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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.

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On August 21, 1979 Glen Carbon Walmart opened its doors. The store looked different back then. At that time, Walmart employed 100 associates and their building was 58,000 square feet.

Walmart soon became the destination for Glen Carbon and surrounding communities' daily general merchandise needs. Customers saw the impact of their basic philosophy, 'Everyday Low Price.' Throughout the years our store and the community continued to grow and thrive.

In January 1997, Glen Carbon Walmart outgrew its original building and relocated next door with 129,000 square feet and 350 associates. Today Walmart continues to enjoy the benefits of a growing community. For over thirty-one years Glen Carbon Walmart has made an impact on the community by saving people money so they can live better. Walmart provides great customer service, a clean and safe shopping experience, and quality goods at low prices.

Walmart continues to provide community support, with over \$30,000 going toward community grants and donations last year. The tax revenue generated for the area has improved our way of life within the community. Walmart's presence has helped Glen Carbon/Edwardsville become a shopping destination with increased customer traffic to surrounding businesses. Glen Carbon Walmart enjoys every opportunity to be a great neighbor and provide for economic advancement to the Glen Carbon/Edwardsville Community.

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9/10 Friday

YPG Golf Lessons w/ Mike Suhre
Oak Brook Golf Club
9157 Fruit Road
Edwardsville, IL 62025

9/15 Wednesday 4:30pm

Ribbon Cutting
L & N International Market
1719C Troy Road
Edwardsville, IL 62025

9/16 Thursday 5-7pm

Business After Hours
Wang Gang
4 Club Centre Court
Edwardsville, IL 62025

9/24 Friday 9am

Annual Ed/Glen Chamber
Golf Challenge at
Oak Brook Golf Club
9157 Fruit Road
Edwardsville, IL 62025

9/26 Sunday 2pm

Ground Breaking
Metro East Lutheran
High School Expansion
6305 Center Grove Road
Edwardsville, IL 62025

9/29 Wednesday 4pm

Ribbon Cutting & Open House
Imaging Center
2016 Vadalabene
Maryville, IL 62062

9/30 Thursday 4pm

Ribbon Cutting
Meridian Village
27 Auerbach Place
Glen Carbon, IL 62034

9/30 Thursday 5-7pm

Business After Hours
Royal Solutions
200 University Park Drive Ste 260
Edwardsville, IL 62025

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10/1-3 Fri/Sat/Sun

Fallfest

10/5 Monday 7:30-9:30am

YPG Learn from a Leader
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Edwardsville, IL 62025

10/7 Thursday 6-7pm

YPG Wine Class
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10/8-10 Fri/Sat/Sun

SIUE Homecoming

10/14 Thursday 5-7pm

Business After Hours
Sunset Hills Memorial Estates
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Glen Carbon, IL 62034

10/15 Friday 8-10:30am

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10/27 Wednesday 5-7pm

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Collinsville, IL 62234

10/28 Thursday 5-7pm

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10/31 Sunday 6:30pm

Annual Edwardsville/
Glen Carbon Chamber of
Commerce Halloween Parade
Downtown Edwardsville

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business after hours schedule

The purpose of a networking mixer is to meet new people, make new contacts, promote your business, and talk with other business people facing the same challenges as you. All are welcomed and invited to attend. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages are provided. A business card raffle and 50/50 drawing will occur at approximately 6pm. Entry fee is \$5 for Chamber members and \$15 for non-members. This is an excellent networking opportunity!

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From The Desk of Carol Foreman

With two record breaking events, August was a successful month for the Chamber. On August 23 a great crowd of elected officials and guests mingled at our Seventh Annual Meet & Greet Your Elected Officials event. Thanks to Glen Carbon Centennial Library for providing a beautiful Meet & Greet venue, and to the attorneys of Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard P.C. for sponsoring the event.

