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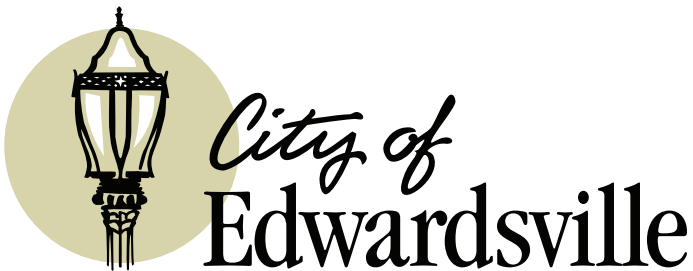
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April 19, 2012 7:30am

Breakfast *with the* Mayors



7:30am Full Breakfast Buffet

8-9am Introductions, Welcome & Program

In the Leclaire Room at Lewis and Clark Clark Community College's N.O. Nelson Campus

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Mission Statement

Through commitment and involvement of its members, the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce provides leadership for the benefit of the business community by promoting economic opportunities, advocating in the interests of business, providing members with education and resources, and encouraging mutual support.

on the cover

Mayors' Breakfast: April 19

The Chamber's annual Mayors' Breakfast is scheduled for Thursday, April 19 in the LeClaire Room at Lewis and Clark Community College. Join the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce for breakfast as we host Mayor Gary Niebur of the City of Edwardsville and Mayor Robert Jackstadt of the Village of Glen Carbon.

This is an excellent opportunity to network with fellow business people and learn about current affairs in Edwardsville & Glen Carbon

A full breakfast buffet begins at 7:30am, with introductions, welcome and program beginning at 8am. The fee to attend is \$20 per person, and the registration form may be found on page 7. Deadline for registration is Friday, April 13.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for Mayors' Breakfast – call 618.656.7600 to learn about Mayors' Breakfast sponsorship opportunities.

The Mayors' Breakfast is an annual event brought to you by the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce's government affairs committee.



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3/8 Thursday 5-7pm

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Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois
4 Ginger Creek Parkway
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3/15 Thursday 5:30-7pm

YPG Knife Skills Class
at Chef's Shoppe
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3/22 Thursday 4:15pm

Ribbon Cutting
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3/22 Thursday 4:30pm

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3/27 Tuesday 8-10:30am

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networking & breakfast: 8-8:30am
program: 8:30-10:30am

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4/5 Thursday 5-7pm

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4/13 Friday 12-1pm

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4/19 Thursday 7:30-9am

Mayors' Breakfast
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Applications are now available for the 2012 Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce Scholarship.

The application is to be completed by all students who wish to be considered for the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce Scholarship. The scholarship committee will review all applications and make awards to students whose academic history and activities show the most promise.

The Chamber of Commerce will award one \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior from Edwardsville High School, Metro East Lutheran High School, Lahr-Well Academy, or a home-schooled student living in District 7. The Chamber will also award one \$1,000 scholarship to a student currently attending either Southern Illinois University Edwardsville or Lewis and Clark Community College.

Go to www.edglenchamber.com and access the scholarship article to download an application. All applications must be postmarked by April 6, 2012. For more information, contact the Chamber office at 618.656.7600.

CommunityLink Map Sales

The Chamber's new map project kicks off this month! The Ed/Glen Street Map & Resource Guide is one of the most effective marketing tools we offer our members. It is the **only** map endorsed & distributed by the Ed/Glen Chamber. The map is a vital tool for marketing our area to visitors, new residents and new or relocating businesses. Thousands of copies of this map will be distributed over the next few years. The map will also feature an online component. By advertising on the printed version, users will be able to view your ad online.

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Our project consultant, **Eddie Hebron**, will be visiting members to share the opportunities for marketing your business in this publication. Ads are available in a variety of sizes and prices, so if the map is a good fit for your marketing strategy, we can find a fit for your budget as well. For more information, please contact Eddie today at **1.800.455.5600 Ext. 2029** or **Eddie@CommunityLink.com**.

