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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

2011 Halloween Parade

The Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce has brought the parade to the community for over 90 years. Weather permitting, we draw crowds in excess of 20,000. Over 100 entries, ranging from school groups, organizations, bands, and small and large businesses of all kinds, participate in the annual tradition.

This year's parade theme is 'Cartoons & Comics.' To register your business, organization or neighborhood group for the 2011 Halloween parade, go to www.edglenhalloween.com and download the registration, narrative, and rules/regulations forms.

The parade will begin at **6:30pm Monday, October 31**. The route begins at Lincoln Middle School parking lot at Schwarz & West Streets, then travels east on St. Louis Street to Vandalia Street, then north on North Main Street, disbanding at High Street.

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10/13 Thursday 5-7pm

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10/14 Friday 4:30-6:30pm

YPG Annual Picnic
More info to come.

10/18 Tuesday 4pm

Ribbon Cutting & 10 Year
Anniversary Celebration
St. John's Community Care
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10/19 Wed 8:30-10:30am

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Session 2: Using LinkedIn as
a Powerful Prospecting Tool
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10/31 Monday 6:30pm

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Halloween Parade

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Location TBD

11/3 Thursday 5-7pm

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11/10 Thursday 10:30am

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11/16 Tuesday 4pm

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110 Junction Drive
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11/17 Thursday 5-7pm

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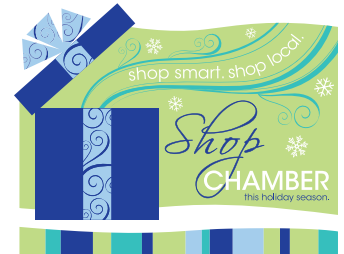
Community Link Map Sales Begin in March

The Chamber's new map project will kick off in March 2012 – remember to earmark advertising dollars for maps sales! Look for notices early in 2012 to learn when our CommunityLink sales representative will be in Edwardsville & Glen Carbon scheduling visits.

Participate in 2012 'Shop Chamber' Campaign

After a successful first annual Shop Chamber campaign, we're planning the 2012 event. The campaign encourages shoppers to 'Shop Smart. Shop Local. Shop Chamber.' Call 618.656.7600 by November 1 to learn how your business can

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As you may all recall, in 2011 the board of directors for the Ed/Glen Chamber of Commerce changed the annual dues to be charged on a calendar year basis instead by the anniversary month of the member as it had been done in previous years. With this said, our members will be receiving their 2012 membership dues invoice in December 2011 for payment in January 2012. All invoices will be due within 30 days of receipt. Please note that all invoices, generated by the Chamber after December 2011 and not paid within the specified payment schedule, will be subject to a monthly 1.5% finance fee on the balance owed to the Chamber until it is paid in full.

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Save the date for this fun annual event – this is a family friendly event, so feel free to bring your spouse and children. More information to come!

RSVP to Beth Breihan at bbreihan@edenvillage.org

Young Professional of the Month: Paula Simmons

Paula Simmons, originally from Princeville, IL, now calls Edwardsville home. She lives with her husband Tony and their toy poodle Merry.

Following college, Paula was a teacher at Bethalto High School for two years. When she saw the opportunity with Country Financial, she decided to give it a shot – nine years later it is a wonderful career for Paula and she wouldn't change her path for anything.



Looking for the opportunity to network with fellow business owners and community leaders, Paula joined the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce in October 2010. Shortly thereafter she joined YPG to meet professionals similar in age.

Paula wants to help other YPG members promote and grow their business, and provide them with services from Country Financial when needed. She would like to grow YPG membership to create long-standing Ed/Glen Chamber members for the future, and help young professionals grow and develop their leadership and business skills.

Paula advises fellow Chamber members, "Attend as many Business After Hours and networking@noon events as possible. It's a chance to grow professionally and network with fellow business people. Learn from others and be outgoing!"