The 11th Annual Edwardsville Block Party was held Friday, August 27 in downtown Edwardsville to welcome SIUE students to town. The Chamber hosts a beer tent at Block Party each year, with 100% of proceeds supporting the Chamber's scholarship fund. I am pleased to announce record beer sales at the 2010 Block Party, more than double the funds raised in 2009. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to enjoy a cold beer, and my sincerest thanks to the dedicated team of volunteers who helped – your efforts made the evening a huge success.

Also in August, I had the pleasure of one-on-one meetings with many local restaurateurs. I appreciate that these busy chefs and restaurant owners were willing to take time out of their busy schedules to meet with me. The information I collected will be used in our forthcoming Ed/Glen Visitors' Guide, and will also help guide our shop local effort. It was encouraging to hear that our local restaurants are doing well and are having success with drawing diners from throughout the region. From these meetings came ideas on how the Chamber might play an expanded role in helping Edwardsville and Glen Carbon become even more well known as a dining destination.

Moving into September, we're working toward three major upcoming events: the Annual Ed/Glen Chamber Golf Challenge, held at Oak Brook Golf Club Friday, September 24 (www.edglengolfchallenge.com); our Second Annual Community-Wide Fallfest, October 1-3 (www.edglenfallfest.com); and the Annual Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce Halloween Parade, scheduled for 6:30pm Sunday, October 31 (www.edglenhalloween.com). Visit the event-specific Web sites to learn more about our fall events and how you can get involved – I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Carol Foreman

Carol Foreman, Executive Director

October 1-3, 2010



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2010 Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber Golf Challenge

Friday, September 24 at Oak Brook Golf Club

Deadline for registration is September 17. No refunds after September 20. Payment must accompany registration.

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- 18 holes of tournament golf with cart at Oak Brook Golf Club
- Unlimited use of driving range and putting green
- Attendance prizes for all golfers
- Golfer gift bags
- Par 3 games
- Hole in One contest
- Lunch & beverages on the course
- Dinner



Schedule of Events

9am	Registration & Driving Range Open
10am	Shotgun Start
3pm	Dinner with Awards Ceremony

Flight Winner Awards

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
A Flight	\$420	\$210	Gift
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www.edglengolfchallenge.com

Golf Challenge Sponsorships

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Information must be received by September 10 to guarantee full benefits. Payment must accompany registration.

Title Sponsor

\$2,500

- Exclusive event sponsor
- Welcome message at reception
- 2 teams (4 players/team plus carts)
- Separate corporate logo display
- Tables available to advertise, pass out gifts & interact with participants
- 2 Hole Sponsorships
- Full-page color ad in Golf Challenge program
- Certificate for full-page color ad in *Common Ground* (Chamber newsletter)

President's Circle

\$1,500

- 1 team (4 players/team plus carts)
- Tables available to advertise, pass out gifts & interact with participants
- 1 Hole Sponsorship
- Quarter-page color ad in Golf Challenge program
- Certificate for quarter-page color ad in *Common Ground* (Chamber newsletter)

Golf Cart Sponsors

\$600

- Limited to four businesses
- Company logo on front of all cart signs
- Sign at registration area before and during Golf Challenge
- Eighth-page black and white ad in Golf Challenge program
- Certificate for eighth-page color ad in *Common Ground* (Chamber newsletter)

Score Card Sponsors

\$600

- Limited to two businesses (front nine or back nine holes)
- Company logo on front of all score cards
- Sign at registration area before and during Golf Challenge
- Eighth-page black and white ad in Golf Challenge program
- Certificate for eighth-page color ad in *Common Ground* (Chamber newsletter)

Putting Green Sponsor

\$600

- Exclusive sponsorship
- Sole sponsor sign in practice green area before & during Golf Challenge
- Use as an opportunity to pass out golf balls or gifts, or visit with golfers
- Honor of delivering prize for low score on putting contest during awards ceremony

Lunch & Beverage Sponsors

\$600

- Limited to two businesses
- Sign at grill area before & during Golf Challenge
- Signs on beverage carts & beverage centers throughout the course
- Tables available to advertise, pass out gifts & interact with participants

Driving Range

\$500

- Exclusive sponsorship
- Signage in the driving range area before & during Golf Challenge
- Tables available to advertise, pass out gifts & interact with participants

