spa, Anti-Aging & Wellness
Newsong Fellowship
Olive Oils & More
Sanford-Brown College
Bin 51 Wine & Spirits
CJD E-Cycling
Heap Creative
Mary Beth Williams, Attorney at Law
Windstream Communications
A February Date With the State

February 25, 2013

7:30–9am in the Leclaire Room
at Lewis and Clark Community College’s N.O. Nelson Campus

The Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee invites you to attend the 2nd Annual Legislative Summit. This is an opportunity to interact with your State of Illinois legislators in a panel discussion format, complete with Q&A session. Buffet breakfast included in event cost.

Please reserve ____ tickets at $20 each. ($30 each for non-members)

Business Name ______________________________________________________________
Contact Person ______________________________________________________________
Business Address _____________________________________________________________
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Business Phone ______________________________________________________________
E-mail _____________________________________________________________
I am enclosing a check for $________________

Breakfast With Illinois Legislators: February 25

Please return response card with payment to the Chamber office by February 22, 2013.

Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce
200 University Park Drive, Suite 260 Edwardsville, IL 62025
p: 618.656.7600 f: 618.656.7611

Brought to you by the Ed/Glen Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee
Call 656.7600 to learn about sponsorship opportunities.
Eberhart Sign & Lighting Company was established in 1936 by Paul Eberhart and was purchased by Sue Schmidt in June of 2012, who became involved in the industry through the graciousness of Ron Eberhart.

The business has evolved dramatically and drastically since its inception. When Paul Eberhart established the business in 1936, everything was painted by hand – painted on the side of a brick building, painted on vehicles, and even painted on large billboards - all painted by hand. With the electronic and digital market, computers, sign design programs, and full-color digital printers these have made the industry much more efficient.

What is your core product or service? What is your niche/what differentiates you from your competitors? Eberhart Sign’s core product is custom sign design and fabrication, installation, maintenance, lighting services, electronic message centers, LED, and neon signs. Their full-color digital printer enables the company to design, fabricate, and supply quality products at a competitive price point.

When asked what made this line of work her passion, Sue said, “The ability to work directly with customers while providing excellent customer service and then hopefully, establishing long-term relationships.”

Eberhart Sign & Lighting Company would like the opportunity to work with new businesses wanting to add signage as well as established business in need of enhanced or upgraded signage.

An Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce member since 1982, Schmidt says their chamber membership has had a significant impact on their success. “Because of the vast audience the Ed/Glen Chamber reaches, I know they refer my business to those companies who can benefit from my products and services.”

“Eberhart Sign & Lighting Company has been very supportive to the Ed/Glen Chamber throughout their membership. Whether it’s large-scale event banners that take a great deal of coordination or helping us out of a jam with last minute signage needs, Sue and her staff, and Ron in years prior, are always willing to help. Most recently Eberhart Sign & Lighting Company provided beautiful new banners for the annual Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce Halloween Parade. We appreciate all they do for us, and they are a prime example of a company truly invested in the community,” said Ed/Glen Chamber Executive Director Desiree Bennyhoff.

The crew at Eberhart Sign & Lighting Company have exciting news to share with the business community. “We’re expanding! We’ll be moving just next door and will occupy two buildings – doubling our square footage,” said Schmidt.

Sue remains an active member at St. John’s United Methodist Church, and BNI–Extreme Business Builders. She also passionately supports the Glen/Ed Pantry, which is near and dear to her heart because her parents, Bud & Gin Shepard, were devoted supporters.

Sue’s favorite mantra is: “Value, Quality, and Dependability – The Foundation of Our Business Since 1936.”

To learn more about Eberhart Sign & Lighting Company, visit them in person at 108 First Avenue in Edwardsville, go to www.eberhartsigns.net, or call 618.656.7256.
This series of professional development programs will help you focus on key tools for running a successful business. Each of these relevant topical presentations is paired with expert legal advice from the attorneys at Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard, PC.

- January 29: Affordable Healthcare Act Implementation*
  *This session held at TheBANK of Edwardsville, Lower Level
- March 26: Identity Theft: Prevention & Recovery
- July 30: How Mail Fraud is Perpetrated Against Small Businesses
- September 24: Time Management & Labor Laws
- November 19: Motivate & Retain Employees: Minimizing Legal Backlash

8–10:30am Education Program with Q&A Session
at Hampton Inn: 5723 Heritage Crossing Drive in Glen Carbon, IL

I will attend: ☐ Session 2 ☐ Session 3 ☐ Session 4 ☐ Session 5 ☐ Session 6
at $20/person ($30 non–members) per session

Business Name ________________________________________________________________
Contact Person ______________________________________________________________
Business Address ______________________________________________________________
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Business Phone ______________________________________________________________
Name of Attendee(s) ____________________________________________________________
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Please invoice me in the amount of $ _______________________

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Please reserve _____ member & guest places at $50 each.
Please reserve _____ non–member places at $60 each.

