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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is hard to believe that this month marks my one-year anniversary with the Chamber. It has been nice getting to know you, our members and planning the Chamber's events and initiatives. I continue to look forward to serving you and helping the Chamber achieve its mission to create connections that strengthen member businesses and stimulate the regional economy.

Our committees play a significant part in helping us achieve our mission. In this feature, we will be highlighting a few of the initiatives that the Chamber's Business Development Committee has been working on. First, I want to thank John Wright, Chamber VP Business Development and President at Wright's Furniture & Flooring for serving as chair of this Committee.

Please take some time to read the article on page 10 and learn more about these solutions and new initiatives.

As always, reach out to me or any of the Chamber staff (Becky, Nicole, and Jamie) to see how we may be of service to you and your business.



Lucinda Hart, CAE, MBA  
President & CEO

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# EVENT RECAP

## TRADES & SKILLS

The Chamber cannot thank our Trades & Skills Day sponsors enough. Their support, along with the businesses who opened their facilities for tours, helped raise awareness with area high schools students showing the value the skilled trades have in our community.



*Sponsored by: City of Effingham, Merz Heating & Air, and Effingham Event Center*



## EFFINGHAM COUNTY JOB FAIR

The first in-person job fair of 2022 was held at The Keller Convention Center providing local job seekers the opportunity to learn about current job openings from 44 employers. Job seekers had the chance to meet with these businesses, participate in mock interviews, have their resumes reviewed or rebuilt, and get a professional headshot all in one location.

These complimentary resources were largely in part because of our generous sponsors:



*Special Thanks to: Peerless of America, Sarah Bush Lincoln, Piotrowski Studios, and The Keller Convention Center*



## EVENT RECAP

### INSPIRE: WOMEN EMPOWERING WOMEN

The Women's Leadership Panel explored and shared the vision of six influential leaders in Effingham County through breakthrough insights and simple techniques in developing long-lasting confidence, thus Dismantling the Hurdles: Overcoming the Confidence Gap.

Thank you to our panel of leaders:

Teresa McCloy, REALIFE Process® Creator and Founder, ACC Certified Coach, Certified Enneagram Professional, Certified Spiritual Director

Bev Davis, Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, Land of Lincoln Credit Union

Maureen Kastl, Project Engineer, Civil Design Inc.

Katie Koester, Integrator at Firefly Grill and Agent with Coldwell Banker-First Realty

April Ritz, PT, DPT, Effingham Pelvic Health & Wellness

Tzena Tucker-Laue, Retired Effingham Community President-Commercial Loan Officer, First Mid Bank & Trust

We are very lucky and appreciative when local businesses partner with the Chamber to host and sponsor our events.



Special thanks to: Boho Chic Clinique, Elite Hair Studio, Heartland Dental, Joe Sippers Cafe, Land of Lincoln Credit Union, Lotus Room Yoga, Kathy Schroeder-Mary Kay, Maurices, Party Worx, Stevens Industries, Inc., The Thomas Shop, and The XCHNG.



## CAPITAL INVESTOR SPOTLIGHT

**Washington Savings Bank** is dedicated to financial literacy in our community. Each year, they visit local schools to teach Junior High students the importance of saving and High School students the importance of credit. For years they have wanted to do even more, and this year they decided to partner with Banzai, to offer a FREE Online Financial Literacy program. Banzai offers an expansive, easy-to-access library of financial literacy tools that range from the basics of budgeting, borrowing, and investing to more complicated topics like tax planning. Banzai makes learning difficult concepts easy.

Schools and teachers can sign up to use Banzai for FREE. Banzai offers interactive online courses and simulations to teach students from elementary to high school age how to manage, budget, and borrow money and navigate unexpected scenarios and expenses. It's a virtual world of decision making which can easily be implemented in the classroom using tablets or computers and helps better prepare them for their future!



Washington Savings Bank aims to bring financial literacy not only to schools but to the community as well. Reach out to Washington Savings Bank to set up your organization's own Banzai partner website for FREE. This website will allow you access to Banzai's full library of interactive coaches, calculators and articles which cover concepts like budgeting, getting out of debt, the FAFSA, loans, banking, taxes and much more.

With Banzai, Washington Savings Bank can help you bring financial literacy to your organization, your employees, and our community.

Reach out to Allison Carpenter at Washington Savings Bank to learn how you can set your school, business, or organization up with your own Banzai website for FREE and start offering Banzai's complete library of financial resources.