To learn more about Paula and Country Financial, call 618.659.9000, visit her in person at 115 South Main Street in Edwardsville, or go to www.countryfinancial.com/paula.simmons

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Christine Craine (term 2012–2014)	Sam Guarino (term 2012–2014)	David Toby (term 2010–2012)
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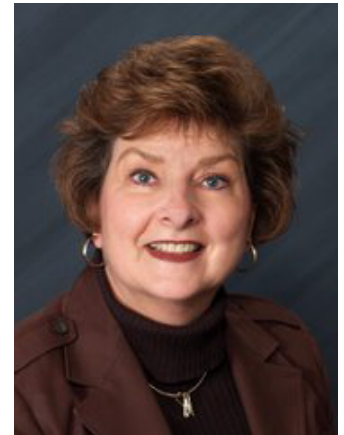
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Kathy Goclan became an American Family Insurance agent 24 years ago, when a friend encouraged her to get involved in insurance. At the time she had also been considering real estate, but insurance won her over.

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Kathy is passionate about her business. "I love working with people and building rapport with my insureds. Everyone has a unique story, and over the years my clients have become like family."

Throughout the past 24 years, Kathy says that her business has bloomed and grown, "the number of people I've met along the way have been awesome."



A past Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce board of directors president, Kathy has been a chamber member for 12 years. She serves on the government affairs committee and has participated in annual dinner, golf, education, Halloween parade, and business after hours committees.

In addition to her involvement with the Ed/Glen Chamber, she has co-chaired an underprivileged children's Christmas party every season for over 20 years with a dear friend.

Kathy would like to hire more sales staff in the future. "This isn't an easy profession – it's a constant challenge and it takes a while to learn. There is always something to learn and there are always challenges," says Kathy.

One of Kathy's favorite quotes: "People will forget what you said and people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

In her spare time, Kathy can be found chasing her grandchildren from hockey to dance and back to hockey. "It's fun and entertaining, they always keep me laughing. My family also spends as much time as possible at Table Rock Lake, our favorite water spot."

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Session 3: December 9

Successful Email Marketing

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Integrated Medical Group Adds Three Local Practices

Integrated Medical Group, headed by owner and CEO Dr. David Thayer, has announced the acquisition of three local Chiropractic practices. Luna Wellness Center in Maryville and Rosenberg Chiropractic in Granite City have become part of Integrated Medical Group, merging into the group's Edwardsville and Highland offices. The Whole Health Center office in Greenville has also been added to Integrated Medical Group's two existing locations. In addition, Dr. Rosenberg of Rosenberg Chiropractic will join the Integrated Medical Group staff.

Dr. Thayer explains, "My patients are my number one priority. I am thankful and excited these acquisitions give me the opportunity to help more patients achieve their health goals. I am looking forward to expanding our services into the Greenville area as well." In 2001 Dr. Thayer opened his practice, Thayer Acupuncture & Chiropractic in Edwardsville. After acquiring the Highland Pain Relief Center in 2004, Dr. Thayer combined the practices and renamed them as Integrated Medical Group.

To learn more, go to www.drthayer.com or call 618.692.6700 (Edwardsville), 618.654.3900 (Highland), or 618.664.0111 (Greenville).

Strassi Joins Fitness4Life Physical Therapy Team

There is now a new face on Mark Slaughter's team at Fitness4Life Physical Therapy. Sharon Strassi has been a Physical Therapist assistant for 27 years and has worked in many different fields of therapy including in-patient, out-patient, sports medicine, and work hardening.

A native of the East Alton area, Strassi has known the Slaughters since she worked with them for seven years at the clinic they owned in Alton, Northport Physical Therapy, which was later sold to Healthsouth. Strassi remembers the Slaughters and her fellow coworkers with fondness. "There was a great group of people working at Northport; we all became good friends," she said.

