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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.

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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Ed/Glen Chamber Hosted Illinois Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti in April

The Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce provided a 'meet & greet' opportunity for business leaders to speak with Illinois Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti Wednesday, April 27 at Stillwater Senior Living in Edwardsville. More than 50 Ed/Glen Chamber members attended this informal interaction with Lt. Gov. Sanguinetti.

Lt. Gov. Sanguinetti enjoyed casual conversation with business leaders from Edwardsville/Glen Carbon. The brief presentation also included remarks from Lt. Gov. Policy Director Brian Costin and a legislative update from Illinois Chamber of Commerce VP of Advocacy Staci Wilson.

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6/21 Tuesday 4pm

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6/22 Wednesday 4pm

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Golf Tournament
Sunset Hills Country Club
2525 South IL Route 157
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COMPANY HISTORY: Founded on January 1, 1868 by Civil War veteran Major William R. Prickett and his father-in-law, Edward M. West, TheBANK of Edwardsville is a leading, locally-owned community bank in the St. Louis metro area offering a full line of financial products and services for retail, business, mortgage and financial management customers. Since its inception, TheBANK has not only survived, but thrived through numerous wars and the two worst economic collapses in U.S. history. Today it has assets totaling \$1.68 billion and a net worth of nearly \$175 million.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: One of the largest employers in the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon area, TheBANK of Edwardsville has 254 employees working at six properties in the area including two banking centers in Glen Carbon, three in Edwardsville, and its operations center in Edwardsville. In addition, it works hand-in-hand with local contractors and businesses on development projects, as well as in the local housing market to help boost home ownership in the area.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT: As a corporation, TheBANK of Edwardsville contributes more than \$500,000 annually to local charities, civic organizations and educational endeavors while its employees raise more than \$50,000 annually for local causes like the American Cancer Society, the United Way and the American Diabetes Association. In addition, TheBANK's employees donate their time and talents to more than 500 different charitable and community organizations throughout the St. Louis metro area. The most recent example of TheBANK's commitment to the community was as a major sponsor/donor for the Mannie Jackson Center for the Humanities project in Edwardsville.

WORKFORCE COMMITMENT: Voted the "Best Place to Work" by readers of the Belleville News-Democrat in 2013 and 2014, TheBANK of Edwardsville offers its employees a superb benefits package that includes fully or partially funded continuing education options at the university level or through industry organizations as well as a multitude of free employee assistance programs and employee incentive programs. TheBANK also recognizes employees who provide a higher standard of service to customers, to TheBANK and to each other through "TheSTAR" awards program. The awards are given out quarterly to employees who are nominated by fellow employees in categories of customer service and teamwork. Then, at the company's annual banquet in February, three nominees are selected by TheBANK's Board of Directors for special awards.

LEADERSHIP: TheBANK of Edwardsville has 225 employees serving in various capacities for more than 600 civic and charitable organizations throughout the St. Louis area, including employees serving on the board of directors of 67 different organizations. TheBANK of Edwardsville has a tradition of investing in the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce's future through board of directors service, ambassador participation and volunteerism. Most recently Paul Millard, VP – Commercial Banking Group, served as chairman of the board. Millard was honored in 2014 with the prestigious Albert Cassens Award for Outstanding Community Achievement in recognition of his significant effort in leading the chamber's recent strategic plan, which paved the way for a drastic organizational overhaul, a focus on best practices, and a goal of achieving U.S. Chamber of Commerce Accreditation.

INNOVATION: TheBANK of Edwardsville has long been a leader in innovation, from building Edwardsville's first "skyscraper," the five-story building that housed its banking center beginning in 1914, to installing the first "time and temperature" sign in the area in 1960 to being one of the first in the area to introduce ATM's and ATM cards in 1977. That innovation continues today as TheBANK offers a full line of online and mobile banking solutions, web-based applications and websites for individuals and businesses. While innovative products are a staple of TheBANK of Edwardsville, it is outstanding customer service and an unwavering commitment to community service that makes TheBANK stand out from the rest.

EXCELLENCE: TheBANK of Edwardsville was named the "Philanthropic Business of the Year" by the Edwardsville Community Foundation at its inaugural Legacy Awards Thursday, Dec. 3. The ECF established the Legacy Awards to honor those businesses and individuals who give back to the local communities. It is also a past winner of the Illinois Banker's Association "Illinois Bank Community Service Award" as well as the IBA's first ever "Financial Literacy Award" for its Financial Literacy Program, a fully-funded program for local high schools to offer web-based financial education to students. In addition, TheBANK was also named the 2015 "Best in Business" from the Small Business Monthly.

