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Dear Friends,

In this look back at 2014, there is much to celebrate about Effingham County and much to anticipate for 2015.



#ChallengeTheChamber visit to Helen Matthes Library celebrated Roald Dahl Day!

Being named the 2014 Google e-City of Illinois was the highlight of a year filled with business growth, new and expanded programs to help students and employees learn valuable workforce skills and ongoing improvements to quality of life features that make Effingham County attractive to business investment and families looking for a place to call home.

One of the Chamber's most notable accomplishments in 2014 was the establishment of the Chamber Foundation of Effingham County. Through this 501(c)3 charitable foundation, we will be able to gain access to funding for programs and services to improve the educational opportunities and leadership development programs available to our members and the community. Stay tuned for more news from the Chamber Foundation!

Throughout the year as I meet and talk with businesses, it is always amazing to hear your stories, to listen to your hopes and dreams and to know that you consider the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce a valued resource for your business needs. We take that trust very seriously and promise to give the Effingham County business community the very best in programs, services and benefits that we can access.

We know that the growth and success of the Chamber is tied to the growth and success of our businesses and our communities. It takes all of us to make Effingham County the very best place to live, work and do business.

Looking forward to a successful 2015,

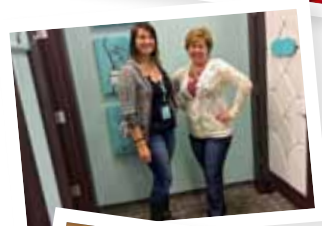
Norma Lansing
President

Illinois Accredited Chamber Executive



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#ChallengeTheChamber



EFFINGHAM COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Engaging Business and Community

Dear Chamber Members,

As I look back over this past year, it's nice to take a moment to review the accomplishments we have achieved. As we look forward to next year's goals, it's always rewarding to celebrate our achievements.

One of the first changes that was made was with our Chamber Morning Buzz program. This year we had 12 very successful small group meetings with our members. These meetings were very engaging to those who attended. What made this program so successful this year was that our members hosted these meetings at their place of business and they invited their business contacts to attend.

This was the second year for Effingham County Manufacturing Day with another great turnout. As Effingham County continues to grow, we want to make sure our local manufacturers have the employees with the right skill sets to make them successful. There's a lot of opportunity within our manufacturing base, and we will continue to support their efforts in every way possible.

As always we had great turnouts at the Golf Outing, Fall Social, Legislative Day held in Springfield and the Community Celebration of Excellence Breakfasts held in Dieterich and Beecher City. I would like to thank all those who attend our regular events, such as the First Friday Luncheons, Business after Hours, Lunch and Learns and so fourth.

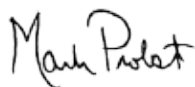
I'm excited to announce our new website will be kicking off in January. The new website will be much more user friendly and a more valuable asset to our members. Please check it out!

One of the bigger initiatives that the Chamber Board took on in 2014, was the formation of the Chamber Foundation of Effingham County, with its mission to provide educational opportunities for youth and the workforce to build and strengthen personal and business capacity and foster a commitment to leadership and community development. Along with the formation of the Foundation, was the accepted donation to the Chamber Foundation of the Graham Building, located on the south side of Effingham, which we plan to turn into a business development and training center to support our local businesses. Opportunity awaits us.

I would like to end with a big Thank You to the Chamber staff for their continued efforts with improving our local Chamber and making it more valuable to our members. I would also like to thank all the volunteers – and there are many - that actively participate in our program development. Without our volunteers, we couldn't do what we do.

This has been a learning experience for me as well, and I'm very grateful to have served in such an honored position, as your Board Chairman in 2014.

Thank You,



Mark Probst
2014 Board Chairman



Dear Chamber Members,

Over the past couple of years of being on the Chamber Board of Directors, I have had the opportunity to discuss Chamber benefits with a number of people. The most popular response to the question "What is the greatest benefit of being a Chamber member?" was networking. Whether it is for professional or personal reasons, we all want to get something out of the time we spend networking.

With this in mind, I have determined that my goals, as your 2015 Board Chairman, will be focused on how to turn networking into results.

My goals for the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce for 2015 are:

1. Enhance the focus on employee skills in Effingham County

The Chamber will continue to identify the current and future employee skills, needed to support businesses in Effingham County and will utilize this knowledge to work with organizations, to develop programs that meet those needs. These programs may come in the form of Lunch and Learns or seminars/webinars to meet short term needs, but we hope to build this foundation into something larger, such as a regional vocational training center, focused on Manufacturing and the Skilled Trades for high school students, as well as adults.

2. Determine ways to attract and retain talent for Effingham County businesses

The Chamber will build on the success of Effingham County Manufacturing Day, to increase awareness of the great jobs available in Effingham County. Ideas to expand this program could include a Skilled Trades Day, a Health Care Day, a Financial Day, etc. Additionally, a more structured job shadowing and company tour program would expose more students to our local businesses.

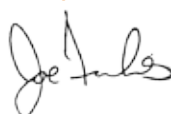
I would also like to see the Chamber expand the job posting and resume repository capabilities of our Chamber Master software. We need to communicate these opportunities to a larger audience, through the use of technology and social media. I envision having employees of Chamber members sign up, follow or friend the Chamber's many social media outlets (E-mail blast, Twitter, Linked In, Facebook) to receive notice of employment opportunities. Each of these people could then communicate the opportunity to family and friends outside of this community. From my experience, enlisting employees as your primary source of recruitment has been very successful.

3. Assist local organizations in promoting Effingham County as a great place to do business

My final goal would be to investigate ways to participate with local government and other economic development organizations in building a common message to potential businesses interested in moving to Effingham County. This includes continuing the Chambers' support for local amenities, such as the TREC trail system, Richard E. Workman Sports and Wellness Complex and The Effingham Performance Center, which helps attract businesses and employees alike.

As you can see, none of these goals can be accomplished without the assistance and cooperation of many people and organizations. Through networking and a common interest in making our communities and businesses stronger, I believe we can achieve these results and am looking forward to working with you to achieve these goals.

Sincerely,



Joe Forbes
2015 Board Chairman



Effingham Awarded Google's 2014 eCity of Illinois



The strong online business presence of Effingham businesses has captured national attention with the presentation of Google's 2014 eCity of Illinois Award to the City of Effingham.

The Google eCity Award recognizes qualifying cities as "digital capitals" of America for their strong online presence in promoting their commercial and industrial ventures. These 'digital capitals' serve as online ambassadors for their respective states. One community in each of the 50 states is chosen annually by Google for this award.

Chamber President Norma Lansing noted that Effingham is already known for our easy access by highway and rail and now will be known for our digital access as well. "Knowing we can compete favorably in the online arena, with prior e-Cities winners like Albuquerque, New Mexico and New York City, makes this recognition even more meaningful and is a great marketing tool to businesses looking for a place to locate or individuals who want a great place to live."