Besides being a current employee of Fitness4Life, Strassi is quite a fan of the Slaughters and the way they treat their patients. "Fitness4Life is different from other places – every patient gets personal attention," Strassi said. "Mark is very progressive and stays up on the latest treatments and techniques. He is always up-to-date in his treatment approach, and he also tries to make the patients' experience a pleasant one with a friendly atmosphere."

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First Clover Leaf Bank Hires Barlow as Senior VP

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His role at First Clover Leaf Bank is to facilitate product enhancements and development while increasing services, allowing First Clover Leaf Bank to provide unparalleled product offerings and lending expertise to each of its commercial customers.

"Bill Barlow brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to First Clover Leaf Bank," says Dennis Terry, CEO & President of First Clover Leaf Bank. "We look for great things from Bill as First Clover Leaf Bank expands its commercial loan services to our customers." First Clover Leaf Bank has strategically grown the commercial loan division for the past several years. The success of this plan created a need to add to the management team. Barlow stated, "First Clover Leaf Bank is community banking at its best. It is locally owned with

a supportive board of directors comprised of successful business owners. The officers and staff are very dedicated to providing the highest level of customer service and improving the communities in which we live and work through countless hours of volunteer community service."

At the announcement of Bill's acceptance, Lisa Fowler, Senior Vice President and Chief Lending Officer of First Clover Leaf Bank said, "I am excited to have Bill Barlow join our First Clover Leaf Bank family. I have known Bill for many years and I know he will be a terrific addition to our lending and senior management team. His years of experience in community banking and commercial lending in the local market will be a great fit for our organization and add depth and leadership in our lending staff."

With over 31 years of banking experience, Barlow's expertise in the commercial lending field will be critical as First Clover Leaf Bank continues to expand and develop its commercial lending division while holding true to its community bank model. Putting his customers first has always been a philosophy Bill embraces. He shared, "I'm excited to have joined a community bank that still puts its customers first."



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The accounting firm Scheffel & Company, P.C. is pleased to announce the promotion of Elizabeth Heil, CPA to Manager in the Edwardsville office. "Elizabeth has proven herself as a leader in our firm and the community," say Dennis Ulrich, CPA, Managing Principal of Scheffel. "Elizabeth's promotion to manager allows her to continue her exceptional client service as well as manage other Scheffel accountants." Elizabeth's accomplishments include starting the STAR employee recognition program, and being instrumental in the development of a mentor program and employee training manual.



Valedictorian of her Belleville West class, Elizabeth studied accounting at the University of Illinois and completed a Masters of Business Administration at SIU-Carbondale. She graduated with honors from both universities. After graduating, Elizabeth wanted to return to the Metro-East. With the encouragement of her CPA father Elizabeth interviewed with Scheffel and Company and was hired as a staff accountant in 1999.

Elizabeth also manages to be involved in many organizations. She is presently a board member of the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Chamber's Young Professionals Group, Illinois CPA Society, and the Illinois Federation of Business Women. Elizabeth is a Deacon at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Belleville.



Elizabeth's work includes auditing, tax and consulting with individuals and businesses. Her greatest satisfaction comes from helping her clients. "I get a great sense of accomplishment with my job when I can help my clients by saving them money and find solutions to their problems," stated Elizabeth.



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Greater Edwardsville Area Community Foundation to Host Business After Hours

Mark your calendars! The Greater Edwardsville Area Community Foundation (GEACF) will host Business After Hours at TheBANK of Edwardsville 5–7pm on November 3. “We are so excited to hold our very first Business After Hours event,” said Mary Westerhold, Vice-Chairman of the Foundation. “We have incredible giveaways and look forward to the community coming out, having a good time and learning more about our organization. TheBANK of Edwardsville has generously loaned us their great location for our event and we could not be more thrilled. We will have food provided by Catered AFFAIR and drinks from Crushed Grapes. It should be a wonderful evening!” said Westerhold.”

GEACF is a charitable trust that receives, manages, and distributes tax-deductible charitable contributions and is committed to providing the community with options for donating their money locally. The Foundation receives contributions from private citizens, local businesses and other organizations interested in funding the charitable needs of the greater Edwardsville/Glen Carbon area.