Director's Circle

\$300

- 1 Hole Sponsorship (sign provided by Chamber)
- Tables available to advertise, pass out gifts & interact with participants
- Eighth-page black and white ad in Golf Challenge program
- Certificate for quarter-page color ad in *Common Ground* (Chamber newsletter)

Exclusive Hole Sponsor

\$300

- Limited to six businesses
- Signage at tee box and green

Tee Sponsor

\$125

- Shared sponsorship of a hole (tee/green) with other non-compete businesses

Prize Donation

- Donate a door prize or contest prize (value of approximately \$25–\$100)
- Recognition in dinner program and *Common Ground* (Chamber newsletter)

All Sponsorships Include:

- Logo/listing in all Golf Challenge programs, Web site & *Common Ground*
- Acknowledgement during awards ceremony

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Business of the Month:

GLIK'S

Glik's, established in 1897, is a family business that caters to the whole family. Their store focuses on the 18–35 age range and carries men's and women's apparel, including the latest LA fashion mixed with brand name surf and skate wear.

Since moving to their new location in February 2009, Glik's has seen many new customers along with loyal familiar faces. "We are glad to provide our community with a place they can get quality, name-brand clothes close to home," said Angela Bruening, Area Manager with Glik's.

Angela has been a part of the Edwardsville community her whole life, and she began working for Glik's fresh out of high school. "Glik's prides itself on its role and influence in the community since 1897 – I am happy to be a part of it!" said Angela.

Angela's favorite quote represents her perspective on doing business: "Love it, wear it, sell it!" The mantra is used by Glik's to encourage employees to wear clothing from Glik's and show off their trendy fashions.

The Edwardsville Glik's store is managed by Kristin Krebs. Glik's is located at 124 South Buchanan. Visit the store, call Glik's at 618.655.0084 or go to www.gliks.com to learn more.



ABOVE: Christa Opsal, Senior Assistant Manager and Kristin Krebs, Store Manager, pose with the latest fashions at the Edwardsville Glik's store.



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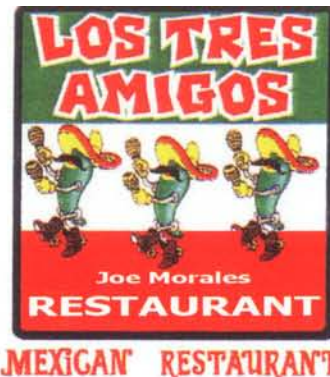
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upcoming YPG events

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10/5 Tuesday 7:30-9:30am

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First Clover Leaf Bank 2143 South IL Route 157 in Edwardsville

10/7 Thursday

Wine Education with Len Scaturro
Crushed Grapes 1500 Troy Road in Edwardsville

11/16 Tuesday 12-1pm

Speed Networking
GC Cuisine 1230 University Drive in Edwardsville



ABOVE: YPG members and guests picked up trash along a 2.5 mile section of Madison County Transit's Nature and Goshen Trails on Thursday, August 26 as part of a new philanthropic initiative for the group.



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Community Wide Fallfest Set for October 1, 2 & 3

The second annual Fallfest, to be held Friday–Sunday, October 1–3, is a Chamber sponsored event planned to spotlight special events going on in Edwardsville, Glen Carbon, and on SIUE's campus.

Some events already on our schedule include the mourning exhibit at the 1820 Colonel Benjamin Stephenson House, Bobby Norfolk at Glen Carbon Centennial Library, Tin Show at Edwardsville Arts Center, and the 3rd Annual Twilight Torch Ride for Special Olympics, Glen Carbon's First Annual Scarecrow Contest, and a petting zoo/pet adoption at Market Basket.

Call Carol at 618.656.7600 to find out how you can get involved by hosting an event, such as a customer appreciation day, or partnering with one of the many great non-profit organizations in our community.

The Chamber is committed to helping promote your events! Visit www.edglenfallfest.com for a listing of events!