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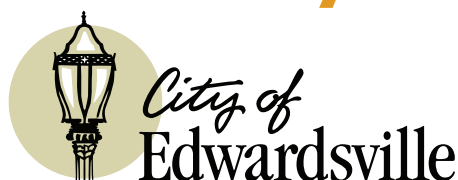
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Please reserve _____ tickets at \$20 each.

Business Name _____

Business Address _____

Names of Attendees _____

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Meridian Village Senior Living Community, an Ed/Glen Chamber member since January 1999, is owned by Lutheran Senior Services (LSS). LSS shares its roots with the Lutheran Hospital system, which was founded in St. Louis in 1851. In the 1960s, the Lutheran Hospital made the decision to offer expanded services to cater to St. Louis' senior population. Its purchase of the Lutheran Convalescent Home in Webster Groves was the first step toward the eventual creation of Lutheran Senior Services as a standalone organization, which today owns and operates 10 continuing care retirement communities, 10 affordable housing communities, and eight in-home services.

Since joining LSS in 1999, Meridian Village has expanded into a full Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC), offering five levels of service – independent living apartments and patio homes, assisted living, memory care assisted living, and our REACH Short Stay rehabilitation program. Meridian Village serves seniors living in the Metro East.

Meridian Village started as an independent senior living community. In 2004, they began their expansion into a full-service CCRC with the addition of new independent living apartments and patio homes, as well as a new assisted living neighborhood. In 2010, Meridian Village brought the state-of-the-art "household" model of care to the Metro East, as they opened their Memory Care Assisted Living area, Hummingbird Lane. Patterned after a family home, households are self-contained living spaces where small teams of flexible team members provide personalized care for a smaller number of residents. This model also shaped our newly opened care center, which offers skilled nursing and REACH Short Stay rehabilitation.

What sets us apart from our competitors is the depth and breadth of services offered here on campus, our dedication to creating personalized, person-centered service experiences for each of our residents, and our commitment to our Christian mission of 'Older Adults Living Life to the Fullest.' That mantra is based on John 10:10 – "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." This perfectly encapsulates Lutheran Senior Services' approach to serving seniors.



"Over the years, both LSS and Meridian Village have been blessed by the efforts of many passionate and mission-minded individuals. As an organization, we seek out team members with servant hearts, who have a desire to serve others as Christ would serve them," said Communications & Media Director Luke Smith.

Meridian Village's property contains 11 undeveloped acres for additional expansion, although no plans have yet been announced for their use.

Meridian Village is actively involved in numerous volunteer activities. In addition to helping area foodbanks and church ministries, their residents and staff raise money for the United Way and the Alzheimer's Association. They also work to raise funds for Lutheran Senior Services' Benevolent Care Fund, which helps support seniors who have outlived their ability to pay for the care they need.

Lutheran Senior Services has been named one of the Best Places to Work in St. Louis twice in the last three years.

To learn more about Meridian Village, call 618.288.3700, stop by 27 Auerbach Place in Glen Carbon to tour their beautiful facility, go to www.meridianvillageliving.org, or check out their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/LSSMeridianVillage.

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Annual Community Awards & Dinner Auction

2011 Ambassador Co-Chairs: Dave Viox & Rachel Case, with 2012 President Skip Sponeman



Edward McCarthy accepting 2011 Business of the Year award from 2011 President Marc Voegelé on behalf of Buhrmester Paint & Wallpaper.

Dr. Vaughn Vandegrift, retiring SIUE Chancellor, was honored with the Synergy Award for his significant contributions toward creating a climate of collaboration throughout our region.



John Molley, 2009 Cassens Award winner, presents SJ Morrison with the 2012 Albert Cassens Award for Outstanding Community Achievement.

Dr. Carol Keene, 2011 Tallerico honoree, presented Teresa Katubig with the 2012 Tallerico Leadership Award.



Andrea Wetzel-Darbon & Scott Wetzel presented their father, Robert Wetzel, with the 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Congratulations to all of our honorees, and thank you for your outstanding contributions to our community.

