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THE GREATEST PLACE ON EARTH



EFFINGHAM COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

GENERATING \$326 MILLION IN LOCAL IMPACT



Dedicated to Exceptional Quality Care and Continued Growth in our Community

- Opened our new Health Center in Effingham to offer convenient, patient-focused, outpatient care in one easy, accessible setting with beautiful décor that feels more like a hotel than a health care office.
- Brought world-renowned expertise to the area by becoming an affiliate of MD Anderson Cancer Network®, a program of The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center based in Houston. This collaboration builds on the work and clinical advancements of the cancer care experts in the Effingham area and connects them with internationally known leaders in cancer care.
- Awarded the 2018 ILPEX Bronze Award for Commitment to Excellence as a demonstration of our hospital's teamwork and continuous journey toward excellence.



HSHS
St. Anthony's
Memorial Hospital

EMPLOYS

- 818 colleagues
- 723 Full-time Equivalents (FTE)
- \$60 million annual payroll

IMPACT: \$144 million in economic activity

CAPITAL

- \$12 million in capital improvements in 2018 to update and improve facilities and purchase new equipment

IMPACT: \$28.7 million in local and state economy

PURCHASED GOODS & SERVICES

- \$64 million in goods and services purchased through area vendors and businesses.

IMPACT: \$153 million in local and state economy

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- \$1.9 million in Charity Care
- \$5.9 million in unreimbursed care
- \$9.4 million to assist the underserved and provide a positive impact in enhanced health and wellness programs.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

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ogether We Succeed.

The Effingham County Chamber of Commerce is where people come together to do business, to learn and to make our community a better place.

Within the pages of this magazine, you will learn more about what is happening within the Chamber, but more importantly, you will learn more about several Effingham County businesses that are celebrating their growth and development. Some of our featured businesses have been in business for many years, while others are newly formed companies that are excited to be serving your needs. All contribute positively to the growth of Effingham County.

We began our second century of service to the business community in 2018 with adoption of a new mission and vision and affirmation of the Chamber's role as a leader in the Effingham Region in business growth and development through collaborative partnerships and strategic initiatives.



As we begin our 102nd year, we are placing emphasis on making sure that Effingham County is "The Greatest Place on Earth." A place where existing business can prosper and grow, new businesses want to make an investment and individuals and families want to call home.

Together, we will succeed.

Best wishes for an outstanding 2019.

Norma Lansing

*Effingham County Chamber of Commerce, President and CEO
Illinois Accredited Chamber Executive*

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

As we celebrate the successes of 2018, and reflect on the opportunities that a new year presents, I would like to express my personal gratitude to outgoing Board Chair Matt Cekander for his adroit leadership of the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce Board. It has been a privilege, and an inspiration, to work with Matt over the past year as he executed the Chamber vision he presented the membership in January 2018. On behalf of the entire Effingham County Chamber of Commerce membership, thank you Matt!

As my tenure as Board Chair begins, I welcome the opportunity to learn from President Norma Lansing's over four decades of service to the Effingham Chamber and the community it serves. It was Steve Jobs who stated, "Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower", and Norma's innovative spirit has established the Effingham Chamber as a leader among our nation's chambers. In fact, over my 30 years of involvement with various chambers of commerce, I have found few with the entrepreneurial spirit, and "can do" attitude, that is instinctive in the Effingham Chamber.

This innate innovative spirit is why I am both honored and energized to lead the Board of Directors in the coming year. The year 2019 will be marked by continued innovation and change. The challenge is clear, as outlined in the Effingham Chamber's new mission statement: We create connections that strengthen member businesses and stimulate regional prosperity. The Effingham County Chamber of Commerce's (EC3) is evolving, and EC3's mission speaks to the focus on the values of create, connect and collaborate. Throughout the next twelve months the EC3 will build on these values.

Create: After significant research and planning, the EC3 is rolling out a new tiered dues structure meant to simplify membership options and solidify value added member benefits. A planned redesign of the Chamber's website will add a fresh new look and clearer means of sharing information on Chamber activities.



Connect: The new, state-of-the-art Chamber App aims to streamline and strengthen connections between members and the community. Hiring of a part time marketing and communications staff member further strengthens connections by allowing the EC3 to build deeper and more meaningful relationships with members, and further engage all levels of employees throughout member organizations.

Collaborate: The EC3 will continue to seek out meaningful partnerships that move Effingham County forward. Collaboration on the Effingham Regional Career Academy (ERCA) continues with the addition of shared classes among school districts and the build out of curriculum in five areas of focus: Advanced Manufacturing, Agriculture, Technology, Transportation and Healthcare. The EC3 and ERCA Boards join Lake Land College in 2019 to begin planning for construction of the Rural Development Technology Center, which will serve as a permanent home for the ERCA.

There is excitement in the air as we enter the new year and I am humbled to serve as your EC3 Board Chair for 2019. On behalf of the entire EC3 Board of Directors, we commit to working diligently on our collective vision to be the recognized advocate and regional leader for Chamber members through maximized business connectivity, growth and success.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Bullock".

Josh Bullock
Effingham County Chamber of Commerce
2019 Board Chairperson



Why is this **THE GREATEST PLACE ON EARTH?**

1. Tourism – with two interstates in the heart of the country, travelers know Effingham and the Cross helps with that.
2. We are a giving community—people are willing to help when opportunities arise.
3. The Effingham County Chamber of Commerce does a great job in promoting Effingham. From the business after hours to the other events each month, it allows the members to network with other members.
4. A strong church community with parochial schools – two Catholic grade schools, one Catholic high school, and one Lutheran grade school, along with the multitudes of churches in Effingham County.
5. A great community to raise our children.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Chamber Members & Friends,

What a year we had in 2018 – our 101st year as a Chamber!

Looking back at our 2018 goals, we planned to: (1) Increase value for our Members; (2) Be an ongoing business reference for our Members, and (3) Increase the engagement of our Members, including employees. To that end, with much thanks to President Norma, the Chamber Team and groundwork from previous Chairman Mel Stock, we refined our Mission of “Creating connections to strengthen member businesses” (or, simply, EC3 – Create, Connect, Collaborate), and have been diligently working on the Chamber-powered Effingham Area Connect App – ready for launch January 2019!

