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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.

on the cover

2015 Small Business Financial Education Speaker Series

We are proud to present a series of eight programs as part of our '2015 Small Business Financial Education Speaker Series' in cooperation with Glen Carbon Centennial Library! Because this series is generously funded via a grant from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and the American Library Association (ALA), we are able to offer the programming to the business community at no cost. Below are the remaining six program dates. Each session is hosted from 4–5pm at Glen Carbon Centennial Library. *Please RSVP at www.edglenchamber.com.*

June 25: How to Leverage Your Business Plan

July 23: Business Succession Planning: Are You Prepared?

August 27: How to Make Financial Projections

September 24: Using Labor Market Statistics to Target Your Customer

October 22: Entering into Business Contracts – What You Need to Know

November 19: Staying on Top of Bookkeeping – How to Remain Compliant

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6/19 Friday 3pm

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Small Business Financial
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6/26 Friday 7:30am

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7/14 Tuesday 12-1pm

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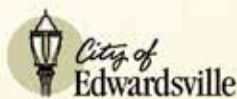
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business of the month



LOUER FACILITY PLANNING, Inc. Furniture for Changing Spaces

Louer Facility Planning, Inc. is the May 2015 Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month.

Founded by Jane Louer, the talented Louer Facility Planning team creates engaging and functional work spaces for corporate, educational, healthcare, government and financial clients using commercial furniture products and interior design services.

Louer became involved in the commercial furnishings industry after receiving her bachelor's degree with an interior design specialization when she began working for a furniture dealership in St. Louis for a few years. This was followed by a long tenure in the design/build group for a large general contractor. After completing her MBA degree, Louer began thinking about having her own firm. In 1996, she made that happen.

"When I started this company in 1996, there was no internet! It would have been impossible to imagine then how reliant we would become on internet communication. It touches every aspect of our work – research, design and information sharing. The programs we use today to draw plans and create 3D views, as well as specify and price products, have increased efficiency by a tremendous amount," said Louer. "Another huge change is the evolution from tall cubical enclosures to more open and collaborative spaces. The commercial furniture industry is offering products designed to feel more comfortable and 'home-like,' allowing our design solutions to have a softer feel."

"Recently, there has been quite a bit of buzz in the media regarding how the creation of the right kind of workspace can support a culture change throughout an organization to stimulate and empower employees to drive innovation. Our company's business is to create such spaces for our clients,"

Louer explained. "We are unique among other furniture dealerships in that our interior design staff takes care of our clients from the beginning to the end of the project. They act as designer, sales person, project manager and customer service person all wrapped into one very effective and attentive package! Among the interior design staff members, two are NCIDQ qualified, registered Interior Designers in the State of Illinois and also LEED Certified," she added.



Louer Facility Planning, Inc. has been on the *Top Ten List of Largest Contract Furniture Dealerships* in the St. Louis area for seven years. The firm is a dealer for Haworth, known for their innovative design, quality products and commitment to sustainability. Some recent projects include Wingate Elementary School in Mascoutah, Washington University School of Medicine Pathology Offices, Central Institute for the Deaf, and the St. Louis Metropolitan Police. Louer Facility Planning serves primarily the greater metropolitan St. Louis area, but has clients across the United States.

Near future plans include adding a business development professional to the team to expand market share and further develop the Louer Facility Planning brand. "We are on the verge of needing an additional design professional as well, to maintain our quality and response time to our clients. And we are constantly changing our own office/showroom to introduce new products that our clients can see, touch and sit in!" said Jane.

As a member since 2001, Jane said, "Being an Ed/Glen Chamber member has had several benefits, but the most important for me has been the opportunity to network with other business people in our area in a relaxed setting. I also enjoy going to the offices or places where the business after hours events are held since I enjoy seeing how their work environment looks."

Louer is also a member of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois, the International Interior Design Association, and the United States Green Building Council (which administers LEED – Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design – certification).

Jane's mantra: "Take responsibility and keep your promises."

To learn more about Louer Facility Planning, Inc., stop by the firm's beautiful showroom at 1604 Eastport Plaza Drive, Suite 100 in Collinsville, call 618.344.9610 or go to www.louerplan.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 May. 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!