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## AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS

### Welcome all future leaders of Effingham County!

The Chamber's young professionals' network engages emerging leaders with professional development events, philanthropic events and social events to attract next generation leaders and more young professionals to Effingham County. They strive to bring together a group that forges strong friendships through personal and professional growth and strengthens the community in which we all live. **YBNNext** is open to young professionals between the ages of 21 and 45 and live or work in Effingham County.

YBNNext is always looking for new members to join them and continue the YBNNext legacy and create a bright future for Effingham County. As their vision states, "Our members drive the future." To learn more about YBNNext, visit their website at [www.ybnext.com](http://www.ybnext.com).

### Upcoming Events:

- May 4th at 5:15pm - Pick Up Effingham: Meet at the Effingham Performance Center to get started and help keep our community clean. A social event to follow afterwards at Trucker's Pub.
- May 16th 12-1pm - Professional Development Event: Join us at Dieterich Bank Center with the Founder of Frost Buddy, Brock Mammoser. Lunch provided, and each member that attends will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a Frost Buddy.
- May 24th 5-7:30pm - Social Event: Meet at Tap Out Lounge to learn their history and how they got started. Drink ticket and appetizers provided.

More events are currently being planned. Text keyword 'YBNNext' to 662-200-4303 to receive event alerts and reminders.



## AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS



Progress is moving toward introduction of a full curriculum of high school and adult classes that are focused to the skills and technical needs of local businesses along with core employability skills in the Fall of 2024. The first **ERCA**-sponsored class begins in August as an exploratory course designed to introduce students to local career opportunities in the five ERCA curriculum areas – advanced manufacturing, agriculture, health care, technology and transportation.

The ERCA consortium includes 14 area school districts. Lake Land College and area businesses and organizations working together to implement an innovative learning environment that blends business interaction with skills training and leads to sustainable employment in the region. Efforts are supported by the Regional Office of Education, WIOA 23, Eastern Illinois University and city and county governments.

Strategic partner Lake Land College has hired an architect to design the new Rural Development and Technology Center at their Effingham campus as part of their commitment to hosting ERCA classes. The approximately 40,000 sf building will contain flexible classroom and lab space to adjust as needed to evolving curriculum needs

Explore ERCA is being offered this fall to high school juniors and seniors as a one-semester class in an early bird class format to allow students to sample the various career paths and narrow their focus. Students will spend the first six weeks in the classroom, hosted at Patterson Technology Center. During the rest of the semester students will rotate at area businesses in the five curriculum areas.

Adult curriculum will provide additional skills development for career advancement, businesses will be able to utilize ERCA facilities for updated training, individually or collaboratively.

Businesses interested in learning more about opportunities to connect with students in the Explore ERCA class this fall should contact Board Chair Norma Lansing at [n.lansing@erca.us](mailto:n.lansing@erca.us) or Lake Land Director of the Effingham Education and Regional Extension centers Jerry Tkachuk at [jerrytkachuk@gmail.com](mailto:jerrytkachuk@gmail.com).

Connect with ERCA on Facebook and through the [erca.us](http://erca.us) website.



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[www.erca.us](http://www.erca.us)

### COMING IN 2024!

Future home of the ERCA to be located adjacent to the Lake Land College Kluthe Center.

### VISIT US ONLINE!

Go to [www.erca.us](http://www.erca.us) or scan the qr code to learn more and follow us on social media at [facebook.com/EffinghamRegionalCareerAcademy](https://facebook.com/EffinghamRegionalCareerAcademy).

## WHAT IS ERCA?

ERCA offers focused curriculum and advanced, hands-on training in manufacturing, agriculture, health care, technology, and transportation helping students of all ages reach their career goals faster. The benefits of ERCA are:

**ENHANCE WORKFORCE**  
availability with expanded career and technical skills.

**INSPIRE BUSINESS**  
development and expansion through access to a skilled workforce.

**ESTABLISH CAREER**  
pathways for high school students, incumbent workers, and adult students.

**HIGHLY FLEXIBLE**  
training space that is adaptive to evolving industry needs.

**UPSKILLING WORKFORCE**  
for career advancement opportunities.





# Get Clear On Cancer

For yourself and those you love

## **Colon cancer is treatable in its earliest stages.**

Without periodic screenings, it is usually found in its latest and least treatable stages.

A limited number of free Hemosure colon cancer screening kits are available on a first-come first-served basis. This easy-to-do free screen is non-invasive and has a 97 percent accuracy rate.