We believe this App will serve as a way to increase Member Engagement, while being a central business hub, for: Member Directory, Jobs Listings, Member Specials, and, one of my favorite features, the Community Calendar.

Looking ahead, I am confident we will be in good hands with our next Board Chair, Dr. Josh Bullock, who embodies the innovative spirit that has helped garner the Chamber its recent acclaim and awards. Thank you to all of you in advance for welcoming & supporting him in his new role!

Will 2019 be a year for you and your co-workers to increase your network and connections, for mutual longer-term strength? What would help you & the Chamber grow our business community this year? Please continue to share your ideas with us!

Thankful for Your Community Involvement & Support of the Chamber,

Matt Cekander

*Effingham County Chamber of Commerce
2018 Board Chairperson*



BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY



2019 Board Of Directors

Front Row (L-R): John Wright, Wright's Furniture & Flooring; Joe Knabe, Al's Tire Mart & Electronics; Dr. Josh Bullock, Lake Land College; Joyce Stock, Siemer Milling Company; Matt Cekander, Doebling, Winders & Co., LLP; Jamie Ellis, StangArts Studio; Rachel Collins, Peerless of America

Back (L-R): Rich Hartke, Prudential Financial; Nate Nohren, Lochmeuller Group; Chris Swing, Vantage Outsourcing; Mike Defend, Crossroads Bank; Jay Buehnerkemper, First Mid Bank & Trust; Mike Kirchhoff, Thrivent Financial; Mark Doan, Effingham Community Unit 40

Not pictured: Jeff Speer, RE/MAX Key Advantage; Chris Tingley, Tingley Insurance Agency, Inc.; Matt Roedl, Prudential Financial; Travis Bushue, Bushue Human Resources; Dr. Ryan Jennings, HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital; Craig Nielson, Effingham Regional Growth Alliance; Mayor Jeff Bloemker, City of Effingham; Jim Niemann, Effingham County Board

Our Vision

To be the recognized advocate and regional leader for Chamber members through maximized business connectivity, growth and success.

Our Mission

We create connections that strengthen member businesses and stimulate regional prosperity.



Why is this
**THE GREATEST
PLACE ON EARTH?**

1. Leaders who give of their time, and sincerely want to grow this Community.
2. Faith in action. It's ok/encouraged to live out values here.
3. Ability to raise a family in Community that cares.
4. Access to recreation (Lake, Golf, Music & the Arts at EPC!)
5. 'Small-town' feel, while having amenities & restaurants of a larger community, given our I-57 / I-70 situation – a unique combination!

Effingham Regional Career Academy



ERCA Named among Top 20 Shared Services Best Practices, Facility Funding Secured

2018 was a big year for the ERCA!

Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti came to Effingham to present a certificate recognizing ERCA as one of the top examples in Illinois of local governments banding together to share services, equipment and expertise to increase government efficiency and save taxpayer dollars.

The Lake Land Board of Trustees approved funding support for the ERCA in their 8-year Master Facilities Plan. We also received word that funding for the project was approved in the 2018 State Budget. The ERCA Board is working to have those funds released so construction can begin. Completion of the 36,000 square foot facility is targeted for 2022.

Focus groups were held in 3 of the 5 career areas to begin establishing courses that will be offered. The ERCA Board has a goal to begin offering classes in 2019.

Want to get involved? Contact Norma Lansing at (217) 342-4147



Helping Entrepreneurs and Business Owners Reach Their Full Potential

- Expert counselors provide Free Business Consulting
- Workspace options are available through the Effingham Regional Incubator Network
- Business loan opportunities exist through the Effingham Co. Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund
- Put your expertise to work as a Business Mentor. Contact Norma at (217) 342-4147

BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY

Coming in 2019!

Electronic Certificates of Origin!

The Chamber has partnered with the American World Trade Chamber of Commerce to offer Certificates of Origin with same day processing, worldwide online verification and approval, compliance and secure transactions.



Why is this THE GREATEST PLACE ON EARTH?

1. Youth Opportunities - Clubs and activities such as 4-H, Health Occupation, CEO Trade program and US Masters Swim Team.
2. Cross at the Crossroads is a unique landmark.
3. Thriving Downtown- The entrepreneurial spirit is alive in downtown Effingham. I have friends who live in other communities who drive here just to shop at some of the local boutiques, sample the local brews and explore downtown. Plus we have some of the best events such as the most recent Hometown Christmas!
4. A Nature Lovers Dream: Trail, Lake Sara, Ballard Nature Center – need I say more?
5. Supportive community - Time and time again I see people in this community reaching out to help others.

Survey Of Life & Work In Effingham County

Task teams have been formed on Diversity & Inclusion, Housing, High Speed Internet and Dog Park.

Survey results are available on the Chamber website at: EffinghamCountyChamber.com/publications/life-work-survey

Education:

What are you trained in?		What are you studying?		What would you like to study?	
Business	19%	Nursing	20%	Business	23%
Education	18%	Other	19%	Education	14%
Other	15%	Business	14%	Other	9%
Accounting	8%	Education	8%	Nursing	8%
Science	7%	Science	8%	Human Services	7%
Health Sciences	6%	Health	8%	Accountant	6%
Nursing	6%	Accounting	7%	Science	6%
Human Service	5%	Human Services	6%	Marketing	4%

Community: Desired services

Services	Average of Importance - Scale 1-5
Ultra High Speed Internet such as Google Fiber	3.59
More Retail Stores such as Macy's, Gander Mountain, etc.	3.26
More Farm to Table Restaurants	2.85
Classes for outdoor activities such as climbing, rowing, diving, etc.	2.51
Cooking, Art, Gardening, Canning and Food Storage classes	2.23

Community: Starting a business

524 people responded that they have, or are interested in starting a business


These people were asked what business services they desired

Service	Percent
Finance Counseling	56%
Market Research	39%
Business Loans	35%
Incubator Space	27%



IMPACT 2030

GROWING FORWARD *TOGETHER.*

 EffinghamCountyImpact2030

Creative Learning Culture

Effingham County embraces lifelong learning for all citizens, cultivates creativity and innovation, and celebrates personal growth.