CHARACTER: TheBANK of Edwardsville is committed to remaining the leading, locally-owned community bank in the St. Louis metro area by: sustaining its long tradition of customer confidence, stability and security; exceeding its customers' expectations by delivering the most innovative products and services available with exceptional personal service; and continuing its long-standing commitment to charitable, civic and educational organizations in the communities it serves.

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Edwardsville Community Unit School District #7
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Belleville News Democrat
Dobbs Tire & Auto Center
Metro East Humane Society

10-19 YEARS

Edwardsville Dairy Queen
Keith A. Bryant, DMD, PC
WAOX/WSMI Radio
Culver's of Edwardsville
Lincoln School Alumni Foundation

5-9 YEARS

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Auto Body Shop, Inc.

Midwest Occupational Medicine
DK Power, Heating & Cooling, LLC
Hastings & Chivetta Architects

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1-4 YEARS

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Edward Jones - Tim Mahnesmith
Northwestern Mutual
Goshen Coffee Company

Visiting Angels of Edwardsville
Madison County Historical Society
The UPS Store
Lewis and Clark Community College N.O. Nelson Campus
Concrete Technology of Edwardsville, LLC

2016 Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber Golf Challenge

Friday, June 24 at Sunset Hills Country Club

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

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Please list names below, with team captain's name and e-mail address listed as "Player 1":

Player 1 _____ Player 2 _____

Player 3 _____ Player 4 _____

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**Please fax this completed form to the Chamber office at 618.656.7611 or mail with payment to:
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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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B Flight	\$500	Round of for 4 @ SHCC

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Golf Challenge Sponsorships

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Information must be received by June 17 to guarantee full benefits. Payment must accompany registration.

Chairman's Circle

\$2,500

- Exclusive event sponsor w/ tournament naming rights
- Welcome message at reception
- 1 tee (4 players plus carts)
- Separate corporate logo display
- Table available to advertise, pass out gifts & interact with participants
- 3 tee 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 plus carts)
- Tables available to advertise, pass out gifts & interact with participants
- 1 tee 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 cart signs
- Signage sign in area before and during tournament
- Eighth-page color ad in event program
- Certificate for quarter-page color ad in *Common Ground* (chamber newsletter)

Post-Party Lunch Host

\$650

- Limited to two businesses
- Signage on all dining & buffet tables
- Table available to advertise and share gifts/promotional items with participants
- Eighth-page color ad in event program
- Certificate for quarter-page color ad in *Common Ground* (chamber newsletter)

Putting Green Sponsor

\$600

- Exclusive sponsorship
- Sole sponsor sign in practice green area before & during tournament
- Use as an outdoor unit to pass out gifts or gifts, or visit with golfers
- Honor & deliver prize for low score on putting contest during awards ceremony
- Eighth-page color ad in event program
- Certificate for quarter-page color ad in *Common Ground* (chamber newsletter)

On-Course Food/Bev Sponsors

\$600

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

Hole In One Sponsor

\$600

- Logo/listing in all event programs, website & *Common Ground*
- Provides car at designated hole in one green

Exclusive Hole Sponsor

\$250

- 1 exclusive hole sponsorship (sign provided by chamber; 18 available)
- Opportunity to host a tent (supplied by sponsor) at designated hole
- Opportunity to advertise, pass out gifts & interact with participants
- Eighth-page color ad in event program
- Certificate for quarter-page color ad in *Common Ground* (chamber newsletter)

Tee Sponsor

\$125

- Unlimited number of tee sponsorships available
- Placed along cart paths in high visibility areas

Cash & Prize Donation

- Donate cash, a door prize or contest prize (value of approximately \$25-\$100)

All Sponsorships Include:

- Logo/listing in all event programs, website & *Common Ground*
- Online & social media recognition leading up to tournament

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Mayors' Legislative Breakfast, April 7



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Business Meet & Greet w/ Lt. Gov. Evelyn Sanguinetti, April 27