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****SATURDAY, JUNE 20 4PM-MIDNIGHT****

5K RUN 8:00AM

5 mile RUN 8:15 AM

5PM PARADE w/Fredbird & Rams Cheerleaders

10PM FIREWORKS

FEATURED BAND: DIRTY MUGGS 7-11PM

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2015 Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber Golf Challenge

Friday, June 26 at Sunset Hills Country Club

Deadline for registration is June 19. No refunds after June 16. Payment must accompany registration.

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**Please enclose a check payable to Ed/Glen Chamber.
Payment in full due upon receipt of registration.**

**Please fax this completed form to the Chamber office at 618.656.7611 or mail with payment to:
Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce, 200 University Park Drive Suite 260, Edwardsville, IL 62025**

Tournament Includes

- 18 holes of tournament golf with cart at Sunset Hills Country Club
- Unlimited use of driving range and putting green
- Straightest drive, longest putt & closest to pin contests
- Hole in one contest
- Snack & beverages on the course
- Late lunch provided (post-play)

Schedule of Events

6am Registration & Driving Range Open
7:30am Shotgun Start
12:30pm Late Lunch in Banquet Room

Flight Winner Awards

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Golf Challenge Sponsorships

Promote your business to more than 100 golfers including Chamber members & area community/business leaders!

Information must be received by June 19 to guarantee full benefits. Payment must accompany registration.

Chairman's Circle

\$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
- 3 hole sponsorships
- Full-page color ad in event program
- Certificate for full-page color ad in *Common Ground* (chamber newsletter)

Vice Chairman's Circle

\$1,000

- 1 team (4 players/team plus carts)
- Tables available to advertise, pass out gifts & interact with participants
- 1 hole sponsorship
- Half-page color ad in event program
- Certificate for half-page color ad in *Common Ground* (chamber newsletter)

Golf Cart Sponsors

\$600

- Limited to four businesses
- Company logo on front of all carts
- Sign at registration area before and during tournament
- Eighth-page black and white ad in event program
- Certificate for quarter-page color ad in *Common Ground* (chamber newsletter)

Post-Party Lunch Host

\$600

- Exclusive sponsorship
- Signage on all dining & buffet tables
- Table available to advertise and share gifts/promotional items with participants
- Eighth page black and white ad in event program

Putting Green Sponsor

\$600

- Exclusive sponsorship
- Sole sponsor sign in practice area & on green during tournament
- 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
- Eighth-page black and white ad in event program
- Certificate for quarter-page color ad in *Common Ground* (chamber newsletter)

Lunch & Beverage Sponsors

\$600

- Limited to four businesses
- Sign at golf area before and during tournament
- Signs on beverage carts & beverage servers throughout course
- Tables available to advertise, pass out gifts & interact with participants
- Eighth-page black and white ad in event program
- Certificate for quarter-page color ad in *Common Ground* (chamber newsletter)

Cash & Prize Donation

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

Exclusive Hole Sponsor

\$250

- 1 exclusive hole sponsorship (sign provided by chamber; 18 available)
- Opportunity to advertise, pass out gifts & interact with participants
- Eighth-page black and white ad in event program
- Certificate for quarter-page color ad in *Common Ground* (chamber newsletter)

Hole In One Sponsor

- Provides car at designated hole in one contest

Tee Sponsor

\$125

- Placed along cart paths in high visibility areas

All Sponsorships Include:

- Logo/listing in all event programs, website & *Common Ground*
- Social media recognition
- Acknowledgement during awards ceremony

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business after hours



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ribbon cuttings



Glazy Squares, April 2



Market Basket Deli, April 10



Ark Animal Hospital, April 11



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Main Street Community Center, April 21



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Glen Carbon's community events committee (CEC) is proudly hosting the 2015 Glen Carbon Homecoming Friday & Saturday, June 19 & 20, on Main Street in Glen Carbon. The annual event will open at 5pm Friday and 4pm Saturday, closing at midnight both evenings. Show your support for the Glen Carbon community, meet your neighbors and reminisce with old friends!