## **Who Should Be Screened**

- People between 45 to 75 years old
- People with a strong family history of colon cancer
- People who have never had a colonoscopy
- People with the following symptoms that have been chronic in the past six months:
  - Diarrhea/Constipation    – Black or tarry stools
  - Rectal bleeding            – Change in bowel habits

## **Free Colon Cancer Screens**

*Where and when can I get a kit?*



### **SBL Evergreen Clinic**

1104 West Evergreen Avenue  
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**Noon – 2 pm**

**Friday, April 29**

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When Rose Ruholl, owner of **Visiting Angels Homecare Agency**, opened her business in June 2018 Rose had a dream and passion. In less than four short years, Rose believed in and followed her passion and dream by starting and building Visiting Angels Homecare Agency. Not

only has she made a positive difference in Seniors and Veterans lives but also in the lives of their families and friends. Rose's entire professional career has been and still is the fact that she likes helping and serving the people she works with and does so by treating people the way she would want her family to be treated. Nothing has been more rewarding for Rose than being the owner of Visiting Angels Homecare Agency. With Visiting Angels, she has the opportunity to assist families' loved ones so they can remain in their home instead of having to leave their familiar surroundings.

Visiting Angels is a national franchise company with over 650 agencies in the United States, Canada and Internationally with the Effingham office serving 15 counties in Southeast Central Illinois. Visiting Angels have been caring and serving the seniors and Veterans for more than 23 years. They are "Nationally Known but Locally Owned". Visiting Angels' Homecare Agency has been recognized as "America's Choice in Homecare". Recently caregivers across the nation voted Visiting Angels to be the #1 homecare agency to work.

*Visiting Angels provides that little extra touch by offering:*

- Bathing assistance
- Dressing assistance
- Walking assistance
- Meal preparation
- Light housekeeping
- Laundry
- Errands & Shopping
- And joyful companionship just to name a few.

Rose and Visiting Angels' staff are proud to share with the community their knowledge from being certified in working with and recognizing the treatment of Alzheimer's and an emphasis of working with veterans by helping them obtain the benefits they have earned and deserve to receive.

Visiting Angels Homecare agency is growing with the recent opening of the Visiting Angels Development and Education Center located at 127 W. Jefferson Ave. Effingham, Illinois. The new facility will help in educating caregivers and share with the community with sessions for the public on how to recognize and deal with individuals and their families who are experiencing Dementia and Alzheimer's. There are also plans for hosting caregiver support groups in the Development and Education Center.

*To learn more about how Visiting Angels can help and assist you or a loved one call 217-690-4564, stop by the office located at 120 E Section Ave in Effingham or go to [VisitingAngels.com/Effingham](http://VisitingAngels.com/Effingham).*



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# Stuff The Truck

*Child Abuse Prevention Month*

Every year approximately **683,000 children** are victims of abuse and neglect across the US. Since opening in 2017, **Crisis Nursery of Effingham County** has served more than **900 children** and provided more than **38,000 hours** of 24/7 supportive care to children and families in our community. All services are free and open to anyone no matter where they live. Donations of childcare supplies or funds help us continue providing vital support to families in our community.



Every dollar counts!

**Friday, April 22, 2022**

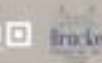
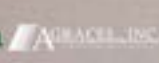
**7 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

**HSHS St. Anthony's  
Health Center**

**900 W. Temple, Effingham**

Suggested donations:

- Kids snack food
- Larger sized diapers (4-7)
- Pull-ups of all sizes
- Unscented baby wipes







# SUCCESSION PLANNING

The Effingham County Chamber's mission is to create connections that strengthen member businesses and stimulate the regional economy. As one of the divisions of the Chamber, the Business Development Committee works with the Chamber Staff and Board of Directors to identify ways in which the Committee can help the Chamber achieve its mission.

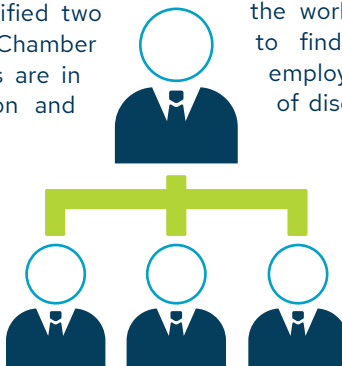
The Chamber's Business Development Committee's division goal is to enrich the Chamber members by serving as a central resource by providing information and programs necessary to support businesses. The Committee is dedicated to serving the members of the Effingham County Chamber, and the Committee wants to provide an update on the plans and activities happening to support Chamber member business in 2022. The Committee identified two especially important issues that Chamber members are facing, and plans are in the works to bring information and resources to Chamber members in the upcoming year.