Business ___________________________________________________________
Contact _____________________________________________________________
Address _____________________________________________________________
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Phone_________________________ Email _______________________________
Names of Attendees _________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________

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**Sponsorship Opportunities**

**Governors Parkway Sponsor: $1,500**
- One reserved table for eight (8) in Premier location
- Company provided with copy of attendee list
- Company recognized from the podium & in PowerPoint presentation
- Full page color ad in Annual Dinner Program & Chamber newsletter
- Social media promotion

**Meridian Road Sponsor: $1,000**
- Six (6) complimentary tickets to attend event
- Company provided with copy of attendee list
- Company recognized from the podium & in PowerPoint presentation
- Half page color ad in Annual Dinner Program & Chamber newsletter
- Social media promotion

**University Drive Sponsor: $500**
- Four (4) complimentary tickets to attend event
- Company provided with copy of attendee list
- Recognition in PowerPoint presentation & Annual Dinner Program
- Quarter page color ad in Annual Dinner Program & Chamber newsletter
- Social media promotion

**Gateway Commerce Center Drive Sponsor: $250**
- Two (2) complimentary tickets to attend event
- Recognition in Annual Dinner Program
- Eighth page color ad in Annual Dinner Program & Chamber newsletter
- Social media promotion

**Main Street Sponsor: $100**
- Recognition in Annual Dinner Program
- Social media promotion

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**Sponsorship Form**

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Address ___________________________________________________________
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Phone ............................................................................................
Email ..............................................................................................

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Please return with check, payable to Ed/Glen Chamber, by February 25.
5 Ways to See Your Business in *Common Ground*

1. Purchase Advertising
2. Write an “Ask the Expert” Column
3. Submit an Announcement
4. Win Our Business of the Month Award
5. Come to Chamber Events!
membership meeting

Young Professional of the Year Rachel Case of First Clover Leaf Bank

Ambassador of the Year Diana Voegele of Extra Help, Inc.

Volunteer of the Year Nicole Kline of Extra Help, Inc.


ribbon cuttings

CJD E-Cycling, January 17

Tropical Escape Tiki Bar & Grill, January 18
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Patriot Sunrooms East Earns Performance Award

Patriot Sunrooms East received a Phenomenal Performance award from Pat & Jim Lewis, owners of Patriot Sunrooms & Home Solutions. The award was presented to Mike Andrews, production manager and Jim Henitz, branch manager at the annual meeting held at the home office in Kirkwood, MO.

"Without a team of professional installers and a design staff all from the metro east area, we could not have achieved the award we are being presented," said Andrews. Patriot Sunrooms is family owned and operated since 1957 and has a design center in Edwardsville at 3925 Blackburn Road.

Patriot has a rich history of taking care of customers’ needs based on principals of quality, loyalty and customer care. “We have one way of doing business: Making the customer’s dream a reality,” said Pat.

Patriot Sunrooms has two other locations: 811 South Kirkwood Road in Kirkwood, MO and 15654 Manchester Road in Ellisville, MO. Learn more at www.patriotsunrooms.com

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Andria’s Supports Hospice & Magnum in February

Throughout the month of February, Andria’s Countryside Restaurant will host their 6th Annual Pet Therapy Wine Event. Andria’s Countryside Restaurant donates 10% of all wine sales in February to raise funds for Magnum, C.H.A.M.P. Certified Facility Dog, and the Pet Therapy program supporting the comfort and care of terminally ill patients served by Hospice of Southern Illinois. Also, take a chance to win one of ten magnums of wine in their Magnums for Magnum raffle. Magnums for Magnum Raffle tickets are $5 donation per ticket and available through Andria’s Countryside Restaurant and Hospice of Southern Illinois. Andria’s Countryside Restaurant is located at 7415 Illinois 143 (Marine Road) in Edwardsville. Call 618-656-0281 for reservations or to learn more about the Pet Therapy Wine Event and Magnums for Magnum. Hospice’s mission is to enhance the lives of individuals and their loved ones touched by a terminal illness, regardless of their ability to pay.

Chamber of Commerce
Adult Day Program-Edwardsville Opening February 18th!