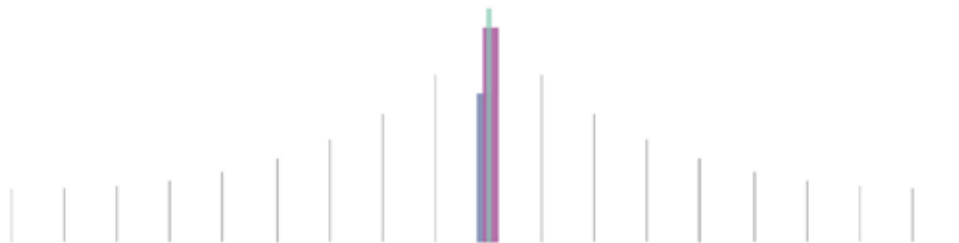


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Scott Credit Union, St. Louis Cardinals Sign Three-Year Sponsorship Agreement

Representatives from Scott Credit Union and the St. Louis Cardinals announced the local credit union will sponsor St. Louis' MLB franchise for the next three years. "We are extremely proud to be a partner with such a historic and successful organization," said SCU President & CEO Frank Padak. "It is exciting for us to have our organization and the Scott Credit Union brand tied to the long-running tradition of success of the St. Louis Cardinals."

Scott Credit Union's agreement with the Cardinals includes naming rights to the MVP Deck in left center field at Busch Stadium. It also includes scoreboard advertisements, sponsorship of the Cardinals promotional giveaway night on August 26, player appearances, and a partnership with Team Fredbird at community events.

"The naming rights to the MVP Deck is big for us," said SCU Chief Marketing Officer Adam Koishor. "There are 28 all-inclusive seats in the covered deck area. It has been really great watching the Scott Credit Union lighted signs go up in the stadium." The credit union will also be the title sponsor of the St. Louis Cardinals Player Ticket Program, which provides tickets to children

from area youth organizations. The guests will be provided with tickets to the game and receive t-shirts, food vouchers and the opportunity to meet with a player prior to the game.

"We are delighted to add such a community-driven organization like Scott Credit Union to our partner family," said Thane van Breusegen, Cardinals Vice President of Corporate Sales/Marketing and Stadium Entertainment. "Its commitment to their members and the St. Louis area makes SCU an ideal partner for our organization. Furthermore, the MVP Deck is an exciting and unique area of our stadium for fans to take in a game and we couldn't be more pleased to partner with Scott Credit Union to carry on that excitement."

The credit union is also planning a ticket promotion later in the season during which its members will have a chance to get tickets to a Cardinal game. "When you think of the Cardinals, you think of their commitment to excellence. That really aligns with our values when it comes to serving our members and the community," Padak added. "Our focus on excellence in providing financial services and in giving back to our community makes our partnership with the Cardinals a great fit."

Scott Credit Union's field of membership includes St. Louis County, so people who live or work there can now open accounts at the credit union.

"With St. Louis County being part of our field of membership, we are confident that this partnership with the Cardinals will help us continue to grow," Padak added. "This partnership really increases our visibility in our efforts to educate people throughout the area about the great value they get when they choose to do business with us."

Scott Credit Union has made giving back to its communities a major priority. The local credit union contributed about \$370,000 and its employees volunteered more than 2,400 hours to a variety of local civic efforts throughout the region in 2015.

"The Cardinals organization has a tradition of supporting the community. It aligns well with our mission to support our members and the communities in which they live," Koishor added.

Scott Credit Union currently has 15 area locations: Scott Air Force Base, East Belleville, Fairview Heights, Collinsville, O'Fallon, Edwardsville, Waterloo, Highland, Caseyville, West Belleville, Millstadt, Mascoutah, Troy, Wood River and its home office in Edwardsville.

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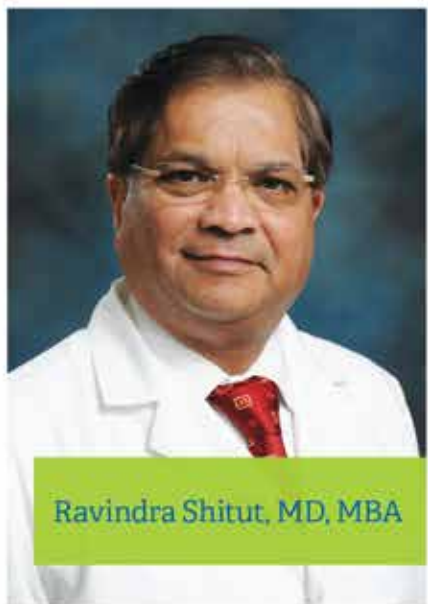
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First Mid-Illinois Bancshares, Inc. to Acquire First Clover Leaf Financial Corp.

First Mid-Illinois Bancshares, Inc. recently announced the execution of a definitive agreement under which First Mid will acquire all of the outstanding shares of First Clover Leaf Financial Corp. in a cash and stock transaction valued at \$12.87 per share, or a total of approximately \$90 million.

