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2022 CHAMBER
360° MAGAZINE

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Shop, eat, and experience local is the focus of this issue of the Network Magazine. As we head into the holiday season, I want to remind you of the importance of what this means to Effingham County.

Everyone knows that supporting a business helps that business but there are so many other benefits to shopping/eating local. When you spend your dollars locally, it helps our local economy.

The money you spend will stay in your community by helping businesses create jobs and hiring local residents. In addition, the municipal taxes collected come back to our communities - read more on page 13 about the 2nd Quarter Retail Taxes.

Since small businesses have fewer customers, when you shop/eat locally you are more than likely to receive great customer service because the focus is on you, the customer. You will also probably get to know or meet the owner(s) who have a personal stake in making sure you have a great experience with their business.

So mark your calendars - Small Business Saturday will take place on November 27th. I encourage you to shop, eat, and experience local life in Effingham County!

PS - Don't forget to visit the Chamber's Business Directory on our website to learn more about local businesses in Effingham County.



Lucinda Hart, CAE, MBA
President & CEO

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THANK YOU TO OUR 2021 CAPITAL INVESTORS



Congratulations to our **2021 Top Community Leaders: Under 40 and Up & Coming** who were honored at an Awards Dinner at the Keller Convention Center in September. Thank you to our sponsors and all who came out to support and celebrate these remarkable individuals!



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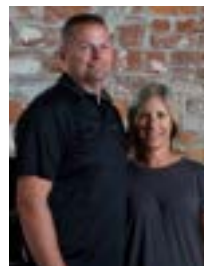
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Our list of winners include:

Rhonda Meyer - \$100 Habing Furniture GC
Tara Wright - \$50 Firefly Grill GC
Tracy Althoff - Goeckner Bros. Custom Clean Up
Dan Shadle - Nest Video Doorbell
Gene Zerrusen - Kate Spade Purse
Lynn Higgs - \$100 Maxedon GC
Angie Buerster - St. Louis Blues Tickets
Tonya Siner - St. Louis Blues Tickets
Bob Hollar - Lottery Shadow Box
Sharon Doan - Lottery Shadow Box AND \$50 Cash
Karen Etter - Kera Cutz Basket
Steve Bushue - Rocky Top, TN Vacation
Lisa Cornell - Pool Cue
Joey & Manny Trupiano - \$100 Walmart GC
Kayla Darling - St. Louis Cardinals Tickets



*Our big winner of the evening was Andy Hess with
Dieterich Bank!*

Pamela Romano - St. Louis Cardinals Tickets
Sherri Robinson - Oak Ridge Boys Tickets
Jeff Ludwig - \$50 Maurices GC
Mike Schabbing - \$200 Jansen's Auto/Midwest
Toppers GC
Sarah Thoele - Golf @ Effingham Country Club
Marcy Wallace - Malibu Rum Gift Basket
Roch Westendorf - Men's Mary Kay & Auto Basket
Chad Markham - \$50 Niemergs GC
Mary Hovis - \$50 Chili's GC
Jill Kreke - \$50 Wright's Furniture GC
Sara Althoff - Pop-Up Coffee Table
Gina Willenborg - Wine Basket
Maureen Kastl - Bakeware Basket
Neil Zerrusen - Painting by Dang
Judy Siebert - \$250 Second Chance Winner
Evelyn Bible - \$250 Second Chance Winner



The Chamber Staff would like to thank all who were involved in making the 2021 Virtual Fall Draw a success!

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Like Ask-An-Expert? Chamber members are invited to submit a column on a subject of their choosing. The article cannot be a solicitation for your business, but rather a sharing of topics, tips, and trends relevant to current business needs. If you have questions, contact Nicole Morrison at (217) 342-4147.



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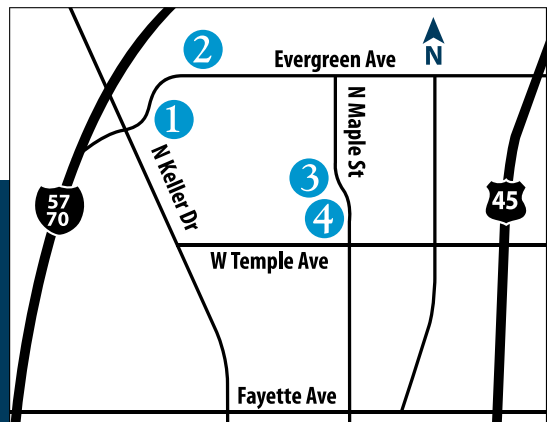
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SUPPORT LOCAL EVERYTHING

Chamber author, speaker, and consultant Frank Kenny once shared: "We all have a hand in our community." No truer words help explain the growth of Effingham County. As a Chamber whose vision is 'to be the recognized advocate and regional leader through maximized business connectivity, growth, and success', Supporting Local is the best way we know how! It is the essential key for Effingham's residents, businesses, schools, economy, and future.