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business after hours



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Bella Milano, Chick Fritz Distributing & First Clover Leaf Bank, February 16



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The Goddard School Summer Program Enrollment Now Open

The Goddard School in Edwardsville is now enrolling for its popular summer program open to children ages 6 weeks to 12 years. The summer program, with its Let's Go Exploring! theme, will run from June 4 to August 17, 2012. The camp will include programs specific to each age category, including school-aged children who will attend the program at the new Annex above Peel Wood Fired Pizza and What to Wear.

Part of Goddard Systems, Inc., The Goddard School in Edwardsville follows a learn-through-play philosophy, which celebrates the individual potential of each child. The summer program was created to prepare children for school readiness while creating joyful, lasting summer memories offered at traditional summer camps. Activities include water play, themed activities, outdoor exploration, gardening, physical fitness and more.

"Our summer program is very popular with our children and parents as we try to make it as fun as it is beneficial to the child's development. We have an amazing theme selected for our 2012 Summer Camp where we will explore many areas of curriculum including language arts, math, creative

arts, science and nature, social science, music and movement, motor skills and computers," said Barbara Burrows, owner.

Some weekly theme examples include: Goddard Gardeners, Bright Lights Big Cities, Space Adventures, Biomes, Let's Go Camping, and Summer Olympics.

Those interested in attending the 2012 Summer Camp program – Let's Go Exploring! – should contact The Goddard School in Edwardsville at 618.692.9464. Space is limited. Located at 801 South Arbor Vitae off of Plum Street in The Park at Plum Creek development, The Goddard School in Edwardsville opened its doors in February 2009 and since has attracted more than 160 families.



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The Southern Illinois Community Foundation (SICF) is playing an active role in assisting Harrisburg and area residents impacted by the tornado. The Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable organization, so all donations to the organization are 100% tax-deductible. If you pay online through the link at www.edglenfamilies.org, there is a reference box that you will see during the online payment process. Be sure to let them know that you are donating through "ed-glen families," and they will match up to \$250 to the Relief Fund. If you want to send a check, their contact information is on the ed-glen families home page – be sure to write "ed-glen families – Harrisburg Relief" in the memo!



Accounting Firm Receives IL Teaching Approval

People in Business, Inc, an accounting firm located at 7 Glen-Ed Professional Park in Glen Carbon, was recently approved by the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation as a provider of Certified Professional Education training. This license gives the firm a specific status which recognizes the high level of training expertise in the accounting field. It approves the firm to provide professional education to accountants, CPAs and accounting firms. Annual training is required for each licensed accountant in Illinois.

Classes planned for 2012 include training for the Registered Tax Return Preparer examination, small business taxes, payroll taxes, QuickBooks training, and real estate record keeping and tax requirements. The sessions will be available to professionals throughout the metro area. Additional classes will be offered to the public and non-licensed professionals. Susan M. Young, CPA is the president of People in Business, Inc. She currently provides training locally at SIUE & Lewis and Clark, and is a member of the the University of Illinois Tax School's tax textbook team. This new license will expand class availability. For more information call 618.334.8887 or go to www.metrocpa1.com.

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First Clover Leaf Bank's Executive Speaker Series Brings Bill DeWitt III & Charlie Brennan to Edwardsville

First Clover Leaf Bank hosted the first seminar in the new Executive Speaker Series February 23 in Edwardsville. The seminar, titled, "Inside the Business of Baseball," provided an inside view of the behind the scenes world of St. Louis Cardinals Baseball. Bill DeWitt III, president of the Cardinals, along with Charlie Brennan of KMOX, provided lively conversation describing how the Cardinal organization functions – from the selection of players to the future of Ballpark Village. Mr. DeWitt was candid and informative when he shared information from the other side of the Cardinal organization.

The Executive Speaker Series was designed to give our local business community first hand knowledge of the business behind various industries, including entertainment and sports. First Clover Leaf Bank wanted to create a forum that gives the attendees an up close view of the featured topics and create an opportunity for them to participate and interject their thoughts, feelings and questions into the discussion.