"Effingham has always been a strong economic highlight in Central Illinois. This award shows that the community is using the Internet to continue that progress in a new economy," said Congressman John Shimkus.

Google and IPSOS, an independent research firm, analyzed the online presence of local small businesses in cities, as well as other factors, to determine the leading cities and towns across the country. These factors include the likelihood of small businesses to have a website, use a blog, promote themselves on a social network, sell goods directly and mobile compatibility. The winning cities exhibited strong engagement and potential for growth within the digital economy. IPSOS researched almost 13,000 small businesses in the U.S. – 51 for each of the top five cities in each state – to determine the 2014 eCity recipients.

"We are very proud of our business community for winning this award. We are very grateful to them for the recognition they bring, not only for themselves, but also for the City of Effingham," said Mayor Merv Gillenwater.

"Local businesses are taking to the internet in droves and it's paying off, both in terms of business growth and how that growth impacts the local economy," said Wendy Gonzalez, Google spokesperson. "By getting online, even more Illinois businesses can better share the services they have to offer with people across the state and world."



2015 Chamber Board of Directors



2015 Chamber Board of Directors

Front (L-R) Norma Lansing, Chamber President; Tzena Tucker, First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust; Joan Thies, Stevens Industries, Inc.; Joe Forbes, Versatech, LLC; Karen Kull, Lake Land College; Dacia Albin, Effingham Central Business Group; Lisa Kingery, Hodgson Mill, Inc.

Back (L-R) Dan Woods, The Alliance; Jeff Fritchtnitch, Altamont CUSD #10; Mel Stock, Midland States Bank; Ed Deters, McDevitt, Osteen, Chojnicki & Deters, LLC; Mark Probst, Probst Auto Body, Inc.; Kris Zerrusen, South Central FS; Dean Kremer, Koerner Distributor, Inc.

2015 New Board Members

(L-R) Kelly Roepke, Y Yard Auto and Truck, Inc.; Jenny Walden, Consolidated Communications; Diane Rieck, Express Employment Professionals; Alex Hagler, Hitachi Metals Automotive Components USA, LLC; Dan Patton, Patton Printing & Graphics

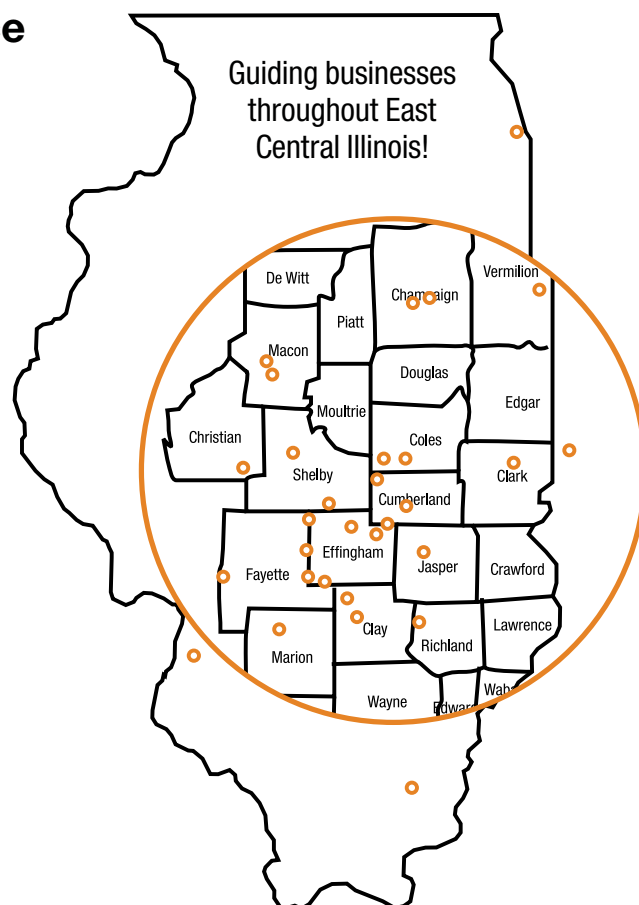
Not Pictured:

Jeni Hagen, Ameren Illinois; Roger Bloemker, America's Select Homes, Inc.; Kary Jansen, Jansen's Auto Sales; Dr. Ryan Jennings, Marshall Clinic Effingham, S.C.; Marv Phillips, Cromwell Radio Group; Bill Teichmiller, E J Water Cooperative, Inc.; Jim Arndt, City of Effingham; Jim Niemann, Effingham County Board; Jennifer Vahling, YBNext

Effingham County Chamber of Commerce 2014 Chamber Accomplishments

- Chamber Foundation of Effingham County created
- Qualified for Chamber of the Year Award by American Chamber of Commerce Executives – 3rd year in a row!
- Hosted EffingHAM JAM at Legacy Harley Davidson in conjunction with the Kansas City Barbecue Society State Championship Cookoff
- Effingham County Manufacturing Day grew to 250+ students from 13 high schools
- Hosted 2 Job Fairs that attracted an attendance of nearly 400 job seekers attending
- Choices® time and money management curriculum was delivered to 400 area 8th Grade students. The program was made possible by a national grant from the UPS Foundation.
 - Celebrated over 10 years as Choices provider in Effingham County in 2014
 - 157 classes of 8th Grade Students
 - Over 4,500 students trained
- Where on Wednesday Program, during September and October, promoted weekly lunch specials at local restaurants
- Adult Welding Program developed to fulfill a community need – The first full class of 12 started in October with a waiting list!

Effingham County Chamber of Commerce



Guiding businesses
throughout East
Central Illinois!

Dots represent our member locations.

OUR VISION

The Effingham County Chamber of Commerce is a member-driven organization that provides leadership to promote, introduce and connect people, resources and ideas to achieve business success and community growth.

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Lake Land College partnered with North American Lighting (NAL) to create an award winning NAL Fast-Track Tech Program that trained graduates for employment. Held at the Lake Land College Eastern Region Center in Marshall, classes covered industrial technology skills including OSHA 10, work ethics, applied mathematics, robotics and automation control. This partnership was named the Illinois Business Partnership Award by the Illinois Community College Trustees Association.

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Alaska - July 2015

Highlights: Land and Cruise - Fairbanks, Juneau, Ketchikan, Skagway, Denali National Park

Trips hosted by Effingham County Chamber of Commerce and Effingham Performance Center.
Visit www.EffinghamCountyChamber.com for travel brochures and information.



“Effingham CEO seeks to prepare our next generation to be responsible, enterprising individuals who become entrepreneurial thinkers and contribute to our community’s economic development. The CEO Program provides real life learning with the opportunity to take risks and learn from the outcomes.”

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Wednesday, February 4, 2015 : CEO Experience business conference
Thelma Keller Convention Center
1:00 to 5:00 pm

“Enriching your community, your business, and your life.”

