

March 2015



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April 14, 2015

7:30am

## Breakfast *with the* Mayors



*City of*  
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7:30am Full Breakfast Buffet

8:00am Introductions, Welcome & Program

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

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## Vision

The Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce will be the preferred provider of watch-dog, education and advocacy services that form a mission-critical catalyst for business success.

## Mission

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

## Guiding Principles

Chambers of Commerce honor and respect **capitalism** and **well-informed private sector job creators** as a central and foundational element of regional and national prosperity. Chambers of Commerce actively facilitate collaboration and open discussion between business and public officials through **education, business advocacy** and **leadership**.

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\* denotes committee co-chair

## on the cover

### Annual Mayors' Breakfast: April 14, 2015

The Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce's Mayors' Breakfast, an annual event planned by the chamber's government affairs committee, is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 14** in the **Leclaire Room** at Lewis and Clark Community College's N.O. Nelson campus.

This is an excellent opportunity to **network with fellow business people**, learn about current affairs in Edwardsville/Glen Carbon, and celebrate the many **accomplishments** of the communities we serve.

**Edwardsville Mayor Hal Patton** and **Glen Carbon Mayor Robert Jackstadt** will provide guests an update on **current economic development projects** within their respective municipalities, and a **recap of 2014 project, permit and sales tax data**. This annual breakfast provides our two local municipalities the opportunity to present 'state of the city/village' information as it relates to our business constituency.

**7:30am Hot Breakfast Buffet**  
**8:00am Program Begins**  
**\$25 Per Person** (Ed/Glen Chamber members)  
**\$35 Per Person** (guests)

The 2015 Mayors' Breakfast is proudly brought to you by **IMPACT Strategies, Inc.** To learn more about **IMPACT Strategies, Inc.**, go to [www.BuildWithIMPACT.com](http://www.BuildWithIMPACT.com).

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## 4/1 Wednesday 8-9am

Chamber 101:  
Maximize Your Membership  
Ed/Glen Chamber Office  
200 University Park Drive  
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## 4/2 Thursday 4pm

Ribbon Cutting & Open House  
Glazy Squares  
443 South Buchanan Street  
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## 4/7 Tuesday 8-9am

YPG Learn From A Leader  
Breakfast w/ Al Ortbals  
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7325 Marine Road  
Edwardsville, IL 62025  
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## 4/11 Saturday 12:30pm

Ribbon Cutting  
Ark Animal Hospital  
6718 Goshen Road  
Edwardsville, IL 62025

## 4/14 Tuesday 7:30-9am

Annual Mayors' Breakfast  
Leclair Room @ N.O. Nelson  
600 Troy Road  
Edwardsville, IL 62025  
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## 4/14 Tuesday 4pm

Ribbon Cutting  
CJD E-Cycling E-Store  
513 East St. Louis Avenue  
East Alton, IL 62024

## 4/15 Wednesday All Day

Illinois Chamber of Commerce  
Employer Action Day  
Springfield, IL

## 4/16 Thursday 5-7pm

Business After Hours  
Cedarhurst Assisted  
Living & Memory Care  
7108 Marine Road  
Edwardsville, IL 62025

## 4/21 Tuesday 11:30am

40th Anniversary Ribbon Cutting  
Main Street Community Center  
1003 North Main Street  
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## 4/23 Thursday 4-5pm

Small Business Financial  
Education Series Session 1:  
Access To Capital  
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at Glen Carbon Centennial Library  
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Physicians Office Building #1  
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Maryville, IL 62062



(From left) Paul Millard, Vice President, TheBANK of Edwardsville's Commercial Banking Group; Keith Page, President/CEO, Anderson Hospital; and Mike Marshall, Vice President of Finance/CFO, Anderson Hospital.

## Mike Marshall:

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## business of the month

The March 2015 Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month is West & Company, LLC, an accounting firm owned by partners Richard West, Brian Daniell, John Vogt, Diana Smith, Dennis Perry, Janice Romack and Joshua Lowe.

Organized in 1968 with a single office, West & Company, LLC has expanded to become a multi-office public accounting firm serving clients throughout Illinois. The firm currently operates offices in Edwardsville, Effingham, Greenville, Mattoon, and Sullivan, Illinois. These with each location strategically located for the clients' convenience. The Edwardsville office opened in November 2006.