This year marks the 10th Homecoming celebration and promises to be an entertainment bonanza for the entire family. Signature attractions include a Budweiser Clydesdale, Fredbird, 5K & five mile runs, laser tag, carnival rides, smash-a-car, fireworks both nights provided by the CEC, a large variety of food booths, two beer gardens and more. Discounted advance carnival ride tickets are available at Glen Carbon Village Hall until 3pm Friday, June 19. Regular price ride tickets can be purchased at the Homecoming ticket booths on Main Street during the entire event.

Sway, clap, sing and dance the night away as featured bands will play on both nights under the covered bridge on Main Street. On Friday, the renowned Well Hungarians will be back to perform from 7:30-11:30pm. On

Saturday evening, Dirty Muggs will entertain us from 7-11pm. Both of our bands bring their own signature style of entertaining that is worth seeing, so plan to attend both nights. In addition the Mississippi Valley Barber Shop Chorus performs both nights from 5:30-7:30pm.

Glen Carbon Homecoming helps booth vendors by providing an opportunity to sell and show off their wares. 14 of the 29 booths participating are nonprofit organizations that use the event as a major fundraiser and advertising avenue for their organization; 21 of 29 vendors are local nonprofits or small businesses. The CEC is proud to host an event that helps so many local nonprofit organizations and small businesses.

To help celebrate Glen Carbon Homecoming's 10th anniversary, the CEC will distribute roughly 2,000 glow necklaces both nights to children under the age of 10. The CEC will also provide a complimentary balloon artist, fan favorite Sparky the Clown, and a complimentary petting zoo.

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Hundreds of cyclists racing at break-neck speeds, scores of kiddos donning helmets and thousands of spectators clanging cowbells can mean only one thing: the Criterium is coming back to our community, and area residents of all ages are urged to save the date! The Rotary Club of Edwardsville and this year's title sponsor, TheBANK of Edwardsville, are pleased to announce that 'TheBANK of Edwardsville Rotary Criterium' is returning Saturday, August 15.

Details can be found by going to www.EdwardsvilleCriterium.com or following 'Edwardsville Rotary Criterium' on Facebook.

Sanctioned by USA Cycling and hosted by the Edwardsville Rotary Club, TheBANK of Edwardsville Rotary Criterium is a 0.7 mile loop course with seven challenging turns on the closed-off streets of Downtown Edwardsville. Once again, there will be a \$10,000 purse – one of the largest one-day payouts for a bike race in the region. Four free kids races will be held in the categories: 3 and under, 4-6 years, 7-8 years, and 9-10 years.

"We are thrilled to have TheBANK of Edwardsville as our Title Sponsor this year and grateful to Stifel for five years of sponsoring and sustaining the

Criterium," said Race Director SJ Morrison. "There is no shortage of support for this event in this community and I am incredibly grateful for that."

Thanks to an "Open Containers Perimeter," visitors to downtown's local establishments can purchase beverages in plastic containers and step onto the sidewalk to watch the race or enjoy the live music.

In addition to TheBANK of Edwardsville, other sponsors include: the City of Edwardsville, Edwardsville Township, First Clover Leaf Bank, Edwardsville Wrestling Club/Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Anderson Hospital and Scott Credit Union. Sponsorships are still available at several levels. Businesses, organizations or individuals who would like details about sponsoring should contact Brian Mulhall at brian@brianmulhall.com or 618-920-5323.