Chelle Beck | beckc@u40gw.effingham.k12.il.us

Quarterly Lunch and Learns focus on building relationships among the various Effingham County entities that share the goal of helping others grow through learning opportunities.

Safe & Healthy People

Effingham County - Where physical, mental and social well-being is within everyone's reach.

Lisa Hoelscher | lisa.hoelscher@hshs.org

Rebecca Niebrugge | rebecca.niebrugge@hshs.org

Community Education on Transportation Services – The hospital will collaborate with the Effingham and Jasper public transportation services to create community awareness and education about the availability of area public transportation services to access medical services, work and community activities. This initiative reduces barriers to the under-served by addressing the social determinants of health related to neighborhood and physical environment and economic stability.

Strong Community

We are a strong community because all citizens are engaged and give of their time, talent and treasure in a meaningful way.

Amanda Lessley | amanda@enrichingourcommunity.org

Bringing Talent Back Home – With Effingham County Reverse Scholarships, we are developing a charitable program which provides incentives for young professionals to return "home" after graduation by helping them pay off their college loans.

Vibrant Economy

Our vibrant economy built on a wide range of business sectors, attracts diverse individuals to our open community resulting in deep feelings of satisfaction and pride.

Sasha Althoff | salthoff@effinghamil.com

Dog Park – The Effingham Park District is working with us and a location has been secured. Our next steps will be evolving our committee, creating a design, and fundraising. If you're passionate about bringing a dog park to Effingham, join us!

Quality Environment

Creating an environmentally-friendly, sustainable future for Effingham.

Michael Nosbisch | mnosbisch@ejwatercoop.com

Effingham Recycles – Working to increase use of and access to recycling services in Effingham County. Effingham Recycles is a grassroots community organization looking at local needs and national industry and economic factors to create a sustainable future for sustainable practices. Keep up with us online via [Facebook.com/effinghamrecycles](https://www.facebook.com/effinghamrecycles) or on our website, EffinghamRecycles.org

Connected Community

Strengthening the vital connection between citizens, businesses and agencies in Effingham County to ensure accessibility and well-planned community growth.

Abbey Nosbisch | anosbisch@effinghamil.com

Voter Enrollment Initiative – Increase voter turnout through educational resources and community engagement.

*Be a part of making a difference in what Effingham County will look like in 2030.
Join us by e-mailing Norma at nlansing@effinghamcountychamber.com!*

Investing in Your Business and Employees

- Get a competitive edge with exclusive training opportunities on a variety of subjects. Online & In Person!
- McKendree University Tuition Discount – 10% discount on online courses, including an MBA.
- Dale Carnegie Training Online Course Discount – save 10% on online courses.
- Access to Illinois Chamber Webinars and Seminars

Coming in 2019!

- New Pacific Institute curriculum! Thought Patterns for High Performance for individual, team and organizational success.
- Quarterly Lunch & Learns on personal development topics
- Semi-annual Leadership Learning



Drive great results with Email's easy-to-use features.

Our Email plan provides all of the tools and expert support you need to succeed at email marketing and drive results like more engaged contacts, new customers, and repeat business.



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Get connected to subscribers and post emails on social media so you can extend your reach.



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Learn which emails are working best so you can improve on your marketing strategy.



Free, expert help always available

Get your technical and marketing questions answered fast by our award-winning support team.

Sign Up Today and Save!
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Upgrade Your Membership Today!

Are you a business with 50 or fewer employees? For only \$100 you can upgrade your current membership. This is a renewable annual fee on the anniversary of your decision to add the following benefits:



Access

You have access to elected officials at the state and national level through the Illinois Chamber.



Full-Time Business Advocacy

Our goal is to promote a pro-business agenda and defeat anti-business legislation, regulations and rules. The Chamber employs seven full-time business lobbyists.



Influence

As a member, you can participate in our Government Affairs Council and have a direct voice in the development and recommendation of policy statements.



Resources

Our publications and resources keep you up to date on member news, employment law issues and other topics of importance to Illinois businesses.



Involvement

Receive invitations to participate in governmental affairs briefings, programs and legislative coalition activities.



Special Events

Invitations to "Members Only" events, such as our Annual Meeting each summer in Chicago, meetings with government leaders and special events held throughout the state.



Education

Conferences, seminars and webinars are offered at a discount to Illinois Chamber members.



Exceptional Leadership

Our board is made up of men and women from small and medium sized businesses as well as large corporations throughout Illinois' diverse business community.



Member Savings Program

Save money and reduce costs with these great member-only savings programs that help with that important goal.



Contact the Chamber for info
(217) 342-4147



Win 55" LG TV

Sponsored by Al's Electronics Center

Check inside for contest details!

Contest Runs January 1 – March 31, 2019

Member REFERRAL CONTEST

Reaching our goal...
...one member at a time.



EFFINGHAM COUNTY
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Engaging Business and Community

Effingham County Manufacturing Day

Exposing the next generation to opportunities available in manufacturing careers



Why is this THE GREATEST PLACE ON EARTH?

1. Lots of friendly, family oriented, faith-filled residents.
2. Very community minded people.
3. Effingham County is a very generous community.
4. Numerous restaurants for dining out.

GROWING YOUR BUSINESS

Employer Resources

- Effingham County Job Fair – A recruitment event connecting employers with job seekers



Employer Resources

- Online Job Postings – Add your job postings to the Chamber website at EffinghamCountyChamber.com – a top 3 feature of our website.



Why is this THE GREATEST PLACE ON EARTH?

1. The generous people that live in our community ... our park district and schools are very apparent. The 100+ Women who care group which is busting at the seams with 143 generous women and continuously growing. So so much on how people are willing to help one another.
2. Our area schools and the opportunities that are given to her children
3. Our outstanding church communities.
4. Our families. We have a great community to raise our children in. The reason so many people come back here after college.
5. The Effingham Chamber of Commerce. From the volunteers, to the ambassadors to the staff. The people that give their time and talents is probably one of the top reasons that makes our communities so great.