Wednesday, April 29, 2015: CEO Trade Show
Each member will present his or her personal business



We engage in Conversations that impact the Business Community



Legislative Reception



Candidate Forum



Chamber Morning Buzz



Economic Forecast



Manufacturing Day

Looking Ahead to 2015



Back to School Kickoff

August 5

Business and Education will come together to celebrate the start of another school year. Hear from school officials about new technology and curriculum added to help Effingham County Schools

Coffee & Connections

March 19 & September 17

Meet and Greet for New Effingham County Business & Community Leaders

Look to the Chamber for your Professional Development and Training needs in 2015:

- Health Care Reform
- Customer Service
- Technology
- Social Media

- Leadership
- Time Management
- Marketing
- Sales

- Communication
- Team Building
- Goal Setting
- Tax Planning

- Supervisory Skills
- Employment Law



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We offer young professionals from 21 to 45 the opportunity to network with each other and the area's top business leaders in social and professional settings. Professional development workshops provide career advancement while volunteer opportunities assist in the community development in Effingham County.

New: Corporate Membership Program

Enrolling in the new Corporate Membership Program allows you to offer a terrific opportunity to all of your qualifying employees. Not only is YBNext a great organization to enhance the professional skills of your staff, but it also serves as a great way to promote your business.

The Corporate Membership Program offers affordable rates to allow more of your employees to get involved with YBNext.

# of Employees	Corporate Price	Regular Price
5-9	\$200	\$250-\$450
10-14	\$400	\$500-\$700
Bonus Level	Your Logo appears on our website as a corporate supporter!	
15-19	\$600	\$750-\$950
20-24	\$800	\$1,000-\$1,200
25+	\$1,000	\$1,500+

Annual Membership: \$50 for Chamber Members, \$75 for Guest Members
For more information: Call: 217-342-4147 Email: ybnextrsvp@gmail.com



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The Effingham Regional Incubator Network provides:

- Shared office space
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- Educational experiences

The goal of a business incubator is to nurture the development of entrepreneurial companies and help them survive and grow during their start-up period when they are most vulnerable.

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We're on your team!



The Chamber Hosted
22 Ribbon Cuttings in 2014!



New Members Welcomed!



Your Chamber Ambassadors

Front (L-R) Del Wortman, Wortman Printing Company; Kevin Gouchenouer, Century 21 – Realty Concepts; Tonya Siner, Premier Broadcasting; Kathy Schroeder, Mary Kay Cosmetics; Jo Huskey, Enterprise Dynamics; Bob Shelton, Community Directories, Inc.

Back (L-R) Dr. Carol Hourigan, Three Chicks and a Stage; Mike Schabbing, Global Technical Systems Inc.; Steve Will, The First National Bank of Dieterich; Randy Jones, Washington Savings Bank; Greg Schumacher, Ameren Illinois; Jim Hecht, Dan Hecht Chevrolet-Toyota

Not pictured: Eric Zeller, Effingham Ophthalmology Associates; Jeff Muhlbachler, Muhlbachler Insurance Agency, Inc.; Jerry Jansen, Century 21 – Realty Concepts

VALUE IN MEMBERSHIP

A recent Schapiro Study survey reveals that being active in a local chamber of commerce is an effective business strategy. If respondents know that a small business is a member of its local chamber, the business enjoys:

49%

increase in its consumer favorability rating

73%

increase in consumer awareness

68%

increase in its local reputation

80%

increase in the likelihood that consumers will patronize the business in the future

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Headline News



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Volunteer of the Year:
Ron Mietzner



Norma Lansing - 2014 Recipient of the Outstanding Leadership in Community & Economic Development Award presented by East Central Illinois Development Corporation



Employee of the Year: Sarah Rueter



Under 40 Recipients



2014 Scholarship Recipients



Effingham County Farm Bureau received American Farm Bureau Federation County Activities of Excellence Award for hosting a Chamber Business After Hours and bringing agricultures and commerce together



Exclusive Scholarship Sponsor:
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Donation to Chamber Community Scholarship Program from proceeds of EffingHAM JAM event.

Awards and Recognitions

- **Dr. Nash Naam**, International President of the American Society for Peripheral Nerve
- **Bayard (Bud) Walters**, Founder of The Cromwell Radio Group, received the National Radio Award for outstanding leadership in the radio industry
- **Mid America Motorworks' Corvette Funfest** was named among the Top 10 Car Shows in the World and the only all-Corvette Show to be recognized
 - **Stevens Industries** was named among the Top 100 fastest growing wood industry manufacturers by Woodworking Network
 - **Effingham Holiday Inn** - 2014 InterContinental Hotels Group Renovation Award for its major modernization and renovation program
- **Effingham County Cultural Center and Museum Association** - named a 2014 Preserve America Steward, one of three awards given nationwide



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Dan Hecht Chevrolet-Toyota

Fifty-seven years ago in Peoria, IL, Dan Hecht packed up his station wagon with his wife and six kids and moved to Effingham to begin his own Chevrolet dealership. The original location of Dan Hecht Chevrolet was on Merchant Street, near Martin's IGA. As the business grew, they relocated to a new facility on South Banker near Bob's Discount Home Improvement. In 1976, they expanded again and moved to the current location at 2400 South Banker Street.



Dan and his wife, Geraldine, had four daughters and then four sons. Today, the dealership is owned and operated by his four sons; Dan Jr., Jim, Bob and Jerry and has grown to provide

employment for over 60 area residents. The Hechts attribute their successful business to the hard-working employees as well as the motto their father taught them: "Provide the customer with the best shopping, buying, and ownership experience possible."

In 1990, Dan Hecht Chevrolet acquired the Toyota franchise. Through this expansion, the dealership now houses an award winning service department they feel is second to none. In the service center alone, they have over 190 years of combined experience.

The fully stocked parts department services, not only the dealership with genuine GM and Toyota original parts and accessories, but it also is a supplier to many body shops, service centers, and the general public.

On the east side of the dealership is an award-winning body and paint shop. Their slogan is, "Have a wreck, go to Hecht's." Rental vehicles are available, and both the service center and body shop have free loaner cars and shuttle service to make your service experience more convenient.

With any dealership, the heartbeat is with the sales and finance department. Their efforts have resulted in receiving the prestigious Chevrolet Mark of Excellence Award and the Toyota President's Award.

The Hecht brothers feel their most valuable attribute is their community support. Whether it is sponsoring the Unit 40 Scholarship Program, Park District Khoury League, Youth Hunts, support for the Community Foundation CEO class, HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital or the local schools, they feel that contributing their time or treasure to the Effingham area is the most rewarding.

Dan Hecht Chevrolet-Toyota is an active member of the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce, joining with the New Car Dealers Association in being an annual Platinum Sponsor for the Chamber Community Scholarship Program. Independently, the dealership is an Advantage Chamber Choice Member, participates in the Chamber Member to Member Discount Program and regularly attends Chamber functions from the Annual Business Recognition Gala to the Chamber Golf Outing, First Friday Luncheons, Business After Hours and other events.