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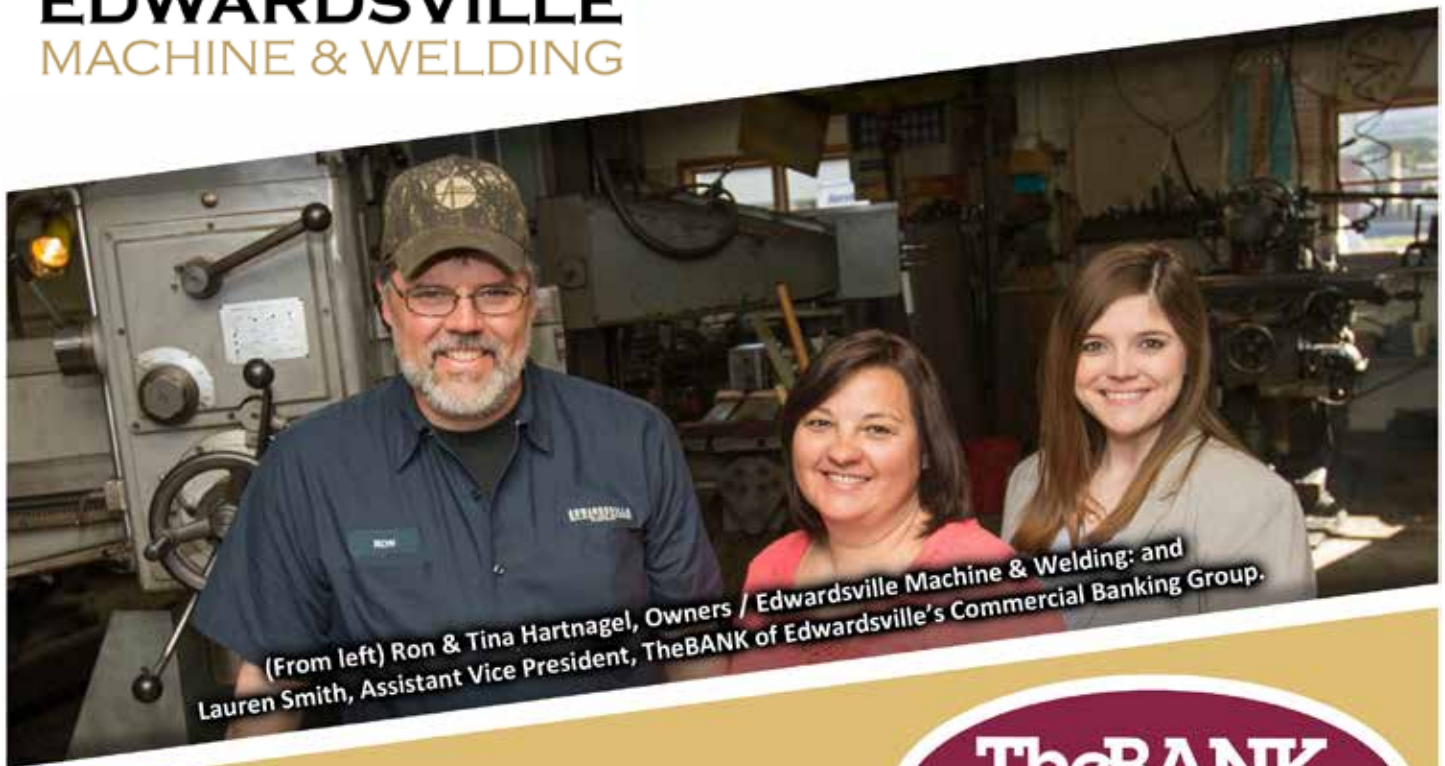
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Glik's Donates 28 Trees to Edwardsville Parks

Glik Stores and tentree apparel donated 28 trees to Edwardsville Parks. The trees are climate appropriate eastern redbud saplings and will be planted at Joe Glik Park and other Edwardsville parks. Additionally, Glik Stores and tentree donated a similar number of redbud trees to the Highland Park District for use at Highland's Glik Park and other Highland parks.

The apparel and accessories purveyor tentree was established in 2012. The company donates and plants 10 trees for every tentree item sold. The tentree lifestyle company has planted five million trees and anticipates two million more planted in 2015. In Edwardsville, tentree apparel is only available at the Glik's Department Store.



Pictured L to R: Bob Glik, Edwardsville Mayor Hal Patton and Joe Glik.

AAdvantage Insurance Group Celebrates Merger

Dave Viox, founder of AAdvantage Insurance Group in Glen Carbon, recently announced the merger of Premier Insurance Associates in Edwardsville (Holiday Shores) into AAdvantage Insurance Group effective May 1.

The merger will provide more options to the many clients of Premier Insurance Associates. Vince and Deb Valesano, the former owners of Premier, will continue working with AAdvantage Insurance Group, which has an office staff of six specialists in the farm, commercial, home, auto, and life insurance markets.