With nearly \$655 million in total assets, First Clover Leaf is the holding company for First Clover Leaf Bank and headquartered in Edwardsville, Illinois. First Clover Leaf Bank currently operates seven full-service banking centers in Illinois and Missouri, with total deposits of approximately \$533 million and \$427 million in loans as of December 31, 2015.

"The acquisition of First Clover Leaf Bank expands our presence in the attractive St. Louis metro east market area and for the first time, establishes a presence outside the state of Illinois," said Joe Dively, First Mid chairman and chief executive officer. "We look forward to building on First Clover Leaf Bank's legacy of long-standing relationships in their communities, while earning the trust and continued business of First Clover Leaf Bank customers."

David Kuhl, president and chief executive officer of First Clover Leaf, said, "Choosing a partner that mirrored First Clover Leaf Bank's community banking business model was very important. First Mid-Illinois Bancshares and First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust exemplify what being a community bank is all about. We are excited about the additional services they will provide to our customers in the future and the outstanding support they will provide to our communities. Our employees will benefit from additional career opportunities as well."

The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, including regulatory approvals and approval by First Mid and First Clover Leaf stockholders, and is presently anticipated to close by the fourth quarter of 2016.

First Mid was advised by FIG Partners, LLC and the law firm of Schiff Hardin LLP. First Clover Leaf was advised by Raymond James & Associates, Inc. and the law firm of Barack Ferrazzano Kirschbaum & Nagelberg LLP.



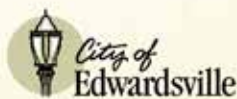
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Edwardsville & SIUE To Host 2016 American Legion Great Lakes Regional Tournament

The City of Edwardsville and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville will play host to eight teams from six states this summer for the Great Lakes Regional of the National American Legion Baseball Tournament. (www.LegionBB.com)

This prestigious tournament is one of eight regional sites from which the champions will advance to the American Legion World Series (ALWS) to be held in Shelby, NC and televised on ESPN. The combined local Edwardsville Post 199/Alton Post 126 team will serve as host and also enjoy an automatic bid to participate in the tournament. Last year's team fell just one win short of advancing to the American Legion World Series losing to Midland, MI, the previous year's ALWS runner-up.

The tournament runs from Wednesday, August 3rd to Sunday, August 7th and features a total of 15 games throughout the week. All games will be played at Simmons Baseball Complex/Roy Lee Field located on the campus of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville off of New Poag Road in Edwardsville. Teams will feature graduating high school seniors and college aged freshmen from Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois. Opening ceremonies will include local dignitaries, a special color guard and anthem, a salute to our military and presentations from Edwardsville Mayor Hal Patton, as well as the recitation of the American Legion code of honor from all players participating. A tip of the cap to the City of Edwardsville for becoming the presenting sponsor and providing such great promotional support for the event.

"We are so pleased to welcome these teams to Edwardsville and it gives us a great opportunity to showcase our new Experience Edwardsville App to all these out of town families and media. This is the precise makeup of an event that helps fill hotel rooms and brings commerce to our town. We are excited to be the presenting sponsor," stated Mayor Hal Patton.

Players and coaches will be treated to an evening of celebration at the tournament banquet on Tuesday, August 2 held at Edison's Entertainment Complex, one of the event's Grand Slam sponsors. Roberts Ford and Confluence Business Advisors also return as a Grand Slam sponsors. Other notable sponsors that have signed on include EdGlenToday.com, Friday Family Night Sponsor – TheBANK of Edwardsville, Madison Mutual Insurance, Scott Credit Union-Kids Club Day on Saturday, Rick Marteeny State Farm Insurance, Visionary Wealth Advisors – Chad Opel (1998 American Legion MVP), Medical Sponsor – Anderson Hospital, and several other generous supporters that are still coming forward.



"This tournament puts our region and the legion program on a national stage," Matt McSparin, tournament co-director noted. "It is a great opportunity to pay tribute to our servicemen and women while providing these young men a chance to compete at a high level. This is grass roots, amateur baseball at its best and our local boys will surely remember this as a once in a lifetime experience."

"This tournament is an excellent opportunity for our retail and dining businesses to open their doors to a huge crowd of visitors who will be spending a great deal of time in our market," said Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Desiree Bennyhoff. "I encourage local businesses to be prepared for an influx of visitors during the National American Legion Baseball Tournament Great Lakes Regional tournament, and I commend the city of Edwardsville, SIUE leaders, American Legion officials, and tournament volunteers for helping bring the tournament to our community and ensuring players and their families enjoy their stay."