2018 Top Community Leaders Under 40

Back row: Seth Schuler, Alex Wright, Jordan Niebrugge, Adam Moore, Ryan Fearday, and Adam Storm
Middle row: Seth Wilson, Zach Scott, Cindy Mayer, Alicia Schuette, Brittney West, Gina Willenborg, Janelle Garcia, Samantha Mulheron-Clawson, Cody Hinterscher, and Jake Donsbach
Seated: Jill Ruholl, Jennifer Jones, and Sarah Dirks

Gain Visibility and Make Connections in the Business Community



2019 Chamber Ambassadors

(L-R): Randy Jones, Washington Savings Bank; Jerry Jansen, Century 21 Realty Concepts
Jay Buehnerkemper, First Mid Bank & Trust; Debbie Womack, First National Bank – Effingham Banking Center
Jim Hecht, Dan Hecht Chevrolet-Toyota; Jo Huskey, Enterprise Dynamics; Mike Schabbing, Global Technical Systems
Kathy Schroeder, Mary Kay Cosmetics; Steve Will, Dieterich Bank; Tonya Siner, Premier Broadcasting Co.
Greg Schumacher, Ameren Illinois; Dan Patton, Patton Printing & Graphics;
Jeff Muhlbachler, Muhlbachler Insurance Agency, Inc.

Not pictured: Bev Soltwedel - Del Wortman, Wortman Printing Company; Marty Stock, Homebuilders Plus, Inc.

No matter what your business or organizational goals are, the Chamber is here to help you build relationships through network development, communication and enhanced awareness.

Network Development

Connect with other business people at events such as Business after Hours, Coffee & Connections, First Friday Luncheons and annual featured events.

New for 2019! Join the HR Roundtable and get answers to your HR questions. We talk about the issues you want to discuss. Quarterly roundtables are held in January, April, July and October.

Communication

Connect with the Chamber and other business people through our weekly e-blast, Chamber Network newsletter, Chamber 360 magazine, member to member online news and social media efforts.

STRENGTHENING YOUR NETWORK

Enhanced Awareness

From the routine to a special occasion in your business like a ribbon cutting or groundbreaking, the Chamber helps you spread the word. A wide variety of valuable advertising and sponsorship opportunities are also available to fit within any budget.

Visit EffinghamCountyChamber.com and complete your business profile in the Business Directory (a top feature of the website!) You can also post your events on our calendar, register for programs and events, access resumes on file, and more.



Coming in 2019
Effingham Area Connect!



It's not just who you know, it's who others know as well.
Networking is powerful.

Employees are Members Too Posters are now available!

When your business is a Chamber member, every employee of your organization is a member too.

Think of your Chamber membership as an additional benefit to your employees. It offers them the chance to get involved in the community, develop leadership skills by working on committees and task forces, and develop personal relationships with others in the business community.

Your employees can also shape the future of the Chamber and the community. They represent a voice for your business and create more knowledge of your business and its products and services.

To obtain a copy of the poster, stop by the chamber office, call us and we'll drop one off, or request it digitally via e-mail on our website.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Engaging Business and Community

**Your Employer is a Chamber member
And so are YOU!**

Take Advantage of These Opportunities!

- Advance Your Education!**
 - Apply for Chamber Scholarships
 - Expand Your Career Options
- Stay Informed About Community Events!**
 - Sign Up for Chamber Mailings & Emails
 - Attend Chamber Events
- Improve Your Leadership Skills!**
 - Join a Committee
 - Join YBNext

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July 26-27, 2019
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**COMMITMENT TO
 LEADERSHIP AND
 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**



Supporting Education

Chamber Community Scholarship Fund

- *Established 1996*
- *\$198,000 to 161 recipients*

The Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit. Donations to the Chamber Foundation are tax deductible as a charitable contribution.

EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS AWARDS



**KOERNER
DISTRIBUTOR, INC.**

Koerner Distributor, Inc. was incorporated January 2, 1982 as a result of the Carl and Carolyn Koerner family purchasing the business from Carl's previous employer, Jul Fischer Distributor. The Koerner family relocated from the East St. Louis, Illinois area during 1962 as Carl was named to manage Jul's Effingham operation.

Since 1982, Koerner Distributor has grown to become one of Illinois' largest beer, wine, and spirit distributors. Koerner Distributor's staff has grown from its original staff of 11 associates to now over 250. The company conducts business in 63 of the 102 Illinois counties. Koerner Distributor associates are known within their industry for their hard work ethic and ingenuity. The company takes great pride in the number of associates that have ventured onto national sales positions with numerous suppliers.

Koerner Distributor is an award winning company, receiving national recognition from many of its suppliers including the MillerCoors Presidents Award, Constellation Beer Brands Wholesaler of the Year and The Duckhorn Wine Company Distributor of the Year, among other achievements. Koerner recently completed an 186,000 square foot warehouse located in Effingham's industrial park. This state of the art facility supports Koerner Distributor's other operations located in Carterville, Champaign, and New Baden, Illinois.

Koerner's Mission Statement reads "To improve the economic well-being and quality of life for all internal and external associates. In doing so, set the standard for value-added sales and delivery services by which others might be judged." As such, Koerner takes enormous pride in the role the company and its associates play in improving life in the greater Effingham area, being an extremely active contributor of time, talents, and treasures to a number of chamber events,



local charities, local civic and governmental agencies, academic institutions, church and other religious organizations, sports programs, and the advancement of the Effingham area economic development programs.

The Koerner family and its associates very much thank the residents of the greater Effingham area for their continued patronage of the company and its products!!

1601 Pike Ave. | Effingham, Illinois | (800) 475-5162 | KoernerDistributor.com



EJ Water Cooperative is a not-for-profit water utility based out of Dieterich, IL that proudly serves award-winning water to more than 10,000 members. EJ Water was founded by local Effingham and Jasper county residents in 1989 that realized they would need clean, potable water in order to grow their surrounding communities. Moreover, EJ Water is celebrating 30 years and has grown their service area to over 2,500+ square miles and are in more than 12 counties in Illinois. They have two state-of-the-art water treatment plants, Delbert Mundt Water Treatment Plant and Gila Water Treatment Plant, that produces water and helps serve over 65,000 people.