The Chamber has long shared the Support Local campaign with a strong focus during the holiday season, but we know that with growth comes change. The Chamber hopes to shift this seasonal mindset to a yearlong Support Local Everything campaign for the Effingham County community and those who travel to our Crossroads of Opportunity.

We've seen the positive impact 2020 had on some businesses (yes, I said it), where they were "encouraged" to think outside the box of their normal day-to-day operations and switch things up. This was a requirement to stay open and keep their employees working and the bills paid. This necessity opened the door to a slew of changes, upgrades, and new businesses that not only benefited the business itself, but the whole county, and Effingham County showed up to support it!

For an idea of how our local businesses are changing for the benefit of the community, check out the below and go Shop. Eat. Spend. Enjoy. Support Local.

Many of our businesses and grocery stores now offer curbside pickup or delivery, while dine-in or drive-thru only restaurants added food delivery as an alternative for their hungry customers not always being able to leave their home (thank you Door Dash and Instacart!).

Effing Brew Company and Gopher's Grill created permanent outdoor seating as part of the Jefferson St. renovation. Niemerg's Steakhouse built a drive-thru to safely social distance while distributing meals (and groceries) for its patrons. Top Shelf is near completion on its new location on Mid-America Ave. offering drive-thru service. Domino's built a larger building with a dine-in and a drive-thru on Fayette Ave. Fox Holler renovated a previous building to provide a second drive-thru location on the south-side of Effingham (woo hoo!).

CEFS Head Start 0-5 Program relocated to the old Helen Matthes Library for a larger space, and Montessori Kids Universe opened within the Agracel building to fully accommodate growing childcare needs within the county. Al Liquors opened its second location in Effingham on Hwy 33 which offers Lake

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Sara and the west side of the county a bourbon bar, humidor, live entertainment, and delicious barbecue provided by Lickin' My Chicken and Pullin' My Pork food truck. Broughton Tattoo & Vagabond Eatery added their businesses to the Amtrak Station building.

The Village of Dieterich is prospering like crazy with the Dieterich Community Center, new streets (Corporate, Commerce & Prospect) for the industrial park, and an enhanced downtown area. Read more detail about the growth and plans for Dieterich on page 12.

Other businesses who are adding to the landscape and revenue of the county are: Village of Teutopolis opened their new building after demolishing the old in late 2020; Don Pedro moved downtown from Fayette Ave.; Continental Mills moved into the former Hodgson Mill facility; Hetzel's Overland Transport built new on South Banker; 170 Truck Center built a new facility along Hwy 45; Sarah Bush Medical Offices constructed a two-story building to replace Bonutti Clinic and offer more services; Dollar General now occupies the old Family Video building on Fayette Ave.; and Homewood Grill remodeled and opened a second location on Banker St. in front of the Village Square Mall.

Not only does Effingham County have current businesses expanding, but we also welcomed ProRehab; Golden Corral; Flex-N-Gate; Boho Chic Clinique; The Exchange; Bobcat of Effingham; and Canarm to name a few new businesses.

Along with new or changing businesses, travel to town has increased with many residents offering their home (or building new) for vacation rentals. This is a growing industry in many larger cities, so it seems fitting as an amenity for Effingham. Lake Sara, Teutopolis and the


Benefits of Supporting Local

1. Strengthen your local economy
2. Create more local jobs
3. Reduce environmental impact
4. Lower your taxes
5. Improve your family's health
6. Enhance charitable contributions

surrounding area have a variety of options on VRBO for travelers or residents to enjoy a staycation. Along with a co-working space downtown, The Exchange has upstairs lofts for Effingham visitors to have a more "home-away-from-home" space while traveling through town.

To kick-off the holiday season and support local, please join the Downtown Effingham Business Group for Hometown Christmas December 3-5 in Downtown Effingham (see inside cover for full schedule). We hope to see you there and encourage you to Support Local by spending your dollars in the businesses who continue to support our community all year long!

If you are interested in joining the Support Local committee with the Chamber, please reach out to Nicole Morrison at (217) 342-4147 or nmorrison@EffinghamCountyChamber.com. Meetings will start January 2022.