- Opportunities to socialize in a safe, supportive setting; nutritional lunch and snacks served
- Activities designed with fun and success in mind
- Professional nursing oversight
- Specializing in Alzheimer’s and dementia care
- Peace of mind for family caregivers
- Open from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday

Come see us at one of our Open Houses!
Friday, February 22, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
(4 p.m. Ribbon Cutting with Ed-Glen Chamber)
Sunday, February 24, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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1015 B. Century Drive-University Pointe II Center Edwardsville, IL
National Massage & Wellness Spa Opens in Edwardsville Under Local Ownership, Creates 20 Jobs

National wellness and massage franchise, MassageLuXe, opened a new spa in downtown Edwardsville recently under the local ownership of Haritha Kommineni of Edwardsville. The spa is open from 9am–9pm Monday–Friday and 9am–8pm Saturday and Sunday at its location in the Park Place development at 204 South Buchanan Street next to Bin 51 Wine & Spirits. As a grand opening special, MassageLuXe is offering one-hour massages for $38 or one-hour facials for $48.

MassageLuXe provides high quality massage, facial and waxing services in a luxurious environment and offers clients pay-as-you-go or membership-based services at different levels. In addition to massage therapy, MassageLuXe offers facial and waxing services through its sister company, FaceLuXe.

According to owner Haritha Kommineni, “We are thrilled to be opening our business in such a thriving community and know that our customers from Edwardsville and beyond will enjoy the MassageLuXe brand of services and appreciate the value of the spa experiences they receive with us. Our goal is to offer an affordable spa experience and help every guest look and feel their absolute best.”

Kommineni and her family are residents of Edwardsville. Kommineni has more than 10 years of experience in the healthcare industry.

“Whether you are looking to receive that ‘first time massage’ or you are an experienced massage client looking for the most amazing location with an expert staff that is committed to doing the job right, MassageLuXe is the one and only spa getaway that you could possibly ask for. We hope you will take advantage of our grand opening offer and tell your friends that we are open for business,” added Kommineni.

The spa brings 20 jobs to the community and helps round out the last few vacancies at the Park Place development. For employment information or to book an appointment, please call 618.307.0093. For more information about MassageLuXe and its services, visit www.massageluxe.com

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- Supporting Local Businesses
- Continuing the Vitalization of Downtown Edwardsville
- Championing Quality Infill Development
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Andy Bell

Andy Bell, CPA
Owner, AB Search
Extra Help, Inc. Recognized as Top Women–Owned Business

Extra Help, Inc., an employment, payroll and workforce services company, was ranked in St. Louis Business Journal’s 2012 Book of Lists as the 16th largest women–owned business in the region. This will mark the third consecutive year Extra Help was named in the list. The St. Louis Small Business Monthly also named Extra Help in its annual issue of the “Best in Customer Service.”

These recognitions follow a year of significant payroll services growth for Extra Help. In 2012, Extra Help acquired two payroll service companies in Arizona and Missouri, respectively. In September the company launched TeamSource, a single-source workplace management solution, which provides companies with complete payroll, tax filings, human resources and employee benefit administration.

“As we’ve grown this year both with our internal offerings and new business acquisitions, I credit our entire staff in making these efforts successful with their continued ingenuity and hard work,” Katubig added.

Extra Help’s revenue increased well over 100 percent between 2008 and 2011, growing from $7,675,266 to $16,485,000. Extra Help employs 32 full-time internal team members and manages more than 2,600 temporary staff members.

“It is again an honor to be ranked among other prestigious women–owned businesses in the St. Louis area, and to be recognized for our commitment to our customers,” said Teresa Katubig, CPA, CEO of Extra Help.

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Jennifer Warren of First Clover Leaf Bank Receives CISP Designation

First Clover Leaf Bank recently announced that Jennifer Warren, vice president of retail operations, has received the CISP designation. This designation is awarded to individuals who demonstrate excellence in the field of IRA services. To qualify for certification, individuals must have required experience and education, pass an exam and agree to abide by a code of ethics.

Jennifer has been an employee of First Clover Leaf Bank for six years and has more than 15 years of banking experience. She is the bank’s IRA and HSA administrator, also overseeing a host of other areas including retail quality control. “One of the primary reasons I chose to work for this bank was its rich history in the community,” said Jennifer. “I have been a member of this community for over 15 years. Consequently I have a vested interest in it, so First Clover Leaf Bank was a natural fit.”

First Clover Leaf Bank prides itself in always putting their customer needs first. “Over the years, we have found that one of the most stressful processes our customers go through is the orchestration of their retirement,” Chad Abernathy, First Clover Leaf Bank’s senior vice president of retail banking, explained.

“As a result, we feel compelled to provide as much support to our customers as possible. We believe Jennifer’s accomplishment of earning her CISP designation is a huge step in that direction and will add significant value to our organization, as well as the entire local community,” added Abernathy.