American Legion Baseball was formed in 1925 and has provided young men an outlet to play amateur baseball for almost a century. Great baseball names like Ted Williams, Stan Musial, Don Mattingly, Carlton Fisk, Greg Maddux, Ryne Sandberg, Roger Clemens, and local Cardinals heroes like Albert Pujols, Scott Rolen, Chris Carpenter and many more have played American Legion baseball. Our local Edwardsville team advanced to the World Series and won it all in 1998 which was the last appearance by any local legion team.

Advance tickets will be made available at a yet to be determined site but also will be sold at the gate each game. Game sessions will be \$5 per ticket and an all-tournament pass will sell for \$30. Those who would like to get involved as a volunteer, a sponsor, or to simply help promote the event can contact Matt McSparin at 618.307.9020 for more information. For all tournament information and updates, please visit www.LegionBB.com.

Final Plans Announced for 2016 Edwardsville Route 66 Festival: Well Hungarians to Headline Last Night

The 19th Annual Edwardsville Route 66 Festival activities have been finalized for the weekend of Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11. The festival offers attractions for people of all ages, including live musical performances, a kid's magic show, art vendors and the famous classic car cruise and show. "The Edwardsville Route 66 Festival is entering its 19th year and I think it just keeps getting better and better," said Katie Grable of City of Edwardsville Parks & Recreation. "This festival has brought so many great memories to the families of this community, and I encourage everyone to join us in making some more. You don't want to miss this year's festival."

The festival weekend kicks off Friday evening at Edwardsville City Park at 5 p.m. There will be a variety of great food, beer and wine all weekend. Recess Brewing will be bringing their very own Route 66 Pale Ale to the festival, and That 80's Band will perform Friday night, followed by Platinum Rock Legends.

Saturday's events will include the Trailnet Route 66 Bicycle Ride, Metro Milers 10K Run, historic trolley tours, the Classic Car Cruise and live music. There are several activities lined up this year for children as well. Jay Almeter will

perform a magic show on Saturday and all children are encouraged to "drive" their cardboard cars in the Route 66 Cardboard Car Parade. Participants must provide their own cardboard box, and children are welcome to bring their boxes to the Edwardsville Arts Center to decorate for the parade. For more information, call the EAC at 618.655.0337 Saturday's musical talent will include Mellow D's, Hurricane Ruth and Blackwater Revival, followed by the headlining act for the evening – Johnny Holzum and Well Hungarians.

This year's sponsors include Mother Road sponsor Cork Tree Creative, Inc.; and, the Hot Rod Sponsors include TheBANK of Edwardsville, Scott Credit Union and 1st MidAmerica Credit Union. Roadster Sponsors are Madison Mutual Insurance Company, Republic Services and Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc., JF Electric, IllinoisOUTH Tourism, Cassens Chrysler Dodge Ram Jeep Dealership, the Edwardsville Intelligencer, Irwin Chapel of Glen Carbon and R.P. Lumber Company. Festival Enthusiasts are Bull & Bear and Cleveland Health. For more information about the festival and for a full listing of events, please visit www.EdwardsvilleRoute66.com, follow on Twitter, or like their Facebook page.



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Message from the Illinois Chamber of Commerce President & CEO

This was published by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce in a 'Message from the President' email May 16, 2016.

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Illinois Economic Development Association (IEDA), is releasing the names of the winners of the eighth annual Economic Development in Illinois Awards - the Edies. Both groups are grateful to have ComEd again serve as the sponsor of the Edie Awards.

"We are proud to recognize five outstanding economic development projects that were completed in 2015," said Todd Maisch, president and CEO of the Illinois Chamber. "Economic development is key to Illinois' continued growth and recovery, and these companies are making a difference. The Edies honor those who imagine, design, invest, and build in Illinois, and by doing so bring jobs, growth and prosperity to our communities."

"Each of the nominations was impressive, and IEDA is pleased to see so many innovative projects across the state," said Angela Griffin, board chair of IEDA. "It is an honor to recognize these successful and growing businesses. Edie Award winners are investing in their communities, providing meaningful employment opportunities, and becoming distinguished corporate citizens. Congratulations!" The five winners are listed below.