Bill DeWitt III gave the attendees at the seminar a sneak peak at what it takes to run the St. Louis Cardinal organization. He spoke about how players are selected, recruited and secured. He also talked about the ballpark, field maintenance, staffing and many other items that go into producing the team and the ballpark we love. He even shared his thoughts on the future of the Rally Squirrel and if there will be a place for the unlikely mascot in the future. Bill DeWitt's humor and information, along with Charlie Brennan as moderator, produced an informative yet entertaining seminar.

"We were thrilled to be able to bring Mr. Bill DeWitt III to our customers and friends for an insight into the World Champion St. Louis Cardinals. We are forever grateful to Mr. Charlie Brennan for serving as moderator of our ongoing Executive Speaker Series," stated Dennis Terry, president and CEO of First Clover Leaf Bank.

Future Executive Speaker Series seminars will continue to provide detailed information on interesting and unique topics. First Clover Leaf Bank hopes that the behind the scenes information will be helpful and entertaining to our local business and community leaders. The next Executive Speaker Series seminar is being planned for May 2012 – watch for details and information coming soon.



ABOVE: Bill DeWitt III, Dennis Terry & Charlie Brennan.

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Heyl Royster Announces New Partner

The law firm of Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen announces that Patrick Cloud of the firm's Edwardsville office has become a partner with the firm. Patrick Cloud was a summer associate for the firm during law school and joined the firm in its Edwardsville office following graduation in 2004. He concentrates his practice on toxic tort matters, insurance coverage litigation, complex civil litigation, and governmental law.



The law firm of has more than 100 lawyers among its offices in Peoria, Springfield, Urbana, Rockford, Edwardsville, and Chicago, IL. The firm provides legal services for businesses and corporations, professionals, health care organizations, governmental entities, universities, insurance carriers, and other major institutions. To learn more, go to www.heyloyster.com.

Save the Date: Taste of Edwardsville is April 28

Make plans to join Edwardsville Neighbors In Need for the 4th annual Taste of Edwardsville on April 28. You'll be treated to exciting cuisine from our area's best restaurants, check out some new ones, and the Smash Band will be on hand to keep you dancing all night long.

All proceeds go directly to local families going through a medical or emergency crisis, so please help Neighbors In Need make this year's Taste the most successful yet. Go to www.EdwardsvilleNeighborsInNeed.org to see some of the families the organization was able to help in 2011, and imagine the possibilities for 2012 with your continued help and support.

Tickets on sale March 28 at www.EdwardsvilleNeighborsInNeed.org



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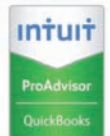
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Johnson Earns Master of Photography Degree from Professional Photographers of America

Carol (English, Guerrero) Johnson, F-APPI (Fellow-Associated Professional Photographers of Illinois) of Visions By Carol Photography in Edwardsville and formerly of Granite City, IL & Tempe, AZ has earned the Master of Photography degree from Professional Photographers of America (PPA). The degree was presented to Johnson by PPA President, Don Dickson, M.Photog. Cr., Hon. M.Photog., CPP, and her father, Vincent English, at the association's annual convention, Imaging USA, held January 15–17, 2012 in New Orleans, LA.



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PPA, a worldwide association, exists to assist its more than 22,000 members in achieving their professional, artistic and fraternal goals; promote public awareness of the profession; and to advance the making of images in all of its disciplines as an art, a science and a visual recorder of history.

Johnson currently holds the positions of president of Southern Illinois Art League, and serves as an ambassador for the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce.

Johnson also earned Best of Show through Southern Illinois Art League at their September 2011 and February 2012 meetings.

Johnson is the daughter of Vincent and Lorraine English of Glen Carbon and is married to Brian Johnson of Granite City. She has two children, Mariah (12) & Cierra (9). View Carol's work at www.visionsbycarol.com.