The first issue is succession planning. This topic is something that business and/or business owners may think can put off for

another day, but it is critical for businesses to think about succession planning from the very beginning. Businesses need to consider who will be taking over their business upon retirement, death, or other unknown circumstances.

Where does a business start when considering succession planning? That is where the Committee intends to help support Chamber members with their business. The Chamber is working on providing succession planning information in a combination of in-person and online webinars later this year (Fall/Winter). Be on the lookout for more information in the next upcoming months.

Working with multigenerational employees is another issue the Committee plans to tackle this year. With five generations\* in the workforce and businesses needing to find ways to recruit and retain employees, this continues to be a topic of discussion with Chamber members and a concern for their businesses. The Committee is working on creating resources to help Chamber members as it pertains to working with multigenerational employees.





### **Five Generations in the Workforce**

Traditionalist (76 to 99 years old)

Baby Boomer (57 to 75 years old)

Generation X (41 to 56 years old)

Millennial (26 to 40 years old)

Generation Z (25 years old and under)

*Source: Society for Human Resource Management*

*If you are interested in serving on the Business Development Committee or have resources that will help us achieve our 2022 goals, contact Lucinda Hart, Chamber President/CEO at (217) 342-4147 or email [Lhart@effinghamcountychamber.com](mailto:Lhart@effinghamcountychamber.com).*

### **Chamber Business Development Committee Members:**



**Chair:** John Wright, *Wright's Furniture & Flooring*  
**Jay Buehnerkemper**, *First Mid Bank & Trust*  
**Kaye DeSelms Dent**, *Dent Law Offices, Ltd*  
**Lucinda Hart**, CAE, MBA, *Effingham Co. Chamber*  
**Corey Lybarger**, *Dieterich Bank Corporate Center*  
**Darcy Nestler**, *Best Western Delta Inn*  
**Jeff Speer**, *RE/MAX Key Advantage*  
**Kevin Swan**, *Consolidated Communications*  
**Christopher Swing**, *Vantage Outsourcing*  
**Cody Willenborg**, *CW Motorsports*



# **GET INVOLVED**

*join a Chamber committee*

# benefits OF INVESTING



## VISIBILITY

Stand out and get noticed as an active member of your community.



## NETWORK

It's not just who you know, it's who others know.



## CREDIBILITY

Your reputation matters. Chamber membership is respected by the community.



## VOICE

We advocate on your behalf. Gain a say in what happens with our efforts.



## GROWTH

We help bring in business by promoting you, your product, & events.

## MEMBER BENEFITS

Being a part of the Chamber is not a membership but an investment in the Chamber and a way of doing business. It is an investment in your business, your employees, and community. The Chamber is a key strategy in your business and integral to your work, industry, and career. Investing in the Chamber means you understand and support our work and advocacy, knowing it makes a difference for the business community and often your bottom line.

### What does the Chamber do for you?

- Build communities that attract residents, investors, and visitors through public and private partnerships
- Strive to ensure future prosperity via a pro-business climate. We want to make it easy to do business in our community
- Provide accelerated access to resources and relationships – networking
- Build and maintain relationships with local, state and federal decision makers who will take our calls when our members have an issue affecting their ability to do business
- Economic development partnership in helping to expand business, bring in new businesses and create jobs.
- Work to understand your needs so that we can adjust our benefits and offerings and remain relevant amidst a changing business landscape. We always want to hear from you.

### What is the Chamber known for?

- Serve as a voice for business
- Offer exposure, visibility, and awareness for our members
- Opportunities to develop personal and professional connections
- Deliver tools and information for success

### The Chamber continues to work for you while you work and are unable to attend events. "Perks while you work":

- Advocacy
- Website analytics
- Social media
- Connectivity successes
- Talent recruitment & retention
- Referrals, marketing



Are you using your partnership with the Chamber to take full advantage of all of these resources and "perks"? Is your business making a difference for your employees, the business climate and the community? Always remember, WE are here for YOU.