Ed/Glen Halloween Parade October 31

The Annual Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Halloween Parade is scheduled for the evening of Sunday, October 31 in downtown Edwardsville. This year's theme is Harvest Homefest.

Applications are available at www.edglenhalloween.com. The deadline to register an entry in the parade is Monday, October 11.

This year, the Chamber has introduced Halloween Parade sponsorship packages: \$5,000 Spooktacular Presenting Sponsor, \$2,500 Grand Ghost Major Event Sponsor, \$1,000 Great Pumpkin Sponsor, \$500 Headless Horseman Sponsor, and \$250 Wealthy Witch Sponsor. Go to www.edglenhalloween.com to download a PDF with detailed sponsorship package information.

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business after hours



Anderson Hospital, August 5



Anderson Hospital, August 5



Regions Bank, August 19



Regions Bank, August 19



Neruda & BPW, September 2



Neruda & BPW, September 2

ribbon cuttings



World Finance Corp., August 12



Regions Bank, August 19



Grace Manor Restaurant, August 25



The Cup, August 31

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- 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!

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First Clover Leaf Bank Community Events

First Clover Leaf Bank's 10th Annual Coats for Kids Drive starts September 20 and runs through October 9. They are asking for donations of either new or gently used clean coats. Monetary donations toward their drive are being accepted to purchase new coats. The coats will be distributed to those in need throughout the surrounding school districts and other charitable organizations. A list of drop off locations closest to you can be found at www.firstcloverleafbank.com/home/about/community. Please mail monetary donations to P.O. Box 540, Edwardsville, IL 62025. Contact Dianne 618.656.6122 with any questions. The children appreciate your generosity.

The Visiting Nurses Association will give flu shots Thursday, September 30 from 10am–2pm at the St. Louis Street location, 300 St. Louis Street in Edwardsville. Shots are available to the public for \$30. Get the shot, not the flu!

Hospice of Southern IL, Legion to Host SmashBash

Hospice of Southern Illinois and American Legion Post 199 present SmashBash, Concert for the Cause Friday, October 8, 2010. Bring your family and friends to listen to The Smash Band while you enjoy various food items from one of our food vendors, participate in contests, bid on silent auction items and take a chance to win one of several prizes. Doors open at 6pm, band plays 6:30–10:30pm.

SmashBash is a free outdoor concert – bring lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved indoors with limited seating. No outside food or drink – all must be purchased at the event.

For more information, see smashbashforhospice.com or contact Kathy at 618.235.1703 or kwilson@hospice.org.

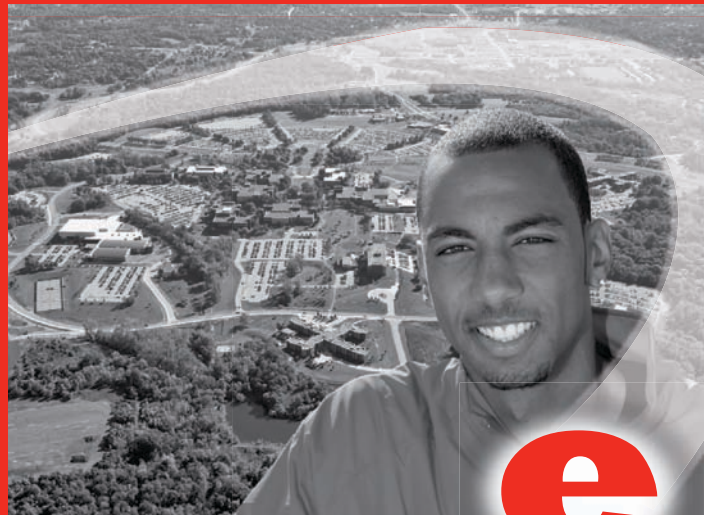
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- The SIUE Alumni Association is in partnership with more than 40 local and regional businesses who offer discounts to Alumni Association members.
- During the 2009-10 academic year, 552 students participated in a co-op or internship through the Career Development Center.
 - 92 percent of employers rated participating co-op/internship students as either Outstanding or Very Good

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August 26 marked a milestone day for MidAmerica St. Louis Airport (BLV) in Mascoutah, IL. A cargo flight from Shanghai Pudong International Airport (PVG) in China landed that afternoon carrying 83 tons of cargo. Another purpose of the flight was to complete all the procedures, communications and logistics coordination required for a long-term air commerce trade route into MidAmerica from China and back again. This arriving cargo is being trucked to Chicago, Dallas, Minneapolis, New York area, and Atlanta for further distribution.