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Scott Credit Union Breaks Ground on 16th Branch Location

A crowd of about 50 was on hand recently to see representatives from Scott Credit Union break ground for its new full-service branch in Wood River. The location, which will feature a 2,550-square-foot lobby, a drive-up ATM and three drive through lanes, will be the local credit union's 16th branch office.

The new branch will be located on Wesley Drive near the Walmart Supercenter. Scott Credit Union's current East Alton location on Lewis & Clark Boulevard will be relocated to the new Wood River Branch. The new SCU Wood River Branch is expected to be completed in late summer this year.

"We are very excited about this project. We are looking forward to continuing our service to residents of the Riverbend area," said Scott Credit Union President & CEO Frank Padak. "We will move our East Alton location, which is the former ABBCO Credit Union, to this new full-service branch."

SCU Board Chairman Betty Renth, who has been involved in the credit union's growth from one location on Scott Air Force Base, to now building a 16th location, greeted the crowd and helped break ground on the new facility.

Additionally, Scott Credit Union Facilities Administration Manager Tracie Buettner also recognized the contractor, L. Wolf Construction and ACI/Boland, the architectural firm working on the project.

Scott Credit Union, which is over \$795 million in assets and nearly 200 employees, serves more than 95,000 members worldwide. "Focusing on member value instead of bottom line profits has allowed us to be extremely successful and to have record growth over the past few years," Padak added. For details on opening accounts at Scott Credit Union, go to www.scu.org.



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Angie's List Awards Mr. Handyman of the Metro East 2011 'Super Service Award'

Angie's List, a consumer rating service website, has released the annual list of 'Super Service Awards' – and 32 Mr. Handyman franchise businesses made the cut including Mr. Handyman of the Metro East.

This prestigious award is granted to approximately five percent of all the companies rated on the nation's leading provider of consumer reviews on local service companies. This award is given to companies for achieving and maintaining a superior service record with its website users who rank their experiences. Angie's List Super Service Award winners have met strict eligibility requirements including: accumulating a minimum number of reports, earning an excellent rating from their customers and abiding by the website's operational guidelines.

"It's an honor to be recognized by our customers for all our hard work and commitment," said BJ Meyers, president of Mr. Handyman of the Metro East. "We're dedicated to delivering the best handyman service and overall experience to each customer on every visit."

Angie's List is where consumers go to find thousands of unbiased reports and reviews about service companies in their area. Company ratings are based strictly on feedback from members of Angie's List. Companies cannot pay to be on the list, nor can they put themselves on the list. Angie's List currently has more than 1 million members across the United States submitting over 40,000 reports each month. Members share their experiences with each other so consumers can choose the service company that's right for the job – the first time around.

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Extra Help Welcomes Kelly Pauley to Team

Kelly Pauley of Edwardsville has joined Extra Help, Inc. as a staffing specialist in their Edwardsville office and is responsible for the successful placement of candidates with clients throughout the Metro East area.

Her previous experience in the staffing industry has provided her with a solid foundation in the areas of employee relations, training, development, team building and placement. Kelly holds a bachelor's degree and recently received her master's degree in training and development with a certificate in work performance improvement from Eastern Illinois University. In her free time she enjoys attending concerts, and visiting her friends and family in Chicago.



Collision Plus Moves to Glen Carbon Location

Collision Plus of Glen Carbon has relocated their collision repair business to 28 Kettle River Drive in Glen Carbon. Their former location at Four Flags Motors was part of the property acquired by Sam's Club.

According to Chief Operating Officer Andy Cooksey, "the new location is bigger, has improved work flow, and new equipment which will reduce repair times. Being able to get customers back in their vehicles faster will help us achieve our company mission to "delight customers." The new location opened Monday, February 20. To see a photo of the new location, go to www.collisionplus.com or www.facebook.com/collisionplusauto.

Locally owned and operated for more than 65 years, Collision Plus also has body shops in Belleville, Swansea and O'Fallon. The telephone number for Collision Plus of Glen Carbon remains the same: 618.656.0522.



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