They feel networking with the Chamber has helped with education, awareness, involvement, and the needs of our community. Effingham is home, and there is no better place than right here in Effingham to run a business!



Martin's IGA

In an ever-changing world, the Effingham area has been able to count on Martin's IGA to provide consistent, high-quality products and exceptional customer service for over 75 years, starting when Clyde Martin started his own business by leasing a local meat shop in downtown Effingham. That 500 square foot shop moved a few blocks in the 1940s to the corner of Jefferson and Merchant and grew with the local economy to the grocery store complex that exists at that location today.

Clyde's vision of service to his customers included utilizing the railroad during World War II to obtain grocery items that others found hard to get, affiliating with the Independent Grocers Alliance (IGA) and continued expansion to the current 54,000 square foot, 24-hour store at the corner of Jefferson and Merchant Street, that includes a 165-seat cafeteria, pharmacy, catering, floral, bakery and banking facility.



An adjacent property along West Jefferson Avenue was turned into a convenience store and gas station in 2005, which includes 24-hour access to fuel, grocery store pricing for food and convenience items, a drive up window and pharmacy pickup. Video gaming was added to the facility in late 2014.

The family-owned business continues to operate under the leadership of Clyde's son Newlin and grandson Todd Martin and their commitment to customer service remains a key part of the company's success. Continuous facility improvements and equipment updates help Martin's IGA better serve the area and the environment. This commitment to excellence has earned Martin's IGA the 5 Star IGA Supermarket designation for eight years running and in 2014, Martin's IGA won a National Grocers Association Award for Outstanding Deli and Foodservice.

Over the past five years, the store has undergone extensive remodeling to improve refrigeration, lighting, décor and energy efficiency, plus an outdoor seating area to accompany the busy cafeteria. Current projects include new meat, produce and deli cases and increased electrical efficiency with more to come in 2015.



Newlin Martin has been an integral part of Effingham's continuing growth too and his efforts have been recognized with the Effingham Citizen of the Year award in 2000, the Studs Terkel Humanitarian Award,

Illinois Retailer of the Century Award from the Illinois Retail Merchants Association and IGA International Retailer of the Year two times.

Martin's IGA is involved in local charitable and enrichment programs such as the Lake Land College Kluthe Center, Richard E Workman Sports and Wellness Center, 4-H Foundation, Catholic Charities, Unit 40, Illinois HS Rodeo Association and the Effingham County CEO class to name a few. In addition to monetary assistance, Martin's hosts summer cookouts in the parking area to benefit local charity events.

A family-oriented business, Martin's benefits its over 230 employees and their families with a summer picnic and Christmas party; flexible work schedules and other employee incentives, including \$500 college incentives for anyone working 1000 hours annual for up to 4 years.

Growing, changing, expanding and moving forward, Martin's IGA is an award-winning, full-service, environmentally conscious staple of Effingham County.

PAST
EXCELLENCE
RECIPIENTS

2011

Midland States Bank
Y-yard Auto & Truck, Inc.

2012

Patterson Technology Center
Legacy Harley Davidson

2013

Heartland Dental Care
Siemer Milling Company

2014

First National Bank of Dittich
Versatech, LLC

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHTS

Express Employment Professionals

Looking for work in all the wrong places? Maybe it's time to visit Express Employment Professionals. EEP is a full-service, fee-based placement company, serving over 700 offices in the US, Canada and South Africa, that offers professional placement, HR services, on-site resource management, evaluation hire and temporary project work.

The local Express Employment Professionals franchise is owned by Diane Rieck, PHR, who has operated the Express franchise in Mattoon since 2006. Rieck opened an Effingham office at 813 North Third Street, Unit C in December and is proud of her company's year after year growth.

Annually, Express Employment Professionals hosts a Refresh Leadership Live Simulcast in Effingham, offering renowned speakers from around the world. The 2015 Refresh Leadership event will be held Wednesday, April 15 and features Daymond John, CEO of FUBU, speaking on "Goal Setting – The Secret of Successful Leaders." Actor Dan Aykroyd will present "The Funny Thing About Leadership" followed by returning guest speaker Liz Murray with her personal story; "From Homeless to Harvard." Admission to the event is a nominal donation, with proceeds to benefit youth programming at the Effingham Performance Center.

Rieck and her team are confident that they can better serve the diverse business needs of Effingham County employers from their new Effingham location.



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Roses from Linda

Roses from Linda grew out of a very personal story for founder T.J. Hodges. When T.J.'s mother was terminally ill and lived in another state, many of his siblings were unable to travel to say their last goodbyes. Roses from Linda was formed so other families would not have to go through the same heartbreaking experience that the Hodges' family endured.

Roses from Linda helps defray the cost of travel expenses for families to be with, or travel to, medical facilities for sick or dying loved ones. Funds are also raised for military families, cancer patients and children with diseases. Their motto is: Why send flowers when you can send family?

In the summer of 2014, Hodges, who is an Effingham native, opened his first Roses from Linda office in downtown Effingham and formed a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping improve the lives of Effingham County residents. 100% of all funds raised through the Effingham office are used in the Effingham area.

Their local focus on giving back to the home community also extends to participating in other charitable events, such as The Firehouse Food Drive, helping Catholic Charities to provide area families with Thanksgiving.

More information about Roses from Linda events and good works can be found at rosesfromlinda.org.



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Hodgson Mill

Over a century ago, in the rolling hills of the Missouri Ozarks, a tradition was born... a tradition of producing the finest all-natural, whole grain milled products from the nation's heartland. These high standards are still in use today.

Named after founder Alva Hodgson, Hodgson Mill has thrived and continued the traditional method of stone milling, becoming a global leader in whole grain production. Hodgson Mill came to Effingham County in 1988 and was purchased by Bob and Cathy Goldstein in 2006; they have continued the commitment to maintaining and keeping the close-knit family business



values that made the company success.

Bob has traveled extensively

getting expertise and insights from millers in many different countries around the world. Hodgson Mill is now a globally certified food safety company that has maintained an A rating the past 4 years. They are certified for Non-GMO, Kosher, Organic and Gluten Free products. Third party certification validates that all of their food claims are accurate.

The Goldstein's have expanded their Effingham manufacturing facility at 1100 Stevens Avenue in the Effingham Business Park three times in the past eight years, with over 76% in square footage and 85% more employees for a total today of 150 employees. Most recently, The Mill Store opened on Effingham's northwest side, housing the company's sales office and soon adding a retail store, featuring Hodgson Mill products, along with products from local vendors or other family-owned small companies. A baking school and café are set to open next year.

Hodgson Mill prides itself in making good food so people can live a healthier, happier life. They still grind their grain with stone mills to preserve its natural nutrition, but are also taking advantage of new technology.