As a full-service accounting firm, West & Company staff strive to meet clients' present and future needs in the areas of accounting and auditing, taxation, and financial and estate planning. The firm also offers management, benefit plan, and computer consulting services.

"The foundation of our business is in the personal interaction with our clients. Client matters are given individual attention which are tailored to fit their particular needs. We offer sound business and financial advice designed to help eliminate the red tape often found in the business and financial world," said partner Josh Lowe. "We see ourselves as business people first and accountants second. Most business people need a consultant who understands their unique problems, and we believe that our approach to client services allows us to fulfill that need," Lowe explained.

West & Company, LLC employs highly qualified personnel, specializing in specific practice areas, allowing the firm to serve individuals, commercial businesses, governmental units and not-for-profit organizations.

When asked how the accounting profession has evolved over the years, Lowe responded, "The accounting profession has changed significantly over the years with new legislation and regulation related to our industry. It has led to increased education requirements for young professionals and a greater dependency on technology."

Lowe fell in love with accounting at a young age, and that passion led him to West & Company, LLC straight out of college. "I took my first accounting course in high school and I was hooked. It led me to pursue a career in accounting beginning with college at Eastern Illinois University and my first job with West & Company, LLC," said Lowe. "I have always enjoyed helping individuals and business owners meet both their personal and business goals. The personal interaction with our clients is definitely what makes public accounting special for me," Lowe added.

West & Company staff are encouraged to become involved in local community organizations. "Our firm feels very strongly about community service and encourage our team members to get involved in organizations they feel strongly about. Personally, I am a very active member of the Land of Goshen Rotary Club serving as the community service chair and I also serve as a United Way community volunteer," said Lowe.

West & Company, LLC has had an active presence within the Ed/Glen Chamber since the firm joined the chamber in 2006 upon opening its Edwardsville location. Partner Josh Lowe has served as Ed/Glen Chamber's treasurer for more than five years, supervising CPA Rebecca Obermark is an ambassador for the Ed/Glen Chamber, and staff accountant Jordan Faulkenberg served as an intern with the chamber – a networking opportunity that resulted in Faulkenberg joining the firm.

"The Ed/Glen Chamber was one of the first organizations we joined upon opening our Edwardsville office and I have made an effort to be as active as possible in as many programs and activities offered by the chamber," Lowe shared. "It has been a great experience working with fellow business leaders and the Ed/Glen Chamber staff to make our chamber the best in the area."

Lowe closed by sharing the company mantra, "The unique size of our firm and our talented staff allows us to provide client service in accordance with our firm's motto, 'Large enough to serve.... Small enough to care....'"

To learn more about West & Company, LLC, visit their Edwardsville office at 3 Sunset Hills Professional Center, call 618.656.4949, or go to [www.westcpa.com](http://www.westcpa.com).



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We would like to recognize the many Ed/Glen Chamber members who are celebrating membership anniversaries in the month of March. This monthly feature spotlights members for their ongoing support of the Ed/Glen Chamber. We offer our sincerest thanks to each of the following business for their continued membership!

## 20+ YEARS

**Tri County Storage**  
**R. P. Lumber Company, Inc.**  
**Eden United Church of Christ**  
**Clifton Larson Allen**

## 10-19 YEARS

**George Alarm Company, Inc.**  
**Visionary Wealth Advisors**  
**Louer Facility Planning, Inc.**  
**Gateway Grizzlies**

**Watershed Nature Center**  
**Piedmont Development Corporation**  
**Two Men & A Truck**

## 5-9 YEARS

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**Office Depot**  
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**Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.**

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**Spectrum Business**  
**Ashley Furniture Home Store**  
**Edwardsville American Legion Post 199**  
**Edwardsville Neighbors in Need**  
**Fireside Financial, LLC**  
**Holmes Insurance Agency**

## 1-4 YEARS

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## Employer Action Day



### **Keynote Address from Governor Bruce Rauner**

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Legislators  
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**10am–2:30pm Wednesday, April 15**  
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**Walgreens**

Special thanks to **Anderson Hospital** for providing IT support, **Brian Stout** for his auction services, **Edwardsville Arts Center** for facilitating our live auction painting project, **Chef's Shoppe** for providing the popcorn bars, **Visions by Carol Photography** for joining us as paparazzi for the evening, and **Buhrmester Paint & Wallpaper Inc.** and **McKay NAPA Auto Parts** for their contributions toward our centerpieces.