With the success of this first flight, regular air cargo service from Asia to MidAmerica St. Louis Airport is expected to begin in the 4th quarter of this year! This is great news for the entire St. Louis region.

This new trade route is six years in the making, starting back in 2004 when the Airport and St. Clair County, IL officials began working to lay the necessary foundation to attract international air cargo into the St. Louis region.

In 2005, the air cargo terminal was completed on the ramp and 3,600 acres of the Airport's 6,000 acres became part of Foreign Trade Zone #31.

In 2006, the Airport was named a U.S. Customs-Port of Entry (#4581) and then received their first international air cargo shipment from South America.

In 2008, the Airport completed refrigeration capability and began welcoming regular flights from Latin America carrying fresh flowers, produce and herbs, along with pharmaceuticals and other perishable air freight.

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Ed-Glen Families: Connecting Families & Communities

For several months, over 500 local families in the greater Edwardsville-Glen Carbon area have been linking to ed-glen families on Facebook and Twitter to receive daily updates on everything from where kids eat free that day to reminders of sign-up deadlines for a host of family programs, charitable events, and much more. Over 400 people receive the ed-glen families monthly e-newsletter.

ed-glen families is pleased to announce that its comprehensive Web site is live and ready to provide the community with information on local events, resources, savings and helpful articles and links for families. In addition, the site will be featuring celebrations for family and community events including birthdays, graduations, open houses, parades, weddings, and more – all free of charge.

Advertising on the site is affordable for any business with special 3-month promotional pricing ranging from only \$79-139/month – and Chamber members will receive an additional 5% discount! Resource links are \$99/year and \$149/year with a coupon. For more information on advertising, e-mail advertising@edglenfamilies.org. If your company is hosting a family-friendly event or you have a celebration to post, contact: www.edglenfamilies.org.

ed-glen families is your “go-to site” for families in the greater Edwardsville/Glen Carbon area!





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If you have ever wondered what to do with your used or broken cell phones, TheBANK of Edwardsville has the answer.

To help divert some of one-million cell phones that end up in landfills in the metro east each year, TheBANK of Edwardsville is collecting used cell phones at its banking centers in Madison and St. Clair counties for recycling.

A partnership with Somtech Recycling of Alton, TheBANK of Edwardsville will collect used and damaged cell phones at each of its locations, with the exception of its in store Shop-n-Save Banking Center and Cougar Banking Center at SIUE. A complete listing of TheBANK of Edwardsville's locations in Madison and St. Clair counties may be found at www.4thebank.com. Collection bins are located in the main lobby area of each of TheBANK of Edwardsville's participating banking centers.

Stuart Somlar, owner of Somtech Recycling, Inc., said "150 million cell phones reach life capacity each year and only five percent of them are disposed of properly. If cell phones and other electronics were recycled in the proper way, there would be an abundant supply of resources available for the creation of new devices."

"There are also obvious environmental benefits to recycling cell phones," says Nikki Turner, Community Relations Coordinator for TheBANK of Edwardsville. "The more we all can do to eliminate waste that is collected in area landfills the better we will be at serving as stewards of the land for generations to come. TheBANK of Edwardsville is proud to do our part and will continue to look for ways to improve our environment with area partners such as Somtech Recycling."

Somtech Recycling Inc. is a family-operated business located in Alton, Ill. The company strives to become the driving force in the eWaste disposal movement in the St. Louis metropolitan area with plans for recycling cell phones, computers and other electronic equipment. For more information about Somtech Recycling, Inc. or for sponsorship information, please call 618.593.2981. You may also follow Somtech Recycling on Facebook for updates on recycling efforts.