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HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital

Since 1875, St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital has been a part of the health care ministry sponsored by the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis. St. Anthony's became an affiliate of the Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS) in 1978, and in late 2014, joined with the 14 other HSHS-affiliated hospitals in Illinois and Wisconsin in placing "HSHS" in front of the hospital's name – making it HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital. It may be a new first name, but it is the same family of care the community has always known.

The hospital received a number of awards this past year including The Joint Commission 2013 Top Performer on Key Quality Measures® for excellence in accountability measure performance shown to improve care for certain conditions, such as heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, and surgical care. In addition, Home Care has been named a Top Agency of the 2014 HomeCare Elite™, for high and consistent



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performance measures in quality, patient experience, and

financial management. The Women and Children's Care department was recognized by the March of Dimes for commitment to mom and baby health. Finally, for the third year in a row, the Wound Healing Center received the Robert A. Warriner Center of Excellence Award for outstanding quality care and patient satisfaction outcomes.

HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital is a fully licensed and accredited, not-for-profit, general acute care, health facility with a talented Medical Staff composed of specialists and consultants. The hospital provides quality care with Bone and Joint Services, Center for Interventional Pain Management, Women's Wellness Center, and Women and Children's Care, among other services. Orthopedic services have also been highly ranked in Illinois over the past number of years and the Center for Advanced Imaging offers patients in the region a 64-slice CT scanner and a 16-channel MRI scanner for high-quality imaging.

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Fulfilling their commitment to give back to the community with more than just art performance, proceeds from Three Chicks and a Stage events go to benefit area veterans organizations, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, mentoring programs, local children's charities and The Effingham Performance Center.



Whether you are in the show or at the show, 3 Chicks and a Stage set the stage for community involvement. If you want to learn more about how to become involved in 3 Chicks and a Stage productions, or have questions, please send an email to this Chick:

Dr. Carol Hourigan at drcarol@mchsi.com.

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Altamont schools are proud of their commitment to career and technical learning, college training and student development. During the past seven years, the district has upgraded buildings and athletic facilities, as well as incorporating a laptop program to bring learning and teaching into the 21st century.

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50 years later, Dennis Boggs decided it was time to retire and in 2014 sold the business to his sales manager of 18 years Heather Mumma. Heather and the staff at B & B Homes look forward to carrying forward the award-winning workmanship and service that the company is known for and will be hosting a grand re-opening celebration in the Spring of 2015.

B & B Homes, LLC has been Central Illinois's largest retailer of mobile, manufactured and modular homes in Central Illinois, serving a 70 mile radius with homes, garages, porches and septic systems for their customers and community. Between 75 and 100 homes are constructed annually, providing affordable, low maintenance structures for approximately half the total cost of on-site construction.

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The Sustainable Entrepreneurship through Education and Development (SEED) Center at Eastern Illinois University was established in August 2014 as the new interdisciplinary home for entrepreneurial education, research, and community partnerships. The SEED Center is a Presidential initiative and its primary focus is to foster collaboration among students, researchers, educators and practicing entrepreneurs to promote entrepreneurship through integrative learning.

Dr. Marko Grünhagen was named Director of the new SEED Center at EIU, into which the former Business Solutions Center has been integrated. In addition to his role as the SEED Center Director, Dr. Grünhagen is the Lumpkin Distinguished Professor of Entrepreneurship, Professor of Marketing, and the Coordinator of the campus-wide Entrepreneurship Minor at EIU.

The new SEED Center will continue to offer the same effective outreach activities, with Mrs. Tiffany Kline serving as the Center's Entrepreneurial Coach, offering free and confidential coaching to business start-ups and small ventures. Kline has an office at the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce and is available weekly to meet with Effingham area entrepreneurs and business owners.



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Del started out with a single Apple Macintosh and one small offset press and now is able to offer full-service printing and design work for Effingham and beyond.

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Celebrating 25 years in business in 2015, Del has been joined in the business by his son, James, and together they oversee the day-to-day business of printing, direct imaging offset printing, bindery services, mailing and logo design. Brochures, promotional literature, flyers, books, postcards and more can be produced in a professional and timely manner.

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Village of Strasburg

Established in 1874, the Village of Strasburg is a quaint municipality just a short distance down the road from Effingham County.

The community hosts many events and offers community enhancing services for the Strasburg community, such as the Annual Hog Roast, Gnome Fest and the Santa Brigade Market.

In fact, Strasburg is notable for its gnomes. Over 500 mystical garden creatures can be found living in gardens around the village. During the holiday season, Strasburg Santa's are peppered throughout area homes and businesses.

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After Larry retired in the early 2000s, Doug combined all aspects of Walk's Auto Service into Walk's Auto Body.



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In the spring of 2014, Doug broke ground on a substantial remodeling project to increase the size of the store front to 11,000 square feet along U. S. Route 40 at 1424 E. Fayette Avenue. The remodel is expected to be complete in January of 2015.

Walk's Auto Body currently provides full-service collision repair and towing services to the greater Effingham area.

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Prudential - Rich Hartke

Rich Hartke is celebrating 15 years of service to Effingham and Central Illinois in 2015 and has been joined in the business by his wife, Angie to accommodate the company's growing business, which includes an expansion to Champaign in 2013.



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Rich is a Life member of MDRT, holds a President's Council designation and currently services on the Field and Advisory Council for Prudential. The Hartkes enjoy serving on boards and being active volunteers within the community.

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Woods Advisors, LLC

As an entrepreneur who established his consulting business in 2012, Dan Woods is on a mission to engage and energize Central Illinois business and community leaders to make a difference in their lives and in the lives of their communities.



Through his company, Woods Advisors, Dan offers leadership consulting, executive coaching and professional facilitation and public speaking to a broad audience. His connections have resulted in an opportunity with Vistage International to develop the first CEO Private Advisory Board in Central Illinois.

Dan also lends his expertise as President of The Effingham Regional Growth Alliance, a public-private economic development foundation, and as a member of several local boards.

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Joe Sippers

For the past ten years, Effingham has enjoyed specialty coffee, great food, ever-changing art and occasional live music at Joe Sippers Café, downtown's premier coffee house.



Everything from the eclectic décor to the 'Big Fat Chocolate cake' says "Come in and stay a while".

Located in the old Bell Telephone building at 114 South Fourth Street, Joe Sippers Café has become a popular lunch and dinner destination of young and old alike. Owner/Operator Kevin Hiatt has expanded his interests to include roasting coffee and due to the popularity of this new product line, renovations are underway to include an in-house roasting facility to ensure the highest quality flavor.

Recently voted People's Choice for Best Coffee and Best Hot Sandwich, Joe Sippers continues to find new ways to keep customers coming back for more.



Joe Sippers Café
JoeSippers.com

image squared marketing, inc.

Born on the 4th of July in 2014, image squared marketing, inc. provides marketing strategy, commercial photography, social media marketing, direct mail marketing, radio ad production, online business listings and Shopify store development for Central and Southern Illinois. They are in the business of generating business.