"The Exchange is a multi-use building in the heart of downtown. We wanted to bring to life a historic building that could be a part of our thriving community that could add places to live and work. Stay in one of our industrial style Airbnb's for a night or a weekend for a true Effingham experience or work with us on our first-floor co-working space. You'll be just steps from a vibrant scene of bars, restaurants, boutique shopping, live music, and our first-rate Saturday farmers market!"

– Michael Brummer, *The Exchange*

MEMBER BENEFITS

Wow ... this year has flown by! In just a couple of weeks, we will be in the month of November. The Chamber's new President & CEO Lucinda Hart is doing a fantastic job leading the Chamber and is continuing to deliver Chamber programs & services without missing a beat! The Chamber staff will have a strategic planning day in November to review the 2022 programs & services to determine which ones bring the most value to our members and if new programs should be implemented. We are excited to see what the outcomes will be from this planning meeting.

Coming in November, membership renewal invoices for 2022 membership will be sent. Previously, we have invoiced in December but have implemented a new policy so you will receive the invoices earlier. Did you know that your membership investment in the Chamber may be tax deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense? Please consult your tax advisor for further advice.

The Chamber is the key deliverer of programs and services that help businesses attain success. Our success is a direct reflection of the area business community and the result of listening to what our members have to say and then putting their ideas into action.

The Chamber is an advocate for your business by keeping track of local government actions, new laws, and pending legislation; delivering innovative programs and services

like EC-JOBS (Effingham County Job Opportunities for Business Success); creating opportunities for businesses to connect and build relationships at Business After Hours, Coffee & Connections & First Friday Luncheons and providing online resources through the Chamber website for our members while providing continuous exposure 24/7 to our members. Since January 1, the Chamber website has 37,963 users; 49,304 total website sessions and 85,009 total website pageviews.

The goal of the Chamber is to utilize our leadership and resources to help businesses achieve success, connect with community leaders to build relationships, and call attention to the benefits of living, working, and investing in Effingham County, which leads to community growth.

Your annual investment with the Chamber allows us to be in the forefront of Effingham County's growth and development. Thank you for your continued support & investment in the Chamber. I look forward to our partnership in 2022.

Becky Brown, Membership Director

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We invite you to collaborate with us in celebrating the accomplishments of the Chamber, our vibrant business community, the Excellence in Business recipients, and the Volunteer & Citizen of the Year.

With your sponsorship, we are determined to ensure the 2022 Chamber Black Tie & Boots Annual Gala experience is a huge success.

For more information, visit EffinghamCountyChamber.com, scan the QR code, or contact Nicole Morrison, Director of Marketing, at (217) 342-4147 or nmorrison@EffinghamCountyChamber.com.



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HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS

December 3, 4 & 5

*Enjoy the traditions of Christmas
in Downtown Effingham with Santa,
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SCHEDULE:

Friday, December 3, 5p-9p

5-9p - Ice Skating*

6-6:30p - Lighting of the City Christmas Tree

Saturday, December 4, 11a-9p

11a-1p - Lunch with Santa at Joe's Pizza

11a-4p Mistletoe Market

12-9p - Ice Skating* & Food Vendors

2-5p Train Rides

3-5p Santa's Workshop

4p - Santa Arrives for the Season!

4-7p - Santa Visits & Carriage Rides

Sunday, December 5, 12p-5p

12-4p Santa Visits

12-5p - Ice Skating* & Food Vendors

*\$5/person

LETTERS FROM SANTA!

Children 12 & under are able to receive a personalized letter from Santa. Parents are asked to fill out an online form for each child. We will begin accepting forms during Hometown Christmas. Final day to submit a request is December 13.

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on Facebook to stay updated on
Hometown Christmas details!

Everyone is encouraged to wear a mask.
Schedule is subject to change.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The City of Effingham announced it is being awarded grant funds of \$1,464,019 for a street expansion along with water and sewer improvements to Thies Avenue, and for street Improvements and a sewer expansion along Airport Road through a joint application with Effingham County. The City of Effingham is only 1 of 11 new projects that will unlock a total investment of \$75.5 million, while creating at least 1,465 jobs statewide with the Rebuild Illinois Funded Regional Economic Development (RIRED) Grant fund throughout the State of Illinois.

The grant will provide for an extension of Thies Avenue along with water and sewer extensions for an expansion of **John Boos & Company**. Thies Avenue will be extended westerly and then northerly providing much needed access for the project. The street extension also provides access to adjacent industrial property which the city recently purchased for future economic growth.