EJ Water not only provides residential water, but also wholesale water and contract services to communities. In Spring of 2018, EJ Water was invited to the White House to speak on the importance of regionalization and the positive impact it's had on the rural communities they serve.

Throughout 2018, EJ Water launched two new ventures: Innovative Wastewater Treatment Cooperative and a joint venture with Wabash Communications, Illinois Fiber Connect. After serving many communities in the past 10+ years with a wastewater operator, EJ Water formally founded Innovative Wastewater Treatment Coop in April of 2018. This new venture allows them to own the system and make sure communities have access to the most advanced wastewater system - which will ultimately help promote economic development.

In June of 2018, EJ Water launched Illinois Fiber Connect, a joint venture that brings Fiber-to-the-Home Gigabit internet technology to residents and businesses in Illinois. This fiber technology will allow customers to access ultra-fast internet with speeds up to 1 Gbps. Fiber internet will not only be revolutionary for residents in rural areas but will also be a key player for economic development, e-commerce businesses and work-from-home professionals. Additionally, fiber internet will allow EJ Water's smart meters to provide members with live data of their water usage. Adding this technology will increase the ability to detect a water leak quicker and potentially save members money on their water bill. EJ Water is the first water utility in the country to be placing both water lines and fiber optic cables in a single trench. Ultimately, this helps to save on cost while bringing both award-winning water and high-speed internet to rural communities. These new ventures have been a key part of EJ Water Cooperative's mission to "Improve the Quality of Life, the Cooperative Way."



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

With 217 acres of forest, hiking trails, kid's fishing ponds and natural scenery, Ballard Nature Center is a fun place for the whole family. Whether you are a fitness buff looking for interesting hikes or a student collecting flora and fauna for class or bird-watching senior, Ballard has something for everyone.

The Visitors Center is filled with wildlife exhibits, interactive play and classrooms for their many year-round educational programs. There is a full schedule of events such as summer camp for the kids, senior programs and toddler classes, not to mention fundraiser events such as Fourth of July breakfast and the November banquet.

Wanna hit the trails? Visit ballardnaturecenter.org or call them at (618)483.6856.

Ballard Nature Center is located at 5253 E. Hwy 40, Altamont, IL 62411.



For more than 50 years, Kingery Printing has remained focused on supporting our customers' efforts to reach, influence and engage their target audience through print. We do so by producing innovative products, coupled with efficient production methods and a service team that is ready to help simplify the process, so you can accomplish more.



Our operations and equipment have been fine-tuned to make us one of the most effective printers around at producing and distributing catalogs, publications, books, booklets and pamphlets, as well as folded brochures and commercial marketing collateral of all kinds.

To better serve you, Kingery Printing has production facilities in Effingham, and Mattoon, Illinois with the recent acquisition of United Graphics. We welcome our new customers and colleagues to the Kingery Printing family.

We have years of experience in effectively servicing clients with highly specialized needs including versioning, imprints, complicated fulfillment and distribution requirements, mailing, co-palletizing, co-mingling and co-mailing services.

Kingery Printing remains at the forefront of technology as one of the first printers in the country to adopt LED-UV cured inks. With LED-UV technology, printed sheets are dried instantaneously before they reach the end of the press, resulting in improved quality, efficiency and durability. It truly is one of the greatest advancements in printing technology in decades.

We are also pioneers in the area of integration with the United States Postal Service. Kingery Mail Track allows our customers to account for every scanned mail piece within the USPS mail stream, providing a level of information never before available to your circulation and marketing departments.

We're very proud of what we do and our team is eager to help you. We encourage you to schedule a guided tour so we can show you first-hand what Kingery Printing is all about. You'll see print in a whole new way!

Kingery Printing is located 3012 S Banker St, Effingham, IL 62401. Reach them via phone at (217) 347-5151.

This past year brought many opportunities for expanding the quality care that HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital provides to area residents. One of the most exciting was the opening of the new HSHS St. Anthony's Health Center at 900 West Temple Avenue, Building B in Effingham.

The new Health Center offers convenient, patient-focused, outpatient care in one easy, accessible setting with beautiful décor that feels more like a hotel than a health care office. To provide ease of access for physicians and patients, the Health Center is connected to the previous Effingham Medical Center, which has been renamed Health Center, Building A.

The services offered in the Health Center include:

- Convenient Care – Open every day of the year. Reserve your time online at stanthonyhospital.org/savemyspot
- Diagnostic Imaging – X-ray, CT, Open MRI, Ultrasound and Fluoroscopy
- Women's Wellness Center – 3D Mammography, Ultrasound, Bone Densitometry, Stereotactic Breast Biopsy, Breastfeeding and Breast Care Boutique
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 - Dr. Iyob Ilyas, Colon and Rectal Surgery
 - Dr. Nitin Kumar, Gastroenterology and Weight Management

Visit stanthonyhospital.org or call them at (217) 342-2121.

HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital is located at 503 N. Maple St, Effingham, IL 62401



Providing competent and effective legal services, Law Group of Illinois LTD handles estate planning, family law, tax law, bankruptcy, business planning, criminal law and so much more.

The Law Group recently relocated its Effingham office while maintaining its second location in historic Vandalia. They are also expanding their practice with the addition of William J. Bradley as a full shareholder and owner.

In need of their services? Visit lawgroup ltd.com or call them at (217) 347-0555.

Law Group of Illinois LTD is located at 307 North Third Street, Effingham, IL 62401.



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

For over 40 years, Promark Advertising, Inc. has been providing Effingham County with advertising features such as logo design, marketing packages, branded apparel and promotional materials.

Dawn Burrow of Altamont managed the business for six years before purchasing it in 2012, maintaining local ownership. Promark screen prints on-site using an eco-friendly system that requires no chemicals or water waste.

Need to get the word out? Visit promarkadv.com or call them at (618) 483-6025.

Promark Advertising, Inc is located at 4 N. Frontage Road, Altamont, IL 62411.



Schumacher Orthodontics is celebrating ten years of providing quality orthodontic care to the greater Effingham County area in 2019.