*Becky Brown*  
Membership Director

*bbrown@effinghamcountychamber.com*  
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Read Beyond the Beaten Path

## Registration Begins May 16

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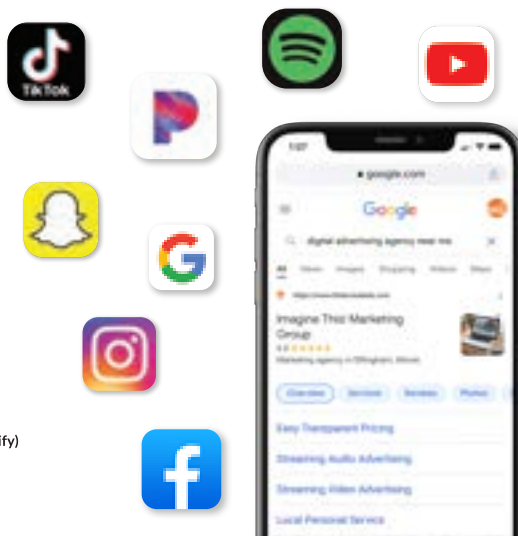
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## AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR

Hello, I'm Steve Will and I serve as the President/Market President of **Dieterich Bank** and Director for Dieterich Bank and Prime Banc Corp. I joined the bank in 2002, and was named Vice President of Loans in 2005, and was appointed a Director and President of Dieterich Bank in 2011. I have several years of experience in commercial, consumer and residential mortgage lending.

My wife, Shanta, and I live in rural Effingham. We have two daughters, Elizabeth and Allison, who are attending the University of Illinois and Southern Illinois Edwardsville respectively. We also have a son, Dylan, who is married to Ashley, and they have two daughters, Sutton and McKenna.

I became a Chamber Ambassador in 2005. At the time, I looked at it as a chance to meet other business individuals in the Effingham and surrounding areas. Whereas my time as an Ambassador has certainly provided the opportunity to meet and network with the local business community, it has also provided the opportunity to become more involved in the community in general, and stay in tuned with the events that impact the area.

I'm honored to work with my fellow Ambassadors, both past and present, and the Chamber staff who all work



hard in the betterment and business development of the area business community.

The Ambassadors are the Chamber's premier volunteers, working on behalf of the Chamber to create goodwill, encouragement and support of Chamber programs and services. Ambassadors are active Chamber members involved in the development & growth of the Chamber through recruitment of new members; retaining existing members along with other responsibilities. Interested in being an Ambassador? Contact Becky Brown, Membership Director at [bbrown@effinghamcountychamber.com](mailto:bbrown@effinghamcountychamber.com).

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



**The Stash Box** opened its new location in February in the former Domino's location at 101 S Henrietta St. in Effingham.



**Maria's Taco House** opened in early March in the former Taco Rail building located at 3001 S Banker St. in Effingham. Maria's offers dine-in or drive-thru breakfast, lunch and dinner.



**Bath & Body Works** opened their new location earlier this month at 1603 Ford Ave., Effingham in front of Walmart.

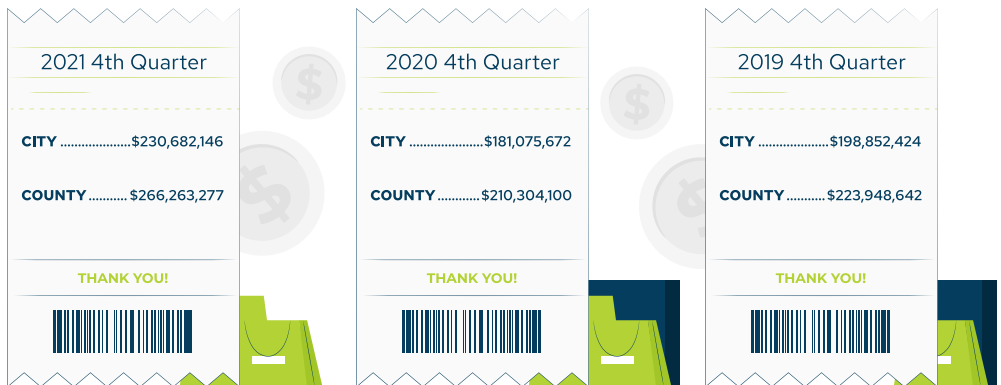
## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

### REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

February (*preliminary*) • January and December (*revised*)

	FEB		JAN		DEC	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2021	2020
Total Labor Force	19,644	19,132	19,681	19,235	19,444	19,138
Eff. Co UE Rate	3.8%	5.3%	3.7%	5.4%	2.8%	4.6%
Unemployed	754	900	721	999	551	887
Employed	18,890	18,232	18,960	18,236	18,893	18,251
Illinois UE Rate	5.0%	7.3%	5.3%	7.8%	4.2%	7.9%
US UE Rate	4.1%	6.6%	4.4%	6.8%	3.7%	6.5%

### RETAIL SALES STATISTICS



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



# SHARE *the* LOVE

- SUPPORT THE MISSION & INITIATIVES OF THE CHAMBER
- HELP IMPACT THE COMMUNITY
- GROW & STRENGTHEN THE CHAMBER
- CREATE CONNECTIONS
- PROVIDE VALUABLE COMMUNITY BENEFITS

## Member Referral Program

Call the Effingham County Chamber at (217) 342-4147 to learn more about investing in your business & the future of Effingham County.