Additional grant funds of \$310,000 acquired by the City and County through the Economic Development Program (EDP) will assist with the match for this project allowing it to be completed with almost zero local tax dollars.



The Equity Fulfillment Center located off Merchant Street facing Temple Avenue is expected to complete in November 2021. When finished, the Fulfillment Center will be connected to **The Equity Farm & Home Store**. Customers will be able to pick up online orders, curbside pickups, and bagged feed and seed by pulling under the awning and an Equity Farm & Home Store Team Member will load your order for you.



The Village of Dieterich is excited for construction to be nearly complete on the future Corporate, Commerce and Prospect Streets, along with two new intersections at IL Rt. 33, to provide access to our new Dieterich Industrial Park East. This new industrial park will consist of 23 lots ranging from 0.82 acres to 7.43 acres that are shovel ready for commercial and light industrial use. Construction is anticipated to be complete November 2021 and lots are on sale now! Every lot will have access to underground Ameren 3-phase electric, natural gas, water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and fiber optic lines with

covenants in place to regulate construction and protect property values. These new lots, and the businesses to be developed, will be a spark to the Dieterich Community and Effingham County. They are eager for the completion of these new streets and look forward to welcoming new and expanding businesses. Thanks to many partners in this process, they are thrilled to be able to continue the progressive economic development Dieterich has been known for the last 20 years.



The ITEP 2016 Dieterich Downtown Enhancement Project is part of a larger plan to enhance Dieterich's vital economic downtown area and create a better quality of life for all residents by addressing numerous ADA safety issues. This project will improve the ability of pedestrians to travel to and from the park, school, downtown and residential areas more safely and efficiently. Adding ADA accessible sidewalks, crosswalks and pedestrian lighting on portions of W. Section, Pine, Park and Church Streets will enable safer travel for all. This project will create a unified look to a busy portion of downtown Dieterich. Connecting this project to previous downtown sidewalk additions will complete the missing link for needed safety and aesthetic upgrades. This project is the fifth phase of a long term plan to improve the quality of life for Dieterich residents by removing old existing non-ADA compliant sidewalks and constructing a new continuous network of concrete sidewalks and crosswalks that are ADA compliant and aesthetically pleasing with decorative stamped concrete boulevards. New concrete curb and gutters will be installed along with improved storm sewers. Decorative pedestrian lighting will be installed throughout the project area and encourage safe walking during the evening hours. A new much-needed dedicated pick up and drop off lane will be constructed on Pine Street at the entrance to the Dieterich Elementary School to safely allow for children to enter and exit the school.

For more information, contact Brittney Gipson, Dieterich Village Clerk/Economic Development Coordinator, at villagehall@dieterichillinois.com or (217) 925-5410.

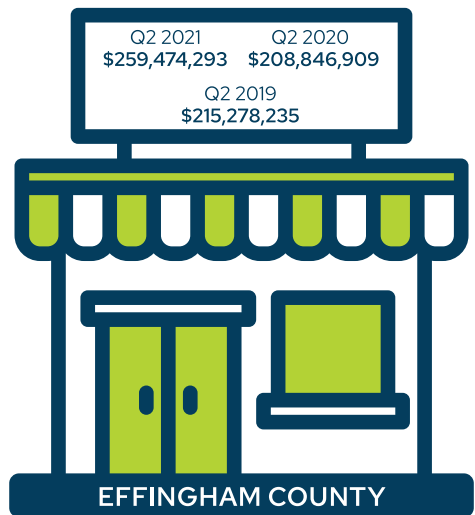
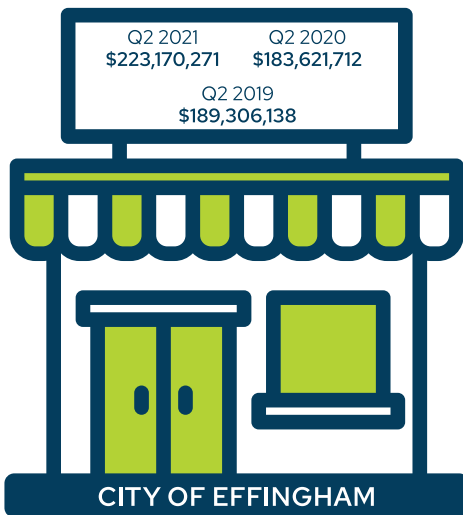
ECONOMIC INDICATORS

AUGUST REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

(preliminary)

	2021	2020
Total Labor Force	19,482	19,848
Unemployed	829	2,185
Employed	18,653	17,663
Eff. Co UE Rate	4.3%	6.5%
Illinois UE	6.8%	11%
US UE	5.3%	8.5%

RETAIL SALES STATISTICS



Sources: Illinois Department of Revenue, www.revenue.state.il.us; Illinois Department of Employment Security, www.lmi.ides.state.il.us; Effingham City Building Official, www.effinghamil.com; Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, www.fdic.gov; U.S. Census Bureau, www.census.gov; and, Effingham County Treasurer, www.co.effingham.il.us/treasurer

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WELL DONE! – WHAT’S CHANGED? – WHO’S NEW!