April 14, 2015 7:30am

# Breakfast *with the* Mayors



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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$25 each (\$35 non-members)

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address & Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Attendees \_\_\_\_\_

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## business after hours



Stillwater Senior Living, February 19



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# ribbon cuttings



Live Tanning Salon Spa, Inc., February 4



Recess Brewing, February 11



T-Mobile Operated By Wireless Vision, February 12



Accelerate Health & Fitness, February 26



Edwardsville Children's Museum Grand Re-Opening, February 28

# End-of-Year Tax Planning...



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## First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust Names Brad Beesley Executive Vice President

First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust recently announced the promotion of Brad Beesley to executive vice president, chief trust & wealth management officer. In this role, Brad will be responsible for leading trust, farm, retirement and investment services for the bank. He will serve as a member of the executive committee. He will also be responsible for the development and execution of personal and corporate trust business while delivering quality service to customers.



Brad came to First Mid in May 2007 as senior vice president and has played a critical executive role at the company over the past eight years. Prior to joining First Mid, Brad served as director of the wealth management division of Midland States Bank.

Joe Dively, president and CEO, commented, "I'm pleased to announce the advancement of Brad Beesley to executive vice president. Brad has valuable experience and a track record of providing quality customer service and counsel to his clients. His expertise and commitment enables him to continue to make significant contributions to the future success of First Mid." Brad holds a bachelor's degree in finance from Millikin University and an MBA from Eastern Illinois University. He is also a graduate of the Cannon Financial Institute at Notre Dame University and has served as a member of the adjunct faculty at Millikin University. Brad continues to stay involved with community activities and organizations as a member of the Planned Giving Information Consortium of East Central Illinois, and serving on the board of TREC.

First Mid-Illinois Bancshares, Inc. is the parent company of First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust, N.A. (First Mid) and First Mid Insurance Group. A community bank with over \$1.6 billion in assets headquartered in Mattoon, IL, First Mid offers comprehensive banking, trust and wealth management services, and insurance services. Go to [www.firstmid.com](http://www.firstmid.com) to learn more.



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## Plans Announced for 2015 Edwardsville Route 66 Festival: Dr. Zhivegas & Well Hungarians Headline Event

Planning for the 2015 Edwardsville Route 66 Festival is underway and companies throughout the region are signing on as event sponsors and vendors. The Edwardsville Route 66 Festival will take place on June 12 and June 13, 2015 at Edwardsville City Park.

Get ready for the always popular classic car cruise and show, as well as great food, beer and wine, art vendors, children's activities, Metro Milers 10k Run, Trailnet Route 66 Bicycle Ride and live music. The live music on Friday night will begin at 6:30pm and everyone's favorite rockers, Well Hungarians, will hit the stage from 9-11:30pm. On Saturday food, beverage, art vendors and children's booths open at 10am and trolley tours will hit the streets every half hour. Additional live music performances, including the musical-comedy act for kids of all ages, Babaloo, will hit the stage from 12:30-6:30pm when local live music begins.

The headlining act for Saturday evening is the ever-popular party and rock band that will get you dancing and off your feet: Dr. Zhivegas! Dr. Zhivegas puts on a live music performance that includes rock favorites, entertaining

the masses throughout the St. Louis region and beyond. They will take the stage at 9pm and close down the festival at 11:30pm.

According to Katie Grable of the City of Edwardsville's Parks and Recreation Department, "The annual Route 66 Festival has long been a showcase event for the City of Edwardsville. Not only do we get to celebrate the Mother Road and all its glory, but we also get to show off our community's outstanding support for family-oriented events and the many talents of our local vendors and residents. We have some really great, popular live acts this year so we are hopeful to draw a large crowd!"

Sponsors of this year's 2015 events include Mother Road sponsor Cork Tree Creative. Cork Tree Creative is an Edwardsville-based, full service marketing, public relations and website development firm. Banfield Pet Hospital has also signed on as a Hot Rod sponsor.

There's still time for area companies to sign on as event sponsors. Sponsorships range from \$50 to \$5,000 and will be accepted through April 17, 2015. Food and art vendors are also needed.

The deadline to sign up as a vendor is May 15, 2015. Those interested in being a sponsor or a vendor can contact Katie Grable at 618.692.7538 or go to [www.edwardsvillerroute66.com](http://www.edwardsvillerroute66.com) for more information. Registration forms are also available for download at the website.