The company offers a complete range of orthodontic treatment for children, adolescents, and adults, utilizing an all-digital practice and the latest technology in orthodontic treatment combined with good old-fashioned customer service.

As the only full-time, Board Certified Orthodontist in the Effingham area, Dr. Chuck Schumacher has received the People's Choice Award for Best Orthodontist four years in a row. Among the ways, the Schumacher staff gives back to the community is through the Smiles for School program which donates back to a patient's school when they sign up for comprehensive treatment.



Interested in orthodontic care? Visit schumacherortho.com or (217) 347-6453.

Schumacher Orthodontic is located at 602 N. Eden Ave, Effingham, IL 62401.

Bank of Hillsboro initiated a major transition in 2018 by undergoing a name change from National Bank, a moniker held by the bank since 1993. The bank was founded in 1869 as Montgomery County Loan and Trust Company. The change reflects the core values of the bank as promoting hard-working, everyday people just like the customers the bank has served for generations in Central Illinois.

Bank of Hillsboro has eleven branches, with locations in Effingham, Altamont, Vandalia, Hillsboro, Edwardsville, Highland, Greenville, Carlyle, Pana, Alhambra and Keyesport.

Need more information? Visit bankhillsboro.com or call them at (217) 347-2300.

Bank of Hillsboro is located at 501 N. Keller Dr, Effingham, IL 62401.



From design to print, Artcraft Press has your custom business cards, brochures, flyers, yard signs, banners and more.

In 2018, the company celebrated 20 years of serving the greater Effingham area and has added promotional items and custom apparel to their offerings. Artcraft Press will help you brand your business right.



Need to get the word out? Visit acprintco.com or call them at (217) 868-9880.

Artcraft Press, Inc. is located at 10110 E. State Hwy 33, Effingham, IL 62401.

John Boos & Co. continues to grow exponentially, with the relocation of the Boos Factory Showroom and Outlet in mid-2018 to a more visible location on Effingham's north side and recognition in June with a regional Business Ethics and Social Involvement Award and in September as a recipient of the Economic Development in Illinois (EDIE) Award, presented by Governor Rauner.



Joe Emmerich, President of John Boos said when consideration was made to expand the Factory Showroom and Outlet Store they were happy to find a great location close to the interstates. The new location at 1703 Avenue of Mid America has allowed the company to showcase an abundance of additional product displays (butcher block cutting boards, countertops, prep tables, kitchen carts, butcher blocks & more), a stainless steel showroom was added and filled with stainless and galvanized restaurant equipment (prep tables, hand sinks, compartment sinks, wall shelves, underbar equipment & more).

The showroom and outlet is also equipped with a large inventory of housewares products including aprons, wood bowls, serving trays, utensils, coffee mugs, pottery, and an abundance of unique gift items and gift packs. Space was also available to add an on-site engraver for customers to have their cutting boards engraved in a very short period of time.

At year end, a new online store was introduced so customers can order select John Boos products online at www.shop.butcherblockspecialist.com.

Want to know more? Visit the showroom and outlet store located at 1703 Avenue of Mid America, Effingham, IL 62401 or call (217) 347-7790.

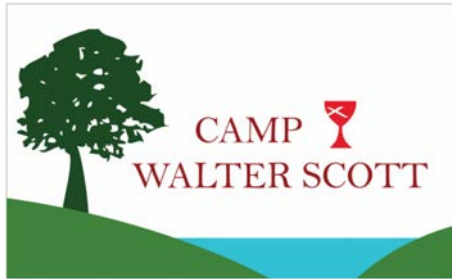


BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Camp Walter Scott is housed on 180 acres of land in a rural area south of Dieterich, that includes a 23-acre man-made lake, which provides fishing and boating opportunities.

The camp provides youth camps in the summer sponsored by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois and Wisconsin. Throughout the rest of the year, Camp Walter Scott is available for youth and adult retreats during weekdays and weekends. The Gordon-Lowe Pavilion seats up to 150 people and serves as an activity center for summer camps, as well as for picnics and one-day church retreats.

The camp is undergoing several exciting changes for 2019! A new roof for the dining hall, a shower house renovation, replacement of outdoor shelters includes adding electricity and a playground and splash pad will be ready for summer fun.



Camp Walter Scott is owned and operated by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois and Wisconsin. Camp Walter Scott is open to all, without regard to race, religion, or national origin.

Camp Walter Scott is located at 15290 E. 300th Ave, Dieterich, IL 62424.

A1 Liquor (originally A1 food mart) is a family and locally owned business that relocated to Effingham from Montrose in 2006. The one-time gas station and convenience store at the corner of Fayette and Fourth Streets was reimagined as a one-stop shop for spirits, wine and beer in 2011. An extensive remodeling was completed in 2018.

With the support of the community, A1 has grown to have one of the largest assortment of beer, liquor and wine in downstate Illinois as well as procuring those harder-to-get bourbon whiskey and scotch brands.

Looking for something special? Contact A1 Liquor at (217) 347-5251 or visit them at 101 W. Fayette Ave, Effingham, IL 62401



Job Match Personnel Services has been serving the Effingham area since 1984. The company specializes in industrial, clerical and professional staffing and has helped many Effingham area employers recruit and fill many key positions while helping thousands of workers find rewarding career opportunities for the past 35 years.



Founded by Dave Ring in 1984, the business was purchased by long-time employee, Gina Niemerg, in 2017. The staff at Job Match has more than 38 years of combined experience in the staffing industry.

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Looking for a few good people? Visit jobmatchinc.com or call them at (217) 347-0586.

Job Match Personnel is located at 137 E. Jefferson Ave, Effingham, IL 62401.

Celebrating their 5th year, Grandma's Twice is Nice Consignment and Resale Shop offers quality gently used household and clothing items for sale. Grandma's is a store full of surprises, with a wide selection of antiques and collectables to current fashions in clothing, shoes, purses and jewelry.

An ever-changing collection of tasteful household items, décor, furniture, and collectables is brought in daily by consignors from a wide area in and around Effingham. Many items still have the original store tags.