Sunstar Americas (Schaumburg) – Sunstar Americas used \$55 million in private investment and \$3.5 million in public investment to build a new 302,000 square foot manufacturing facility which will be the Sunstar Americas' North American Headquarters. This project created nearly 250 construction jobs, and added 30 jobs to the headquarters' 300 jobs that were moved from Sunstar's previous Chicago location. With Sunstar's investment vacant land became a major landmark in Schaumburg which will generate more than \$1 million in property tax income for the village, in addition to revenue generated as people from all over the world visit the headquarters. Sunstar Americas, Inc. is a member of the globally-trusted Sunstar Group of companies that manufactures and markets innovative oral care projects under the GUM®, Butler®, and Guidor® brands. Sunstar Americas currently has seven facilities in five countries. It's been in operation since 1932 and has held the philosophy to "always strive to help people everywhere achieve better health and enhance their quality of life." It also manufactures health and beauty items as well as motorcycle parts.

Invenergy LLC (Nelson) – Bringing to conclusion an effort that was launched in 1998, Invenergy has completed the ambitious Nelson Energy Center (NEC) power plant, a natural gas fired combined-cycle facility with a net output is 584 MWs – enough electricity to power more than 640,000 homes. The power from the plant which was constructed on 130 acres of land, is sold into the PJM Interconnection wholesale market which stretches from Illinois to the eastern seaboard and serves 61 million customers. This project employed more than 350 people at the peak of construction, and employs 24 full-time employees. The Nelson Energy Center is one of a growing number of natural gas-fired plants which use abundant, reliable, domestically-sourced natural gas to produce electricity. These plants lower overall costs to homes and business, which supports the continued economic growth of its communities. The local community will see at least \$6.5 million of additional property taxes over the next 10 years, in addition to the millions it will spend with local businesses.



America's Central Port (Granite City) – Forward thinking and continued growth have been hallmarks of America's Central Port since its inception in 1959. This company's construction of the new multi-modal Madison Harbor makes it an Edie winner. Components of this winning project include a new South Rail Loop on Port, excavation of the new river harbor, a general cargo dock, and construction of a dry bulk terminal structure with truck and rail capabilities. Madison Harbor represents a multiphase, \$50 million investment that will increase the freight transportation opportunities of the entire St. Louis region. Such investment makes the Port one of the leading inland river ports in the nation. America's Central Port District was created by the Illinois legislature as an economic development tool for the communities of Granite City, Madison and Venice with the mission of creating jobs and promoting transportation. In 2015, changes were made to the legislation that expanded the Port boundaries from three townships to nine, for a total of approximately 218 square miles in Madison and Jersey counties. Even though America's Central Port's footprint has grown, the mission remains the same: to grow and promote the region as a whole. The Port owns and operates a 1,200 acre mixed-use business industrial park in Granite City and Madison.

Method Products (Chicago) – Method Products opened its soap factory in 2016 on 22 acres in Chicago's Pullman neighborhood. The first factory opened in the historic industrial center which became known as the "South Side Soapbox." The 150,000 square foot, environmentally-sustainable structure is the industry's first LEED-platinum certified manufacturing plant. The facility includes solar panels, a wind turbine, and a planned rail spur. On its roof is a 75,000 square foot hydroponic greenhouse, operated by Brooklyn, N.Y.-based Gotham Greens, the world's largest rooftop farm. Gotham hired around 40 workers to grow a million pounds of vegetables and other greens annually. That's on top of the 57 jobs created during construction and 32 retained jobs, for a total of 100 green manufacturing jobs. The Soapbox is Method's first factory in the U.S., but plans to leverage the manufacturing plant as a learning opportunity for the community, offering public tours to educate people on renewable energy, hydroponic farming and green manufacturing. The company produces nontoxic home cleaners, detergents, and hand and body cleansers. A majority of that manufacturing now takes place in Pullman using recycled and local materials with a zero-landfill goal.

Metro Chicago Exports (Chicago) – In 2015, the Metro Chicago Exports Grant Program provided \$225,000 in funding to 54 regional companies including several local companies to offset financial risks associated with exporting and investing in research, certifications and other services necessary to pursue opportunities in the global marketplace. This resulted in \$10 million in new revenue to the region, eight new jobs, and 25 retained jobs. The program used three strategies: fill the pipeline; strengthen the local network; and reduce the costs of international trade growth. Metro Chicago Exports is a collaboration between seven counties (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will) and the City of Chicago, and its goal is to increase exports from small- and mid-sized enterprises and support regional job growth. It is a strategic economic development program and is part of the region's broader business retention and expansion strategy.

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