Working with local businesses and helping them develop and market their events, sales and day-to-day operations is what image squared marketing, inc. is all about.

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Last summer, ism helped plan and organize the Wheels to Prosper car giveaway promotion for two area businesses: Probst Auto Body in Dieterich and Teutopolis Auto Sales in Teutopolis. Photos and video of the event were posted on social media to help support these business' marketing efforts and cause. A partnership is being developed with another local business to offer 100% locally generated and produced direct mail marketing services.



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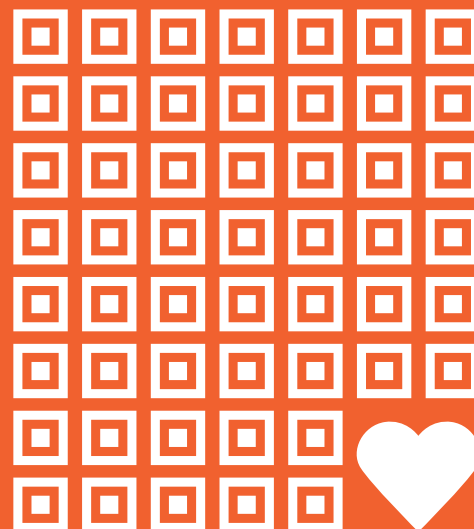
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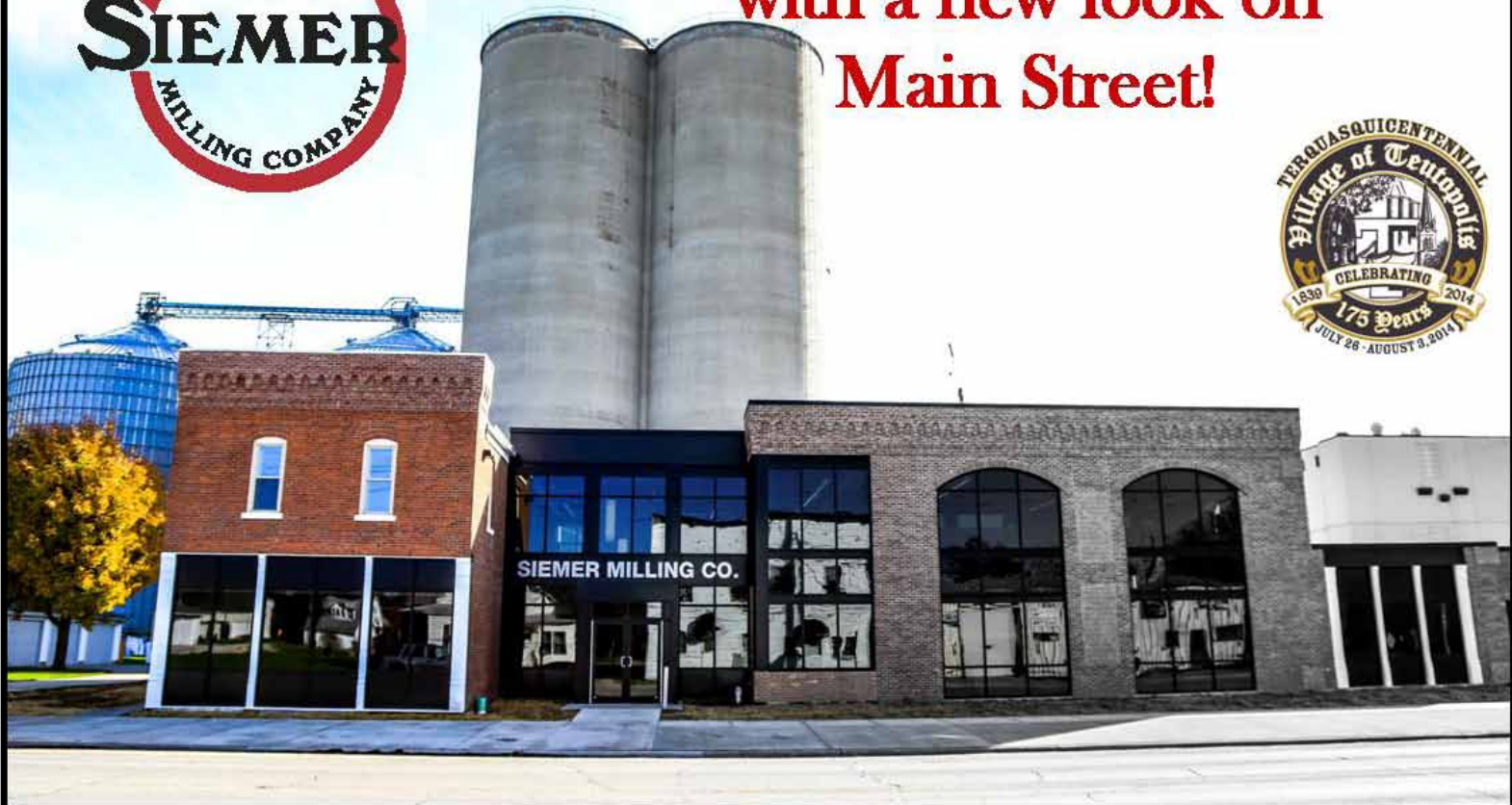
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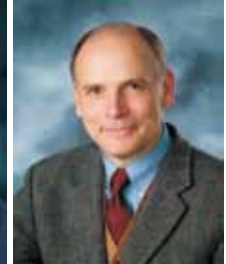
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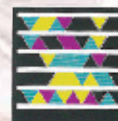
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O'Dell, Larry
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PURE Architecture Studio LLC
Riley Business Services
Ring Financial
Roepke Overhead Door
Roses From Linda
Roy Schmidt Honda
Safe Haven Hospice
Schultheis Garage and Classics
Stang Arts Studio & Gallery Inc.
Tower Loan of Effingham
Tytia Habing Photography
U.S. Army Recruiting Center
United Rentals
Village Apartments of Effingham, 1

A-B

#1 Network
72VEST
AAIM Employers' Association
ADM Alliance Nutrition
Advanced Digital Solutions/Xerox Agent
Advanced Disposal
Advanced Towing and Recovery LLC
AFLAC
AGE-Affordable Gas & Electric

Agracel, Inc. - November



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Altamont News Banner
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Ameren Illinois
America's Best Value Inn
America's Select Homes Inc.

American Cancer Society - July



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Anatime Entertainment
Anderson's Jewelry
Andes Health Mart Pharmacy
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ApexNetwork Physical Therapy
Arab Termite & Pest Control
Aramark Uniform Services
ARC Community Support Systems
ARCH Air Medical Service, Inc.
Arrow Pest Control, Inc.