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Watershed Nature Center Seeks Donations, Support

The Watershed is a 46-acre nature preserve that provides nature education and passive recreation for the community. Over the last 4 years, more than 8,500 students have experienced nature first hand at our facility. Many local kids enjoy wading into the wetlands to perform pond investigations; adults enjoy the peace and serenity they discover while walking our one-mile nature trail through three native habitats. In addition the Watershed provides free or low-cost workshops on a wide range of topics such as wildflowers, birds, toads, and stars.

Watershed Nature Center's symbiotic relationships with the City of Edwardsville and University of Illinois Extension service provide some maintenance and education support, but they rely on donations to continue enhancing their community and programs. Donations will make it possible for Watershed to continue providing nature education and passive recreation in the coming years. Contact 618.692.7578 or watershed@cityofedwardsville.com to inquire.



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Stephenson House Announces 50/50 Auction

The 1820 Col. Benjamin Stephenson House is calling all neighbors asking for donations for the Annual 50/50 Auction. Items should be received by Friday, October 1, 2010.

Anyone wishing to donate items can contact Sid Denny (656.9408) or Jim Zupanci (656.8752) to arrange drop-off or pick-up times. Donors can donate items at either 50 percent or 100 percent donation. If donors choose to donate at 100 percent, the item(s) can be eligible for a tax deduction. Because the Stephenson House is paying auctioneer fees at 15% profit, donors donating at 50% will receive 50% after auctioneer fees.

The Annual 50/50 Auction will be held on Sunday, October 3 at the Stephenson House located at 409 S. Buchanan in Edwardsville. The auction will start at 9am and will end when all items are auctioned.

The auction, now on its ninth year, has been a popular event in years past. Proceeds from the auction will go toward the continued restoration of the house and toward educational programs sponsored by the house.

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Louer Joins SIUE Athletic Advisory Committee

Jane Louer, president of Louer Facility Planning, has been invited to serve on the SIUE Athletic Advisory Committee. She received her Masters of Business Administration from SIUE and was chosen for her interest and support for the SIUE athletic groups.

The goals of the Athletic Advisory Committee are to "assist the Athletics Department with providing community insight, forecasting potential challenges and developing strategies to meet those challenges, solving financial and other concerns that may arise and supplying advice, guidance and potential opportunities toward integrating the Department and its student athletes into worthwhile community initiatives and service." For more information about SIUE Athletic Programs, or to become involved, contact Todd Garzarelli, Assistant Athletic Director, at 618.650.2871.

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Grace Manor Welcomes Executive Chef

Grace Manor Restaurant Debra Geggus is excited to announce the arrival of Grace Manor's first executive chef, Axel France. Axel, a Kentucky native, graduated from L'École Culinaire in 2007. He previously worked at Cardwell's at the Plaza, Harvest Market Seasonal Cuisine, Frank Papa's Ristorante, Jimmy's Café on the Park, and Terrace View at Citygarden.

"When Axel came in for his interview, I could immediately tell that he was a natural – quick, efficient, professional and focused, very serious about his craft," said Debra. After gaining years of valuable work experience in St. Louis, Axel jumped at the opportunity to head up the team at Grace Manor. He was attracted to the unique ambience, and the challenge of strategically transitioning Grace Manor from a tea room to a full service restaurant was appealing.

"It's important to be as well rounded as possible in the kitchen. I have experience as an executive sous chef, but I also have experience with money management, time management and people skills. Cooking ability is only

about 25% of what it takes to make it in this business – you have to be able to cook, but you also have to understand how to run a business and interact well with people," Axel explained. When asked about his cooking style, "I cook from the heart. No cookbooks or Internet recipes. I like to create understandable food that's not intimidating, with a focus on flavor and presentation."