AAdvantage Insurance Group, located at 27 Glen Ed Professional Park in Glen Carbon's Ginger Creek development, serves clients in the St. Louis region as well as throughout the states of Illinois and Missouri. AAdvantage Insurance Group is a 'Trusted Choice Independent Insurance Agency' representing more than 25 major insurance companies rated "A" or better by AM Best. For more information go to www.aadvantageins.net.

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First Clover Leaf Bank's Kamp & Treat Named 2015 St. Louis Five Star Home Professionals

First Clover Leaf Bank extends congratulations to Marc Kamp and Robb Treat, who were recently identified as 2015 St. Louis Five Star Home Professionals.

Marc Kamp is a mortgage loan originator, vice president at First Clover Leaf Bank. He is passionate about helping customers reach their dream of home ownership. He stated, "The mortgage division at First Clover Leaf Bank allows me to offer solutions to new customers wanting to reach their dreams of homeownership for the first time and existing homeowners wanting to move up. First Clover Leaf Mortgage offers consumers a variety of mortgage products which include conventional products and a variety of specialty products so I can find the right product for each individual mortgage need."

Robb Treat, team lead of the First Clover Leaf Bank mortgage group, commented, "What we want to do here at First Clover Leaf Bank is build a life-long relationship with all of our customers. We'll accomplish this providing each of our clients with the outstanding service they expect while offering value-added services to enhance their experience."

Residing in Edwardsville for more than 25 years with his wife Kay, Marc is very active at St. Boniface Catholic Church, as well as an active participant in the Edwardsville Knights of Columbus. Marc is also an ambassador for the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce, on the board of directors for the Greater Gateway Association of Realtors and an Illinois High School Association baseball official. Marc has a bachelor of science degree from the University of Missouri-St. Louis and has extensive knowledge of the mortgage industry through career experience as a home mortgage consultant and branch sales for various mortgage companies over the last 25 years.

Robb Treat has also lived in Edwardsville for the last 20 years. He serves on the board of directors for the Home Builders Association of Greater Southwest Illinois since 2012. Robb is also an active participant with the Edwardsville Wrestling Club, a nonprofit entity, serving as president. Robb received a bachelor of science degree from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and has gained extensive knowledge of the mortgage industry working as a mortgage loan officer and branch manager for several mortgage companies over the last two decades.



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Illinois Chamber of Commerce: Illinois Turnaround Agenda Site is Live

I'd like to be the first to welcome you to a new website that will be key in helping return Illinois to its previous status as an economic powerhouse. That website is called *Governor Rauner's Turnaround Agenda: What Illinois Needs* and you can find it at www.ilt turnaround.com.



The Illinois Chamber of Commerce, charged with building this website, is providing a great tool to keep you informed about the issues and the solutions, and offer you an opportunity to weigh in. It all boils down to a couple of sentences from the website: "It is vital for Illinoisans to take action in support of the agenda. Legislators must act!"

Let's go through what you'll find at the website:

- Summary of the Turnaround Agenda - Breaking down exactly why we need to turn this state around. Do you like being 48th among top states for business?
- Explanation of the top issues of workers' compensation, empowerment zones, lawsuit reforms, and unemployment insurance. Each page gives background on the issue and how we can change laws and policies so that businesses can flourish and grow.

- Petition available to show support for Gov. Rauner's Turnaround Agenda - it takes two minutes to fill this out.

- A Share Your Story link that allows you to speak up. I've asked you before to stand up and explain your company's position. This is the easiest way to do that. Submit your story, even a photo, and help us tell your story as we move through this critical legislative session. The more government leaders hear from businesses, the better.

- Resources are available such as a section to help you find your elected officials and send them opinions, news articles keeping you up to date on each of the issues, and a Twitter feed that highlights action at the Capitol.

Here's the hard part: You need to take 10 minutes to go through the information and voice your opinion. If hundreds of businesses across the state explain why they need reform, we can make a great case to the legislature. We need you. Illinois needs you. We could be a few short weeks from action that will dramatically improve the state's business climate. Let's turn this state around.

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