Artcraft Press Inc. - January



Auctions/Realty by Schackmann
Auto Glass Unlimited
B & L Machine and Design
B and B Homes Inc.
B B & K Development
Bahrns Equipment, Inc.
Balda Dental Office
Bales Unlimited Inc.
Ballard Family Chiropractic
Bandy's Medical Equipment
Barlow Lock & Security, Inc.
Barr Construction & Remodeling, Inc.
Baseball Card Connection
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Beccue Builders Inc.
Becker, Harold
Bella Vein Medical Spa
Best Western

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Bierman Welding Inc.
BK Resources
Blessings in a Backpack
BN National Trail Biodiesel
Bob's Discount Home Improvement
Bonutti Clinic
Boos Plumbing & Heating Co.
Boyajian M.D., Dr. Ruben
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with Dove Chocolate Discoveries
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Brumleve Industries, Inc.
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Bushue Human Resources Inc.

Number of Active Chamber Members*:

568

Employees Represented*:

14,400+

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Clasby, Daniel J.
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Community Blood Services of Illinois
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Concrete Evolutions
Consolidated Communications
Copple, Pat
Cornerstone Wealth Management
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Country Inn & Suites
Country Peddlers
Coventry Health Care
CQI Associates
Creative Designs

Credit Collection Partners
Crisman, Pam
Cromwell Radio Group
Crossroads Bank
Crossroads Cancer Center
Crossroads Truck Equipment
Custom Family Homes Inc.

CW Motorsports - February



D-E

Dale Carnegie Training/S.J. Grant & Assoc.
Dale Esker Construction

Dan Hecht Chevrolet-Toyota - May



Dan's Glass Inc.
Data Management Shredding
Deb's Catering Inc.
Delta Inn
Denny's
Designs Unlimited, Inc.
Detection Security Co., Inc.
Dieterich Business Association
Dieterich Community Development Corporation
Dieterich Community Unit #30
Dimond Bros. Insurance Agency Inc.
Dirtbuster Carwash LLC
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Donnewald Distributing Company
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Doug McCain's Bar-B-Q Sauce
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Drees Enterprises LLC

Drees Plumbing Inc.
Drs. Sehy & Jones, Optometrists
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Dunkin' Donuts
Dust & Son L.P.
Dust Electric
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Eastern Illinois University
Edward Jones - Lynn Deters
Effingham & Teutopolis News Report
Effingham Ambulatory Surgery Center
Effingham Animal Health Center Inc. (E.A.H.C.)
Effingham Animal Rescue Sanctuary (EARS)
Effingham Area Crime Stoppers
Effingham Asphalt Co., Inc.
Effingham Auto Repair LLC
Effingham Builders Supply
Effingham Child Development Center
Effingham Country Club
Effingham County
Effingham County CEO Class
Effingham County Committee on Aging
Effingham County Cultural Ctr and Museum Assoc.
Effingham County Farm Bureau
Effingham County FISH Human Services Organization
Effingham County Health Department
Effingham County Public Transportation
Effingham County Recycling/Sutter Sanitation
Effingham CUSD #40
Effingham Daily News
Effingham Elks Lodge #1016
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Effingham Homes
Effingham Knights of Columbus
Effingham Obstetrics & Gynecology Assoc.
Effingham Ophthalmology Associates
Effingham Performance Center
Effingham Post Office
Effingham Printing Company
Effingham Railroad Company
Effingham Signs & Graphics
Effingham Surgical Associates, S.C.
Effingham Tire & Auto Center Inc.
Effingham Travel Agency
Effingham Truck Sales
Effingham Urology Associates, S.C.
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 Fifth Third Bank
 Fine Arts, County of Effingham
 Fire Equipment Service & Sales Inc.
 Firefly Grill Inc.
 First Mid-Illinois Bank And Trust
 Fitzpatrick, Dale
 Formaggio Pizza Co.
 Four Scoops, Inc. dba Dairy Queen
 Frisse & Brewster Law Offices
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 Funneman Frontier Arms, LLC
 Gabby Goat
 Gartner, James R.
 Get Fit Family Fitness
 Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois
 Gliik's
 Global Technical Systems Inc.

Goeckner Accounting & Financial Services, Inc.
 Goeckner Bros. Inc.
 Graham S.C., Dr. James C.
 Gregory and Appel Insurance
 Griffith Trucking Inc. dba Broadway Express
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 Grunloh Construction, Inc.
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 H and W Service Center Inc.
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 Hampton Inn & Suites
 Hanfland, Susan
 Hanks & Willenborg
 Hawickhorst and Associates
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 Heartland Beef dba Arby's
 Heartland Dental
 Heartland Family Dental Care
 Heartland Health Foods
 Heartland Human Services
 Heartland Landscaping Inc.
 Heather and Marty - vocal/guitar duo
 Heidanes Hidden Timbers
 Helen Matthes Library

Henning, Mike
 Heritage Builders of Effingham, Inc.
 Hetzels Overland Transport Inc.
 hibu Inc.
 Hitachi Metals Automotive Components USA, LLC
Hodgson Mill, Inc. - October



Hoelscher Concrete Construction Inc.
 Holiday Inn
 Holland Energy, LLC
 Holli's Flour Shop
 Home Accents Custom Picture Framing
 Homebuilders Plus, Inc.
 Horin, Charles R. D.D.S.
 HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital

I-K

I.C. Enterprises, Inc.
 Illinois Army National Guard
 Imagine This! Marketing Group
 Independent Creative Leader Initials Inc. - Sheryl Brummer
 Innovative Staff Solutions
 Interstate Batteries of South Central IL
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 J & J Ventures Gaming LLC
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 J.M. Schultz Investment Co., LLC
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 JAD Imports Inc. dba Stadium Cinemas
 Jansen Cable Construction, Inc.
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Jansens Heating & Air - April

Jedco Sales, Inc.
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 Job Match, Inc.
 Joe Sippers Café
 Joe's Pizza & Pasta
 John Boos & Co.
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John Lewis Concrete Construction Inc.
 Johnson Funeral Home
 Johnson, John M.
 Journal Gazette & Times Courier/Herald & Review
 K & F Storage
 K & M Floral Shoppe, Inc.
 K. Wohltman Construction, Inc.
 Kabbes, Frank
 KCH Mechanical Inc.
 Keller Appliances
 Keller Convention Center
 Kemper CPA Group
 Kiefer Landscaping
 Kinder, Ron
 Kingery Printing Company
 Kirby Risk Electrical Supply Co.
 Koerner Distributor Inc.
 Koester, D.M.D., P.C., Dr. Ted
 KTD Computer

L

L.J. Swingler & Sons Inc.
 Laboratory Corporation of America (LabCorp)

Lake Land College - September

Lake Pointe Apartments
 Lake Sara Area Water Cooperative, Inc.
 Lake Sara Marina
 Lakeland Rehabilitation & Health Care Center, LLC
 Lakeside Services
 Lancaster, Tod
 Land of Lincoln Credit Union
 Land of Lincoln Goodwill Industries
 Lavender Ridge: Dignified Memory Care
 LeFevre Oldfield Myers Apke and Payne Law Group, Ltd.
 Legacy Harley-Davidson
 Leisure Times Pools & Spas Ltd.

