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.

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Halloween Parade: Monday, October 31

The 2016 Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce Halloween Parade theme is: TV Classics. The parade will begin promptly at 6:30pm Monday, October 31. Download registration, rules and regulations forms, along with sponsorship information at www.edglenchamber.com.

Sponsorship deadline is Monday, October 17. This high-visibility event is an excellent opportunity to promote your business to an estimated 20,000+ spectators at one of the region’s largest parades.

Registration deadline is Tuesday, October 11. Entries postmarked after October 11 will be assessed a $20 late fee and will be positioned at the end of the parade. Halloween parade packets, which include line-up numbers and maps, will be available for pick-up at the Ed/Glen Chamber office from 9am-4pm October 18 through 21; remaining packets will be mailed to entrants Monday, October 24. All entry fees are non-refundable.

The parade will leave Lincoln Middle School parking lot at Schwarz & West Streets, then travel east on St. Louis Street to Vandalia Street, then north on North Main Street and will disband at High Street.

The Ed/Glen Chamber works closely with the Edwardsville Police Department to assess any public safety concerns due to inclement weather; the parade will occur rain or shine, provided public safety is not at risk. In the case of parade cancellation due to weather/safety concerns, the event will not be rescheduled; refunds will not be issued.
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COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT: For many years now, one of the primary ways CMT has supported charities is by participating in annual, local United Way campaigns. CMT has been an Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce member since 1966, and regularly supports its initiatives. Other community donations and sponsorships include: Touch-A-Truck Event at Edwardsville Township Park, Edwardsville Route 66 festival, Anderson Hospital Foundation, Local Habitat for Humanity, and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Career Fair.

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LEADERSHIP: The CMT team is invested in holding leadership positions with various organizations throughout the region. Dennis Denby represents CMT on Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois’ board of directors, and is a member of RiverBend Growth Association as well as the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers. In addition, CMT employees are also active with the Illinois Land Surveyor Association, serve with local homeowner associations, and the American Public Works Association.

INNOVATION: Since the firm’s beginnings in 1946, CMT has enjoyed steady and healthy growth. Geographic expansion, historically the result of growing and promoting their own, has more recently been complemented by strategic acquisitions of firms that share CMT’s values and reputation for integrity. The firm, with its 270 employees located in 14 offices through the Midwest, continues to evolve based on the principles of hard work and steady growth instilled by its founders. In 2014 editors of the nation’s top engineering publication, Engineering News-Record, named CMT ‘Midwest Design Firm of the Year.’ CMT has also been at the forefront in promoting green practices to both communities and throughout the industry.

EXCELLENCE: CMT has been honored with multiple recognitions for excellence bestowed by the American Council of Engineering Companies, Illinois Department of Transportation, Missouri Department of Transportation, and the American Association of Airport Executives.

CHARACTER: CMT’s mission is to provide superior professional engineering services that are responsive to our clients’ needs and expectations, while maintaining a work environment that fosters growth and development for our employees. To accomplish this mission, we, as members of the CMT Team, commit to the guiding principles of integrity, project excellence, client relationships, teamwork, individual opportunity, fairness, and sustainability.

FUTURE FOCUS: CMT and its fifth generation of leadership are positioned to address the opportunities and challenges of the future through a strong strategic vision and continued commitment to its clients. CMT continues to grow the company having added four new locations in the past year. The firm’s strategic plan targets ongoing growth in employees, locations, services and revenues.
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Ground Breaking @ Edwardsville Public Safety Building, August 27

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TheBANK of Edwardsville Names Paul Millard Chief Credit Officer

TheBANK of Edwardsville recently announced that Paul Millard has been named its new chief credit officer. The promotion was approved by TheBANK’s board of directors at its July meeting.

"After an extensive search internally and externally, it was apparent that Paul was a perfect match for the position," said Kevin Powers, president and CEO of TheBANK. "He has a very unique skill set he will bring to the table with both credit underwriting and loan production experience. We are excited about this promotion and look forward to continued growth and leadership from Paul."

Millard began his banking career in 1989, holding credit review positions at two regional banks before joining TheBANK of Edwardsville as a credit underwriter in 1997. He made the transition to commercial banking in 2005 and most recently served as vice president of commercial lending.

In his new role, Millard will oversee credit and loan administration. In addition, he will maintain his strong relationships with his clients and the community while continuing to generate new business for TheBANK.