For more information about the festival and its events, follow the event on Facebook at Edwardsville Route 66 Festival, as well as Twitter and Instagram.

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of the weekend

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## GCS Board of Directors Election Held at Annual Meeting

GCS Credit Union recently announced the positions of directors at the annual meeting.

Re-elected to serve two-year terms as director were Charles (Bob) Marcus, Cecil Williams, Robert Lyles, Tom Grady, Ken Newton and Nick Huniak.

Continuing Officers for 2015 are: Cecil Williams (chairman), George Mitchell (vice-chairman), Jim Devine (treasurer), and Nick Huniak (secretary).

Credit unions are member-owned, not-for-profit financial cooperatives that have a volunteer board of directors.

During the meeting GCS Credit Union was awarded with the First Place state Desjardins Youth Financial Education Award and Honorable Mention in the state Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Award, presented by Pat Voss, Illinois Credit Union League Regional Director.

These awards are given to credit unions who exemplify the "People Helping People" philosophy. GCS board members presented a 2014 financial review of GCS and were available to answer additional questions from members in attendance.

Founded in 1941, GCS Credit Union currently has assets of more than \$314 million. GCS serves 41,000 members throughout Bond, Clinton, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair and Washington Counties in Illinois via seven full-service branches, numerous ATM locations, and 24-hour account access through mobile, telephone and PCU online banking.



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Mike has been with M. Thompson & Co. since 2012 and has more than 30 years of experience in the Edwardsville area. He has extensive experience with small and medium sized businesses, governmental auditing and all levels of tax return preparation. He is a past board member of the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce and is a lifetime Jaycee.

Mike, along with Myron Thompson and Jane Todd, bring more than 70 years' worth of experience to the firm. They handle preparation of taxes as well as an array of other accounting services such as, payroll preparation and the related tax forms, bookkeeping, auditing for government entities, as well as contracting and construction firms.

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## Scheffel Boyle Principal Henry Siekmann Accepts SIBA Award

Scheffel Boyle Principal Henry Siekmann, CPA recently accepted an award on behalf of his former firm Allison Knapp Siekmann (AKS) at the Southern Illinois Builders Association's (SIBA) annual awards breakfast. This year would mark AKS's 50th year of membership in SIBA and Siekmann was honored on behalf of the entire firm for its dedication to the association and many years of support to their organization.

SIBA, in conjunction with the Southern Illinois Construction Advancement Program (SICAP), annually recognizes those firms at the awards breakfast that have been members of the association for 50 years, those individuals that complete all five modules of the AGC Project Manager Development Program, and those firms that have demonstrated a commitment to safety excellence.

Siekmann is the former managing principal of the CPA firm Allison Knapp & Siekmann (AKS). When AKS joined with Scheffel Boyle in October of 2014, Siekmann and all of his AKS staff became part of the Scheffel Boyle team. He was also able to remain active in SIBA in his new position with



the firm. Scheffel Boyle has been a member and supporter of SIBA for more than 12 years and is a regular participant in the organization's events and educational programs for contractor members.

"I've always seen value in our membership to SIBA and look forward to more years with the association," Siekmann said. "When we joined with Scheffel Boyle in October, it was an easy transition for us because their team was already heavily involved with SIBA. It's been a good fit for us all."

SIBA was established in 1945 and currently represents more than 500 construction companies throughout Southern Illinois. As the largest regional contractor association in Illinois, the association is focused on providing value to its members through networking opportunities, safety training, physical and online tracking of commercial projects out for bid, and continuing education, among others.

Scheffel Boyle is recognized as the largest locally-owned accounting firm in Southwestern Illinois, and as one of the largest accounting firms in the entire St. Louis region. Their offices are currently located in Alton, Edwardsville, Belleville, Highland, Jerseyville, Columbia, Carrollton, Bartleso, and Bethalto. Established in 1924, their services include corporate, personal, and governmental tax, auditing, and accounting. For more information about Scheffel Boyle, go to [www.scheffelboyle.com](http://www.scheffelboyle.com).

PICTURED, L to R: Jim Lugge, president BEL-O Man and Henry Siekmann, CPA, Scheffel Boyle principal. Both Lugge and Siekmann accepted awards through the SIBA for 50 years of membership.



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