Lewis, Robert
 Lexington Inn & Suites
 Lidy Graphics
 Lifeline Christian Books & Gifts
 Lilley Land Improvement
 Linders Limited LLC/McDonald's
 Lions Liquors
 Local Workforce Investment Area 23
 Longhorn Buildings LLC
 Loudon Machine, Inc.
 Lustig Custom Cabinet Co.



M-N

Mansfield's U-Stor-It
Marshall Clinic Effingham, S.C.
Martin's IGA
Marxman Excavating
Mary Kay Cosmetics - Kathy Schroeder

Maurices - March



Maxedon Landscaping
Mayhood Properties L.L.C.

MBI Construction
McDevitt, Osteen, Chojnicki & Deters, LLC
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Mechanovent Corp. (A New York Blower Co.)
Mediacom Business
Merry-Niebrugge, DMD, Dr. Margaret
Merz Heating & Air Conditioning Inc.
Merz, Henry
Mette's Cabinet Corner Inc.
Meyer Funeral Home
Meyer Oil Company
Mid America Motorworks
Mid Illinois Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Effingham County Program
Mid Illinois Equipment Sales
Mid-Illinois Concrete, Inc.
Mid-Illinois Medical Care Associates, LLC
Midland States Bank

Midwest Office
Midwest Toppers & Pickup Accessories Inc.
Mihlbachler Insurance Agency, Inc.
Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC
Morgan Distributing Inc.
NAPA Auto Parts
National Bank At Effingham
National Trail Development LLC
New Health Chiropractic
New Hope Church
Niebrugge Lumber Company, Inc.
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O-R

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Peerless of America, Inc
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Pizza Man of Effingham Inc. - June



Poland Sales & Service Inc.
Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen
Poterucha, M.D., Henry J.
Power Therapeutic Massage
Prairie National Bank
Premier Broadcasting
Prime Sole
Probst Auto Body, Inc.

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Quad/Graphics
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Roger's Home Appliance-Direct Maytag
Rotary Club of Effingham
Roy Schmidt Honda
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S

Sacred Heart Parish
Samuel Music
Sandra Walk, Architect
Sandschafer Electric Inc.
Sanitation Service, Inc
Sarah Bush Lincoln
Sbarro's
Schaefer Appraisal Service
Schafer, Bill
Scheid Diesel Service Company, Inc.
Schmid Auction & Realty
Schumacher Orthodontics
SDS Computers (System Development Services, Inc.)
Seagle Tax and Financial Services, Inc.
Sears, Ruholl Family Corp.
Security Alarm Corporation
Security Finance

SEED Center EIU
Sentinel Pest Control
Servpro
Sherwin Williams Company
Sherwin Williams Paint
Shoe Sensation
Siemer Enterprises Inc.
Siemer Milling Company
Siemer, Austin, & Fuhr
Siemerworks-Crossfit Effingham
Smith Moore
Smith Realty Group of Effingham, LLC
Smith's Commercial Cleaning
South Central FS
Southeastern Container, Inc.
Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation
Southern Illinois Hand Center

Southtown Car Wash
Spectrum Screen Graphics
Sporty's Beverage Connection, LLC
Springleaf Financial Services
St. Anthony Church
St. Denis, Bob
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State Representative David Reis
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Steffen Heating/Air Conditioning Inc.
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 The Thomas Shop
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 The Wellness Loft
 The Zone 24 Hour Fitness
 Thoele Plumbing Inc.
 Three Chicks and a Stage
 Tick Tock Energy, Inc.

Timber Ridge Antiques & Clock Repair
 Tingley Insurance Agency, Inc.
 TNT Recycling
 Tom Henderson - State Farm Insurance
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 Trigg's Flooring
 TriPower Towing and Recovery/Tri Parts Truck Salvage
 Tucker Accounting Service Inc.
 Tuscan Hills Winery

U-Z

Union Jack Antiques & Country Accents
 Unique Personnel Consultants
 United Way of Effingham County
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 Utz and Associates Architects P.C.
 Van Dyke Culvert Sales & Backhoe Service
 Vantage Outsourcing
 Versatech LLC
 Village of Dieterich
 Village of Strasburg

Village of Teutopolis - August

Village Wine
 Visionary Eyewear, LLC
 W S Broom & Co. Inc.
 W.E.T. Inc.
 Wabash Tire and Auto
 Wal-Mart #0936
 Walgreens
 Walks Auto Body

Walnut Street Weddings - December

Washington Savings Bank
 Watts Copy Systems

Wave Graphics
 Wayne's Stripe-A-Lot
 WCIA
 Weber Optiks
 Weber's Clothing & Jewelry
 Weis Insurance Agency, LLC
 Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC.
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JANUARY

- Jan. 9 First Friday Luncheon
Business after Hours - Effingham Ambulatory Surgery Center
Jan. 17 Annual Business Recognition Gala
Jan. 22 Business Continuation/Disaster Recovery Breakfast

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 4 CEO Experience
Feb. 6 First Friday Luncheon
Feb. 10 Business after Hours - Teutopolis Community for Progress

MARCH

- Mar. 6 First Friday Luncheon
Mar. 10 Business after Hours - Effingham Surgical Associates
Mar. 13 Michael Caruso Seminar
Mar. 27 AED/CPR Training

APRIL

- Apr. 8 Community Celebration of Excellence - Keller Convention Center
Apr. 9 Business after Hours - Effingham Country Club
Apr. 10 First Friday Luncheon
Apr. 9-18 Shades of Ireland Trip
Apr. 17 Chamber Radio Day - 95.7
Apr. 29 CEO Trade Show

MAY

- May 1 First Friday - Employee Appreciation
May 9 Spring Fling - ECBG
May 21 Business after Hours - The Villas of Holly Brook
May 29 Golf Outing

JUNE

- June 5 First Friday - Scholarship Luncheon
June 18 Business after Hours - Helen Matthes Library
June 19 Taste of Freedom - ECBG

July

- July 9-20 Alaska Cruise Tour
July 10 First Friday Luncheon

AUGUST

- Aug. 5 Education Kick Off Breakfast
Aug. 7 First Friday Luncheon

SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 4 First Friday Luncheon
Sept. 12 Dieterich Business Association Cruise-In
Sept. 24 Business after Hours - West & Company

OCTOBER

- Oct. 2 First Friday Luncheon - KC Building Effingham Co. Manufacturing Day
Oct. 8 Chamber Radio Day - 97.9XFM
Oct. 16 ChiliFest - ECBG

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 5 Business After Hours - Village Wine
Nov. 6 First Friday Luncheon
Nov. 28 Small Business Saturday
Hometown Christmas

DECEMBER

- Dec. 4 First Friday Luncheon

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