Grandma's is a "destination store" for treasure hunters from miles around and is proud to be in a very green industry. In our throw-away society, it is nice to have a convenient place to recycle your lightly used but still very usable and sellable items.

Consignors can turn their not-worn-out goods into money while at the same time, allowing others to purchase things that they may not be able to afford through regular retail. New consignors are welcome.

Grandma's also serves as the business office for F.A.C.E. (Fine Arts, County of Effingham).

Looking for treasure? Contact Les and Nancy Liss (217) 342-2458 or visit us at 1001 W. Jefferson, Effingham.



Planet Fitness creates a comfortable, non-intimidating® environment for its members with a wide variety of cardio as well as weight resistance machines that are user friendly.

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Planet Fitness is located at 1004 N. Keller Dr Suite 1, Effingham, IL 62401.



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2. Great support for local businesses, shopping local, and entrepreneurs. Not only do residents look for areas to shop local, but businesses seem to make a large effort to use local people for their different needs
3. Entrepreneurship. Large entrepreneurial spirit that starts in our schools and is encouraged throughout all ages through different programs.
4. Coming to Effingham Co. made me realize how much more peace of mind I could have about safety.
5. Generosity towards programs that grow our community.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

firefly grill is a modern farm & table roadhouse creating food that is great for you, our community and the planet. What isn't grown on the firefly farm, is sourced locally whenever possible. Products not produced on-site are purchased in Illinois.

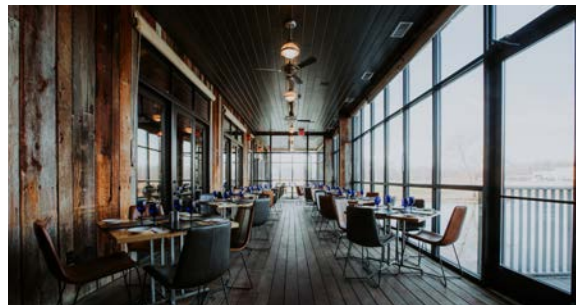
firefly farm raises over 10 tons of sustainable, pesticide-free herbs and produce. All of the produce is grown in chemical-free rotating mushroom compost beds using no fertilizers or pesticides.

Coming in 2019:

- An on-site hoop house to expand our growing season and produce
- Upgraded pond with even more famous, firefly fish!
- Catering Services will be launched and include a corporate lunch delivery menu

Getting hungry? Visit ffgrill.com or call them at (217) 342-2002.

Firefly Grill is located at 1810 Ave of Mid-America, Effingham, IL 62401.



firefly grill

Want to feel good about what you put in your body without sacrificing flavor? That's Smoothie King's mission. A recent addition to the line-up of tasty options in Effingham, Smoothie King offers something unique to local diners.

Every Smoothie is expertly blended with real fruit and fruit juice, nuts or veggies, plus the high-quality proteins, vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and more to help you reach your goals. No High Fructose Corn Syrup. No Trans Fat. No ingredients prohibited by any regulatory lists monitored by NSF – we're athlete-friendly!

Interested in adding more to your day? Visit smoothieking.com or call us at 217.342.3401.

Smoothie King is located at 1601 Ford Ave, Effingham, IL 62401.



Why is this ...

1. The People & their willingness to help others that may be in need/is a very "giving" community
2. Growing local businesses that help the community thrive & prosper
3. Entrepreneurial spirit—has created a lot of job opportunities
4. "A big small town"

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6. Great restaurant choices

An idea born almost ten years ago led to the opening of the Effing Brew Company, Effingham's first microbrewery in downtown Effingham on March 6, 2018.

More than a brew pub, a full menu of lunch and dinner options for dine-in, carry-out and catering is available.

The on-site brewery offers old-world, handcrafted specialized and seasonal beer as well as a fun family atmosphere, a full bar menu and rooms to accommodate large groups.

Feeling Thirsty? Visit effingbrewcompany.com or call them at (217) 347-BEER.

Effing Brew Company is located at 221 West Jefferson Ave, Effingham, IL 62401.



Heart & Home Realty, owned by Matt and Mandee Hirtzel, first opened and operated out of their home in 2011 and opened a physical location at 700 N Henrietta St, Suite A in Effingham in 2018 to better serve their clients.



Heart & Home
REALTY

The real estate office has five Realtors on staff with Brian Henning, Managing Broker, Mandee Hirtzel, Broker, Kelly Butts, Broker, Molly Bushue, Broker and Lucas Bockhorn-Broker. Jennifer Silva was recently to the team, serving as Office Manager.

The Effingham office is a full service real estate company that specializes in residential, commercial, farm/land, and lake properties in Effingham and surrounding counties. In 2015, the Hirtzels obtained an office in Vandalia which serves all of Fayette and surrounding counties.

Looking for a new vista? Visit heartandhomeillinois.com or call us at (217) 342-4404

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Kremer Pharmacy is growing. The Teutopolis location completed a store remodel and expansion in 2018 to further assist their growing customer base. The Altamont location, opened in 2017, offers convenient service to the greater Effingham county area.

The pharmacy provides a full service retail store at both locations and specializes in packaging of medications for Long Term Care residents as well as individuals at home, compounded medications for hormone replacement, pain therapy, veterinarian, hospice, etc. Medication management, medication review and delivery services are also offered.



Want to learn more? Visit the Teutopolis location at 206 N. Pearl St in Teutopolis or by phone at (217) 857-3000 or the Altamont location at 5 E. Cumberland Road in Altamont or by phone at (618) 483-5100.

Check out all of their services at KremerPharmacy.com

Vistage Worldwide is a CEO program for successful CEOs and the world's largest CEO leadership development company.

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Four-time CEO Dan Woods of Effingham chairs local private advisory boards that are purpose-built from noncompeting industries throughout the region. He provides leadership coaching, speaking and leadership succession advice to high integrity business owners, CEOs and executives via Vistage Worldwide to help them tackle their toughest decisions, improving performance and outcomes. All are supported by a deep network of world class speakers from across the country sharing their expertise locally.

Woods is a leadership coach, speaker and leadership succession specialist.