“We believe in making our great community even better. For example, we recently awarded grant money to the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, Junior Service Club and NAMI Southwestern Illinois to help with their various initiatives. It is exciting to see the positive difference you can make in your own back yard.” said Westerhold.

The Greater Edwardsville Area Community Foundation is dedicated to the enhancement and betterment of the quality of life in the communities of Edwardsville, Glen Carbon, Hamel, Moro, Dorsey, Worden and the surrounding areas. During 2010, The GEACF distributed more than \$896,313 in awards, grants and scholarships from the General Fund to benefit local charitable organizations and deserving students. Since its inception in 1997, The GEACF has distributed more than \$5.4 million to charitable causes.

To learn more about the Greater Edwardsville Area Community Foundation and the many community organizations it supports, go to www.edwardsvillefoundation.org or call 855-GO-GEACF (855.464.3223).

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Leclaire Parkfest

The 20th Annual Leclaire Parkfest will take place Sunday, October 16, from 12–5pm at Leclaire Lake Park on Hale Avenue in Edwardsville. The festival features the Dixieland sound of the St. Louis Levee Band Trio from 12–2:30 pm, followed by the old time folk music of The Lodge Brothers. Wine and beer from Crushed Grapes of Edwardsville compliment a wide variety of festival foods offered by area non-profit organizations. Local artisans and crafters will have their wares on display and available for purchase. Pony rides, a petting zoo, and pet adoptions as well as games and other family activities provide something for everyone. Daughters of American Revolution (DAR) will host their annual book sale with thousands of books at bargain prices, and a historic photo exhibit and narrated trolley tours will highlight the story of the Leclaire National Historic District. For more information call Friends of Leclaire at 618.656.1294 or email friends@historic-leclaire.org.

JSC Plans Pub Crawl

Junior Service Club (JSC) of Edwardsville/Glen Carbon is hosting a 2011 'Stache Bash Pub Crawl on November 5 from 5pm–midnight. All proceeds will go back into the community, including JSC's special project, Boundless Playground.

For only \$25, participants will receive a free 'Stache Bash long sleeved t-shirt and coozie, membership into the American Moustache Institute, drink/food specials, contests, prizes and tons of fun!

Go to www.edglenjuniorservice.org/pub_crawl.html to register online and learn more about sponsorships. Deadline to register is October 22. Email pubcrawl@edglenjuniorservice.org with questions.

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BARBERMurphy Group Expands Expertise to Assist Clients in the Buying/Selling of Southern IL Businesses

The BARBERMurphy Group is building upon its strength in commercial real estate to expand their brokerage services to assist commercial clients in the buying and selling of businesses located in the Southern Illinois market.

"Business Brokerage is something we as commercial real estate brokers have done for years because at its core commercial real estate is about businesses. But you have to recognize that selling a business also takes a different approach, a good team and a different marketing effort and that is where we are focusing. We believe with our presence and activity in this market BMG is best positioned to provide that specialized service to our existing and new clients," says Paul Murphy, Principal, BARBERMurphy Group.

BARBERMurphy Group will become the first Southern Illinois real estate group to be licensed in both business and commercial real estate and provide these additional specialized brokerage services. BMG is expanding upon its current business and real estate listings with business opportunities such as restaurants, specialty retail shops, wine shops and others but can assist any type of operating businesses that includes a real estate asset.

According to Cathy Hamilton, Commercial & Business Broker, BARBERMurphy Group, "It is our clients that made us start to take a hard look at this. Some wanted to retire and were struggling with where to begin. They had an asset that they put their blood, sweat and tears into and starting saying what do I do now. After we talked with business owners, accountants and business attorneys, we realized no one was effectively servicing their needs in the metro-east and southern Illinois markets. BMG already has in place the marketing tools needed to help our clients. BMG will make the extra effort to help our clients through our business brokerage services."