"I am excited to be in my new role with TheBANK," said Millard. "I joined TheBANK nearly 19 years ago and over that time I have been blessed to have learned so much from my mentors such as Bob Wetzel, Bill Alexander, Jim Meile and Tom Holloway. Now I have the opportunity to utilize what I have learned for TheBANK's next chapter with Kevin Powers at the helm."

Millard has a degree in business administration with a specialization in finance from SIUE. He and his wife, Melissa, live with their two children in Edwardsville. He is a past Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce chairman of the board, recipient of the chamber's 2015 Albert Cassens Award for Outstanding Community Achievement, and currently serves as a director on the following three boards: Regional Growth Capital, St. Louis Economic Development Partnership and Edwardsville Community Foundation.

Networking Breakfast
Thursday, Oct. 13, 2016
8–9:30 a.m.
Student Fitness Center
SIUE Campus

Complimentary parking is available in Lots F and P12

8 a.m. Welcome and Emcee - Rachel Stack, CFRE, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement, SIUE CEO, SIUE Foundation, Inc.
8:20 a.m. Introduction Video – Dr. Robert Mock, Jr., ’90 SIUE Day Chair, President, Johnson & Wales University, Charlotte, NC
8:30 a.m. Dr. Jeffrey Waple, PhD, SIUE Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
8:45 a.m. Dr. Randall Pembroke, SIUE Chancellor
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Hospice of Southern Illinois is very proud to have the honor of hosting the only PGY-2 (post-graduate, year two) pain and palliative care pharmacy residency program housed in a hospice, in the United States. Brad Rea, PharmD, is Hospice’s first full-time, on-staff, PGY-2 pharmacy resident. Patients, families and the organization will directly benefit from this very special program, which is one of 15 in the country and the only one fully funded by a hospice. Dr. Rea will play a critical role in delivering the highest quality end-of-life care to patients and families Hospice of Southern Illinois serve.

Brad shared, “I am so fortunate to be the first pharmacist employed by Hospice of Southern Illinois. Passion and empathy are two words I have found to be excellent descriptors of the employees at this organization. This innovative position, in addition to Hospice of Southern Illinois’ mission to enhance the quality of life of individuals and their loved ones touched by a terminal illness, helps to ensure patients are treated with the highest level of care. Hospice is a program that changes the lives for all parties involved and I am ecstatic to be a part of the hospice family.”

“We have collaborated with the SIUE School of Pharmacy to implement a niched program to benefit Hospice of Southern Illinois’ patients and organization; additionally, the experience, knowledge and education our pharmacist will receive has been customized to provide a genuine learning experience and specific end-of-life care training to implement into future programs or settings,” shares Dr. Ellen Middendorf, medical director at Hospice of Southern Illinois.

Chris Herndon, PharmD., associate professor at the SIUE School of Pharmacy, and PGY-2 residency program director added, “This novel training program will prepare pharmacists to integrate seamlessly into the hospice interdisciplinary team and directly impact the care of those at the end of life. As medication regimens become more complex, it makes perfect sense to add the pharmacist to the hospice clinical team.”

Scheffel Boyle Forms Agribusiness Service Niche

The CPA firm of Scheffel Boyle has announced the development of an ‘agribusiness service niche’ in addition to its already existing client focus groups. The firm has a rich history serving the agricultural industry throughout Southern Illinois and is excited to bring the team’s wealth of industry knowledge and professional experience to prospective clients.

The agribusiness niche will provide tax, accounting, audit, succession and estate planning, and general consulting services to those in the agricultural industry. Clients include farmers, implement dealerships, co-ops, grain elevators, and seed/fertilizer dealerships, among others in the industry.

The agribusiness team will include Michael Ulrich, Steve Pembrook, Dennis Ulrich, Danny Phipps, John Russell, and Justin Goode – many of whom have personal experience owning and operating their own farms, and assisting farming clients in a number of financial services.

Being a farmer isn’t something you do. It’s who you are,” Michael Ulrich said. “Being farmers ourselves, we can help our clients focus on what is important to them while bringing our own personal knowledge of agribusiness to their doorsteps.”
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Todd Sivia of Sivia Business & Legal Services Receives Exit Planning Certification

Todd Sivia of Sivia Business & Legal Services, P.C. (SBLS), has become the first attorney to receive the CExP™ (Certified Exit Planner) in the St. Louis metropolitan area. His law firm focuses primarily on asset-protection, estate planning, real estate, business law and business succession.