Debra and Axel share a similar vision for Grace Manor Restaurant, and implementation has already begun. Starting the week of September 21, Grace Manor will introduce dinner hours – Tuesday through Thursday until 9pm and Friday/Saturday until 10pm. This coincides with the introduction of the new fall lunch and dinner menu. The dinner menu will include steak filet, sea scallops, and pork ribs, along with pre fixe and smaller plates from the twilight menu, and salads and soups from the lunch menu.

To learn more, go to www.gracemanorrestaurant.com, call 618.655.0650, or stop by 1801 North Main Street in Edwardsville for a delicious meal.

Carey Elected to Leadership Academy

Apollo D. Carey, of Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard P.C., has been elected to the Leadership Academy of the Missouri Bar. The Leadership Academy elects young or recently admitted Missouri attorneys for leadership positions in the Missouri Bar. Academy participants are nominated by attorneys, their firms or coworkers, and local or specialty bars.

Apollo is currently an associate at Sandberg Phoenix. He practices general corporate and business law with a focus in the areas of federal tax law, state and local tax law, commercial real estate transactions, executive compensation, employee benefits, mergers & acquisitions, and business operation/organization.

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A fall festival celebrating the history of the Leclaire National Historic District, Leclaire Parkfest features live music (Dixieland Jazz and old time folk music), narrated trolley tours of the historic district, a large book fair, pony rides, children's activities, plus many festival booths. Food booths, arts & crafts, games and informational booths are all part of the event. No commercial vendors are permitted at the festival where not-for-profit organizations and individual artisans are encouraged to apply.

Vendor applications and information are available on the Friends of Leclaire Web site at www.historic-leclaire.org or by calling Cindy Reinhardt at 618.656.1294.

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Associated Bank Provides SBA Loan to Back and Neck Pain Center

Associated Bank recently announced it has provided a Small Business Administration (SBA) loan to Back and Neck Pain Center of Glen Carbon, Illinois. The loan will be used to increase the firm's working capital.

Back and Neck Pain Center is a chiropractic orthopedic practice that specializes in sports injuries and family care. The practice was established in 1996 by Timothy A. Peck, D.C. and has four employees. For more information about Back and Neck Pain Center, you can call 618.692.9100.

"Associated Bank is committed to working with small businesses in our communities because we recognize the important role they have in creating jobs and driving economic growth. We were pleased to work with the Back and Neck Pain Center to obtain the SBA loan and help them further expand their practice," said Chris Davis, Senior Bank Manager of Associated Bank's Glen Carbon branch office.

"In the 13 years I have practiced in Glen Carbon, I have worked with many local and regional banks, said Dr. Timothy Peck. I am so impressed with

Associated Bank and Chris Davis and their willingness to go to bat for a local small business like mine, especially in today's economic climate. They just get the job done and have been able to handle all of my lending needs."

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The Lincoln School Alumni Foundation will hold their 20th Annual Harry A. Penelton Golf Scramble Friday, September 11 at Oak Brook Golf Club. The fee is \$85 per person. Call Bill at 618.656.0478 for more information.

Eden Village Retirement Community will hold a golf scramble Friday, October 8 at Oak Brook Golf Club. Entry fee is \$75/golfer or \$300/team. Call 618.205.4637 to register.

NAMI Plans Walk

National Alliance on Mental Illness Southwestern Illinois (formerly just of Madison County) announces their 7th annual Walk for Mental Health. The event will be October 2nd at the Tri-Township Park in Troy, Illinois. Check-in is at 9am and the Walk begins at 10am. Each walker that contributes \$10 will receive a colorful T-shirt but all are welcomed to come Walk.

The event will feature informational tables, face painting, speakers, and a visit by the adopted mascot Llamas from Llamas of Wier World courtesy of Jack and Julie Wier of Fairview Heights. According to Walk chairperson Rita Watters "the Llama was adopted by our affiliate as our mascot as they have a very caring nature and they are called upon to carry the load for others."

Watters went on to say that corporate sponsors and Walkers are still needed. NAMI SWI provides education, training, advocacy, and support groups for persons with mental illness and their families. All programs are free of charge. For more information or to register contact Mark Rudolph at 618.798.9788. Come Walk with the Llamas!

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