He is currently evaluating a new program through Vistage designed specifically for managers and valuable individual contributors in area companies. The Vistage Emerging Leader program is in the pilot phase in 8 U.S.A. communities. Rising stars are trained in 12 core leadership competencies from subject matter experts to develop mastery and support in execution.

The Effingham region has the opportunity to be one of the first in the country to provide this type of program. Woods is interviewing business owners and CEOs to determine the depth of this need. This new program provides a great opportunity for local companies to grow their own leadership, keep, and attract professionals to help grow local companies along with our community and economy.

To participate or learn more call Dan Woods at (217) 821-1495 or e-mail dan.woods@vistagechair.com

The Dieterich Business Association is a branch of the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce that serves as a resource for over 30 Dieterich businesses, as well as provides a community service to the town.

The businesses that belong to the DBA employ hundreds of residents from Dieterich and the surrounding area. The community benefits from the DBA through their high school scholarship program, volunteer work, like the Quasquicentennial Celebration, educational programming and more.

To learn more about the Dieterich Business Association, visit the Village of Dieterich's website at DieterichIllinois.com.



Walnut Street Weddings will be opening in a new location early in 2019, moving from its downtown location to the historic Austin Mansion Events Venue. Expect the same great service at the new location.

The mansion has over 7,000 square feet and sits on 1.2 acres. There are 16 rooms, including 3 parlors on the main floor that can hold up to 50 guests. 8 bedrooms, all with attached bathrooms, are available for overnight stays, making it a great getaway destination for small groups or incorporated into an on-site event. Outdoors, there's room for weddings and events for up to 250 people.

Office hours are now 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Mondays and Thursdays only.



Need an appointment? Visit austinmansion.com or call them at (217) 342-3584.

Walnut Street Weddings is located at 1007 S. 4th Street, Effingham, IL 62401.



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1. Wonderful youth 4-H clubs and programs with support from a local extension office and many leaders and volunteers
2. Effingham County Fair with the open livestock shows, variety of 4-H shows and 4-H auction, exhibit opportunities and varied entertainment
3. Ballard Nature Center for the youth programs, photo opportunities and availability to walking trails and fishing pond
4. Transportation with 2 interstates, AmTrak, bus station, taxi, public transit, airport, medical air lift services
5. Citizens, businesses and Chamber who are active supporters and participants in the community and for the community

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Opened in December of 2017, Effingham Express Car Wash features a 150" long tunnel for a complete car wash, using scratch-free materials, in three minutes or less. They also feature free vacuum facilities, fleet discounts and occasional specials and deals.



A special wash for dogs is also available.

Looking for a clean start to the new year?

Visit them at 1714 S. Banker Street, Effingham, IL 62401 or call them at (217) 342-2481.

Village Wine and Gifts shop has expanded! Come see their larger selection of wine and spirits including the new Bourbon bar. Whether you are looking for one of their 35 varieties of wine by the glass or booking a party for up to 95 people, Village Wine and Gifts is your destination.



The Rooftop Deck can be rented for your special occasion and the addition of event and meeting rooms for special occasions provides seating for up to 70 people in classroom and meeting formats. Kitchen facilities have been added with plans to add additional food nights in 2019. A large selection of deli meats and cheeses are also available.

Live music Fridays, Open Mic Wednesdays and Tapas Thursday are all available to make your week complete. Come see us about our classroom-style wine tastings.

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FEBRUARY

Feb 1 First Friday Lunch
 Feb 6 Executive Espresso
 Feb 13 Coffee & Connections
 Feb 21 Business After Hours
Land of Lincoln Credit Union
 Feb 22-28 Chamber Destination: Panama

MARCH

Mar 1 First Friday Luncheon
 Mar 5 Seminar
 Mar 6 Executive Espresso
 Mar 14 Business After Hours
Legacy Harley-Davidson

APRIL

Apr 3 Executive Espresso
 Apr 5 First Friday Luncheon
 Apr 10 Coffee & Connections
 Apr 11 Community Celebration of
 Excellence Breakfast, Dieterich
 Business After Hours
Pepsi Mid America
 Apr 25 HR Roundtable
 Spring Radio Day with 95.7
 Business After Hours
Effingham Builders Supply

MAY

May 1 Executive Espresso
 Mar 21 Business After Hours – *Wright at Home*
 May 3 Employee Appreciation Luncheon
 May 9 VIBE (*Very Important Business Event*)
 Celebrating Small Business Week
 May 16 Business After Hours
Heartland Human Services
 May 31 Chamber Golf Outing

JUNE

Jun 5 Executive Espresso
 Jun 7 First Friday Luncheon
 Jun 12 Coffee & Connections
 Jun 13 Business After Hours
Imagine This! Marketing Group
 June 14 Summer Food Festival
 Jun 20 Business After Hours
Dust & Sons

JUNE cont'd

Jun 17-27 Chamber Destination: *The Maritimes*
 Jun 27 Business After Hours
Legacy Recreational Vehicles

JULY

Jul 5 First Friday Luncheon
 Jul 11 Business After Hours
Utz & Associates Architects, P.C.
 Jul 26-27 EffingHAM JAM

AUGUST

Aug 2 First Friday Luncheon
ChamberStock
 Aug 7 Executive Espresso
 Aug 14 Coffee & Connections

SEPTEMBER

Sept 4 Executive Espresso
 Sept 5 Kickoff to Education Breakfast
 Business After Hours
Schumacher Orthodontics
 Sept 6 First Friday Luncheon
 Sept 24 Top Community Leaders
 Under 40 Awards Dinner

OCTOBER

Oct 2 Executive Espresso
 Oct 3 Manufacturing Day
 Oct 4 First Friday Luncheon
 Oct 9 Coffee & Connections
 Oct 12 Chili Fest
 Oct 17 Fall Radio Day with 97.9
 Oct 26 Downtown Effingham Trick or Treat
 Oct 30 -
 Nov 8 Chamber Destination:
Memorials of World War II

NOVEMBER

Nov 1 First Friday Luncheon
 Nov 6 Executive Espresso
 Nov 14 Business After Hours
Village Wine & Gifts

DECEMBER

Dec 4 Executive Espresso
 Dec 6 First Friday Luncheon
 Dec 11 Coffee & Connections

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