Jennifer shared her goals at First Clover Leaf Bank, “IRA and HSA rules and regulations are ever changing,” she explained. “My goal is not only to keep our organization and its customer base aware of these important changes, but to grow our capacity to handle this financial category. Retirement will inevitably impact each and every member of this community.”

Jennifer is active with the United Way and participates on the allocations committee, allocating funds each year to the various organizations United Way supports. She is also a part of the review panel for the United Way. Jennifer is also an active member of the First Clover Leaf Bank Green Team, a non-profit group that supports local non-profit organizations.

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Adult Day Program Comes to Edwardsville
Thanks to St. John’s Community Care

Do you know someone who is caregiving for a loved one and needs help? St. John’s Community Care is opening their second Adult Day Program in Edwardsville February 18.

An outreach ministry of St. John EUCC in Collinsville, this not-for-profit has been providing compassionate care for aging and disabled people and their families since 1985. Non-Medical Home Services has been provided in nine communities, including Edwardsville/Glen Carbon, since its inception. The Adult Day Program–Collinsville was opened in 2001. Caregivers are specially trained in Alzheimer’s and dementia care, and watch over ‘participants’ (clients) who are 18 years and older. Adult Day Programs have a powerfully positive impact on clients and family caregivers.

What is an Adult Day Program? ADPs are a safe haven where family caregivers can leave their loved ones while they work, run errands or enjoy a well deserved respite. Art therapy, noodle volley ball, music, pet visitors, communal lunches and friends await participants.

Why is Adult Day important? Caregiving is a back breaking, emotionally draining and spiritually tiring responsibility. Adult Day Program is a loving alternative to 24/7 caregiving and provides a stimulating, therapeutic and social day for the participant. It also provides the caregiver a much needed respite and peace of mind that reduces stress and burnout.

The Adult Day Program–Edwardsville is open to participants regardless of race, religion, lifestyle choices or residential location. Anyone interested in learning more about the Adult Day Program is invited to stop in at one of the new facility’s Open Houses:

**4–7pm Friday, February 22 (4pm Ribbon Cutting w/ Ed-Glen Chamber)**

**2–4pm Sunday, February 24**

The Adult Day Program–Edwardsville is located at 1015 B Century Drive in the University Pointe II Center on Highway 157 and Center Grove Road. For more information or to schedule a personal care consultation, call 618.656.7090, email info@stjohnscc.org or go to www.stjohnscc.org
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Why Use a CPA For Your Taxes?

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Expertise: CPAs are required to receive training each year to learn about all the changes in the tax laws. Why do your own return and call a 1-800 number for help when a CPA is already trained to answer your question?

Reliability: Who’s going to be around in August when the IRS sends you a letter with a question about your tax return? It will be the CPA, and not someone who does taxes in February from a kiosk in Walmart!

Proactive Approach: Tax saving tips can often only be rendered before a transaction is complete. A CPA will work with you to help minimize future tax liability for your particular situation. Try finding that in software that you download!

Save Time: Just by looking at your prior year’s return and asking a few simple questions, a CPA will be able to tell you what information to gather, and what is not needed. You get to skip the hassle of trying to figure out what’s important by yourself!

Most people would hire a lawyer to write a will or hire a contractor to remodel their kitchen. The same logic applies to taxes. When it comes to deciphering the wonderfully confusing tax laws we currently have, a CPA will always be your best bet.

Call 618.614.3194 or email mail@franklinvaughncpa.com for more information.
MM&R Names Schrick as Shareholder

The law firm of Mathis, Marifian & Richter, Ltd. (MM&R), announced that Laura E. Schrick, an associate with MM&R since 2009, was named a shareholder effective January 1. Schrick practices tort and commercial litigation. She has successfully represented individuals and businesses in a variety of federal and state court matters. Schrick is licensed in Illinois and Missouri and is admitted to practice before the Illinois and Missouri state courts, as well as the United States District Courts for the Southern District of Illinois, the Eastern District of Missouri, and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. She was named to the 2013 Illinois Rising Stars list, an award recognizing the top 2.5 percent of attorneys in the state as determined by Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters business.

Schrick is a member of the American Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association, Missouri Bar Association, St. Clair County Bar Association, and the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (BAMSL). She is active in her community serving as a member of the Leadership Belleville Class of 2013, Family Hospice Board of Directors, and an Adjunct Instructor of Paralegal Studies at Southwestern Illinois College.

TheBANK Employees Pay Respects to Bob Wetzel

Employees line the street in front of the Main Office in Edwardsville to pay respects as the funeral procession of former TheBANK of Edwardsville President Bob Wetzel drives by Friday afternoon. Wetzel, a well-respected banker who was the longest-serving president at TheBANK and a renowned civic and community leader, passed away Monday, January 21, 2013.
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