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First National Bank of Waterloo opened its 13th banking center located at 4101 North Illinois Street in Swansea, IL.

Washington Savings Bank acquired two locations of The First National Bank with a full-service bank on the east-side of Mattoon and a new Lerna location.



Wright's Furniture & Flooring created a new locally-made mattress line - The Wright Sleep Mattresses. The 1889 Firm and 1889 Plush mattresses are both made in Central Illinois and are sold at the Wright's locations in Taylorville and Dieterich.

HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital named their new President and CEO, Chad Markham, MBA as of September 2021.



Meraki Health is now located at 605 S Van Buren Avenue in Newton.

Illinois Farm Business, Farm Management has moved their office to 1713 S Banker Street, Suite B, Effingham.

Stevens Industries, Inc. announced a leadership restructuring in response to continued market growth. As such, the following organizational changes have been made:

- Randy Thoele is now the Vice President of Product Development, Strategy & Lamination Operations.
- Joe Schumacher has been named Vice President of Operations, Casework & Furniture.
- J.R. Elder is the Vice President of Quality Assurance & Site Operations.
- Aaron Gilbert has been named Director of Manufacturing, Casework.
- Robbie Snow is now the Director of Manufacturing, Furniture.
- Lori Rutledge has been named Vice President of Casework Services.

Cancer Care Specialists of Illinois (CCSI) announces the addition of Dr. Jacob S. Witt, Radiation Oncologist, to their practice.



HSHS Medical Group welcomes Dean Page, MD, FACS, to their medical team. Specializing in plastic surgery, Dr. Page is now scheduling patients at HSHS Medical Group Multispecialty Care - Effingham, located at 900 W. Temple Ave., Building B, Suite 2500, Effingham, Illinois.

The **Effingham American Legion Post 120** welcomes their new Manager, Andrea Hawker.

The **Glenwood Assisted Living** welcomes their new Administrator, Jalen Carrillo.

If you have news you want to share with the Chamber membership on special awards, recognition, employee promotions, etc., e-mail the information to: Nicole Morrison at nmorrison@effinghamcountychamber.com.

CELEBRATIONS



Katie Koester was awarded the Rotarian of the Year by the Sunrise Rotary Club.

Altamont celebrated their 150 Year Sesquicentennial in September.

Catholic Charities celebrated 40 years.

The Thomas Shop celebrated 85 years of business.

Niemerg's Steakhouse & Brass Rail Lounge celebrated 43 years of business.

The following members celebrated Chamber anniversaries in August/September 2021:

Crossroots Church

Cricket Wireless

Merle Norman

Norris Electric

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If you are preparing for a grand (re)opening, complete renovation, new location, or are a new member, let us celebrate with you by hosting a Ribbon Cutting.

Contact Membership Director, Becky Brown by email, call the Chamber, or scan the QR code to learn more.

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calendar of events

OCTOBER

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virtual: 10a-12p
Virtual Job Fair - Effingham County

NOVEMBER

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Chamber Office Closed
2022 Strategic Planning

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event: 12p-1p
First Friday Luncheon
@ Keller Convention Center

event: 5p-7p
Business After Hours
@ Vantage Outsourcing

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virtual: 9a-10a
HYPE Webinar: Tax Year-End Updates
w/ Matt Cekander, CPA

CHAMBER OFFICE CLOSED

11/25 - 11/26 - Happy Thanksgiving!

DECEMBER

3

event: 12p-1p
First Friday Luncheon
@ Keller Convention Center

HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS

12/3 - 12/5

event: 7a-9a
Coffee & Connections
@ Effingham County Cultural Center & Museum

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event: 5p-7p
Business After Hours
@ Village Wine & Spirits

event: 5p-7p
Business After Hours
@ Grunloh Building

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CHAMBER OFFICE CLOSED

12/24; 12/27-31; 1/3

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

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