As Wayne Barber, Principal, BARBERMurphy Group, explains, "Business brokerage is a logical direction for BMG as we believe in providing solutions to our clients. These are the same clients that we might have worked with as they bought a building or leased a space for their business. Our brokers recognized the changing needs of our clients and we are responding."

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NAMI Announces Run/ Walk for Mental Health

Halloween is October 31, but NAMI is celebrating it a little earlier this year at their Run/Walk for Mental Health on October 29. And yes, they are breaking out the pumpkins and the trick or treat candy. Come dressed in your favorite (family friendly) Halloween costume – kids too! Runners can run in costume as well. Best Halloween costume prizes for children and adults. All costume participants receive a free goodie bag of treats.

Registration for the inaugural 5K Race for Recovery begins at 8am, with the race beginning at 9am. The fee to participate is \$25. Registration is at the Russell Commons Park, located directly south of the Alton Amphitheater and to the left of the Clark Bridge.

Families are encouraged to participate in the 8th annual Walk for Mental Health, led by the famous Weir llamas. Registration begins at 8am, with the walk beginning at 9:30am. The course is flat and partly shaded. Walk fee is \$15.

Register online at <http://namiswi.org>; sponsorship opportunities available.

TheBANK of Edwardsville Kicks Off Food Drive

With food pantries and shelters throughout the Metro-East preparing for what promises to be a busier-than-normal holiday season, TheBANK of Edwardsville is getting an early start on helping the organizations help those in need. TheBANK kicked off a food drive at all 20 of its banking centers in Madison and St. Clair counties on Sept. 21 with drop boxes set up for people to donate non-perishable food items and personal hygiene products.

"There's a need for food and personal products year-round, not just during the holidays," said Nikki Turner, Community Relations Coordinator for TheBANK. "But there's no question that need picks up in the winter months. We want to help the local pantries and shelters now, and hopefully that will relieve some of the burden when the holiday rush hits. There are people out there who need help. We hope that starting the drive now will get more people involved and more people will get the food and items that they need."

Stop by your nearest TheBANK of Edwardsville banking center and look for the drop box. Suggested items include: pancake batter, syrup, pasta/spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, and canned goods like chili and soup.



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Coffey & McCracken, MM&R Announce Merger

Coffey & McCracken Law Firm of Edwardsville recently announced that it has merged with the law firm Mathis, Marifian & Richter, Ltd. (MM&R). Effective October 1, 2011, the Coffey & McCracken group, consisting of shareholders Gregory W. Coffey and John W. McCracken, and associates Sandra J. Tatoian, Beth K. Flowers and Christine S.P. Kovach, join the shareholders and associates of MM&R. While Coffey & McCracken Law Firm will change to Mathis, Marifian & Richter, Ltd., it will continue providing services from its existing location at 125 North Buchanan in the heart of Edwardsville. Expansion of the Edwardsville office is planned to include attorneys from other MM&R locations.

Greg Coffey said, "Existing and future clients will benefit from the enhancement and expansion of our services in our firm's merger with MM&R. Each law firm's tradition of quality representation and high standards made the merger decision an easy one." Now with 25 attorneys, MM&R will continue to represent clients in matters of business law, taxation, estate planning, banking law, employee benefits, commercial litigation, real estate, bankruptcy, civil litigation, and employment law.

Edwardsville Orchestra Boosters Hosts Ride

The Edwardsville Orchestra Boosters second annual Tour de Strings event is coming October 8. This 10 mile ride / 3 mile walk will take place entirely on the walking trails, beginning at Miner Park in Glen Carbon.

- Registration begins at 8:30am
- Ride begins at 9:30am
- Water stations are available until 11:00am
- Attendance prizes begin at 11:30am

Entry Fee is \$25 per person or \$50 per family. Contact Judy Kupsky at 618.656.7665 or judyjoo@charter.net with questions.

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