“For me, getting the CExP certification seemed like a natural step in providing the best possible services to my clients and business owners,” said Sivia. “Planning for an exit does not always mean retirement. Exit planning is about ensuring that you have a plan in case of death, disability or transferring the business to the next generation and making sure that next generation or key group of employees are ready for the transfer.”

“I want to make the process of exiting your business as easy as possible,” explains Sivia. “Just like everyone needs an estate plan, every business owner needs a governing document that handles the details of a timely or an untimely departure. I have seen it too many times. There are so many business owners that fail to have a well-thought-out plan for exiting their business.”

SBLS celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2016. The firm has been dedicated to protecting what’s important to their clients for a decade, and Sivia believes this is just another way to provide exceptional client services and continue expanding his practice. Sivia has incorporated new planning techniques and problem-solving solutions to help businesses achieve all aspects of their professional and planning goals.

St. Louis Small Business Monthly named SBLS one of the ‘Top 20 Businesses in St. Louis’ in 2014, and Todd Sivia was named to the ‘Super Lawyers Rising Stars in Illinois’ list, in 2015, 2016, and 2017. The firm holds memberships with the Macoupin County, Jersey County and Madison County Bar Associations as well as the Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

Sivia is also committed to being an asset to the Metro-East community. He is a long-standing member of Edwardsville Rotary, the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce, the National Rifle Association and Scouting.
Ron & Tina Hartnagel: About TheBANK of Edwardsville’s Commercial Banking Services

When the opportunity came to take over our business from my husband’s family, TheBANK had the best rates and were willing to work with us as new business buyers.

We really liked how friendly Lauren Smith was toward us and how she explained everything. Basically, we understood Lauren clearly and she understood us and our needs. That wasn’t the case with the other banks we were checking into at the time. I think having a good relationship like that is critical for business owners.

It’s been such a good experience with everyone we’ve worked with at TheBANK. The products have met all of our personal and business needs and the service has been outstanding. There’s no question I would recommend TheBANK of Edwardsville to anyone looking to start or expand a business. TheBANK knows what business owners need and works hard to meet those needs.
Illinois Chamber of Commerce Drafts ‘Safe Roads Amendment’ Constitutional Amendment

This was published by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce in a ‘President’s Message’ email September 26, 2016.

This November, Illinoisans have one chance to change the direction of our state, but we need your help to make it happen.

On election day, before Illinoisans cast their vote for President of the United States they will be asked to vote on the Safe Roads Amendment, a proposed addition to the Illinois Constitution drafted by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. This amendment creates no new taxes, only requires that government spend existing taxes and fees on what they were promised for.

The Safe Roads Amendment will protect your money that is collected by governments in Illinois and spent on transportation investments and put an end to the ability of politicians to divert funds, something that has already resulted in more than $6.8 billion that has been swept from our state’s road fund since 2003.

Illinois sits at the center of the North American transportation network. We travel over 103 billion miles a year on America’s third longest inventory of roads. Within our borders we possess the third largest transit system, second largest rail network, eighth most navigable waterway and are a leader in passenger and cargo air travel.

To keep these systems running Illinois needs to invest billions into our existing transportation assets over the next 25 years. However, since 2003 more than $6.8 billion collected by the state of Illinois through gas taxes and vehicle registration has been swept & used for other purposes. This has eroded public trust while threatening our greatest competitive advantage – the ability of our state to move people and materials safely and efficiently.

As a result, Illinoisans are discouraged from pursuing new opportunities while businesses have a harder time attracting the top talent they need to compete. It also increases the cost of conducting business. In the Chicago area more than $7 billion in productivity is lost every year due to congestion as people and goods sit in traffic. The additional wear and tear on our vehicles as a result of deteriorating roads costs us just over $3 billion a year.

From now until election day the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and our allies across the state are mounting a state-wide campaign to educate and inform Illinois voters about the Safe Roads Amendment. If this does not pass in November, policy makers will continue to divert billions of dollars away from where they need to be spent, putting our safety and economic security at risk while avoiding accountability for their actions.

A variety of organizations from across Illinois have come out in support of this amendment including several local chambers of commerce. Along with our partners at the Safe Roads Amendment, we hope you will join us as we work toward adoption of this amendment.

For more information, please visit www.businessesforsaferoads.com or contact Benjamin Brockschmidt at bbrockschmidt@ilchamber.org.

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