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**Community is the commitment we make to each other**

When a community is strong, it's more than a collection of streets and buildings. It's a place that nurtures and helps its residents thrive. That's what happens when people share the commitment to make things better together. That's why we're proud to support Effingham County Chamber.



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## WELL DONE! – WHAT’S CHANGED?



**Ameren Illinois** donated \$1,000 to the American Cancer Society and Effingham County Illinois Relay for Life.



Ashley Dillingham was named Director of the **HSHS St. Anthony's Wound Healing Center**, effective April 11, 2022. She will oversee the Healogics, Inc. center at St. Anthony's and support our center's growth and operations.



**Dan Hecht Chevrolet-Toyota** employees, customers & community members donated 440 pounds of food along with \$660 cash in donations for their "Cram the Car" event for the Catholic Charities food pantry.



Jeff Niebrugge has been promoted to Director of Sales, Panels and Components Division with **Stevens Industries, Inc.**

Matt Forcum, **Shelby Realty Bitzer and Associates** opened their second office location in Sullivan on March 1.



**Enduring Freedom Ministries Food Pantry** recently scored in the gold level through the Nutrition Environment Food Pantry Assessment Tool provided by University of Illinois Extension.



**Washington Savings Bank** donated \$10,000 to the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Foundation's Campaign: The most important home you'll ever build. The campaign supports construction of the new Hospice House to be built on the main campus of Sarah Bush Lincoln as well as an Endowment to help those who are unable to pay for their stay.

**Dimond Bros. Insurance Agency** moved to 801 N Third Street, Suite B, Effingham.



**Elizabeth Yager Designs** acquired Küche Fine Cabinetry & Designs. An open house for this spring will be announced soon.

**Schmidty's Auto Glass** moved to their new location at 817 N Third Street, Effingham.

## WHO'S NEW! – CELEBRATIONS

**AFLAC** welcomes new Associate Dustin Borries.

**AKRA Builders** welcomes Operations Equipment Manager Andy Meyer.

**CASA of Effingham County** welcomes Daniel Douglas, Case Manager & Emily Becker, Volunteer Recruitment & Retention Specialist.



**Crossroads Bank** named Eric Zeller President and Chief Executive Officer effective April 11.

**Taylor Law Offices, P.C.** welcomes Attorney Andrew Koester to the firm.

The **City of Effingham** welcomes Dennis Presley, Deputy City Administrator.

Dennis Rubin with **First National Bank of Waterloo** is retiring. There will be an Open House on April 29th from 2:00–4:00 P.M.

### **The XCHNG**

*Celebrating 1 year*

### **The Beanstalk Boutique**

*Celebrating 5 years*

### **Crisis Nursery of Effingham**

*Celebrating 5 years*

### **Küche Cabinetry**

*Celebrating 5 years*

### **Effingham County Cultural Center and Museum Association**

*Celebrating 10 years*

### **Effingham Homes**

*Celebrated 20 years in 2021*

### **Jansen's Heating & Air**

*Celebrating 35 years*

### **Jedco Sales**

*Celebrating 40 years*

### **Leisure Times**

*Celebrating 40 years*



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](mailto:nmorrison@effinghamcountychamber.com).



## WELCOME TO THE CHAMBER!



### LOTUS ROOM YOGA

Barbara Schuette, Owner/Yoga Guide  
204 W Washington Ave, Ste. 102, Effingham  
(217) 994-1453  
[www.lotusroomyoga.com](http://www.lotusroomyoga.com)  
Fitness

*Referred by: Lisa Wilson, Land of Lincoln Credit Union*

### EFFINGHAM COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

Karen Grupe, Operations Manager  
12073 N 1000th St, Effingham  
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[www.effinghamcountyhumanesociety.org](http://www.effinghamcountyhumanesociety.org)  
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### EFFINGHAM COUNTY FAIR

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Non-Profit Organization



# LET'S CELEBRATE!



The Effingham County Chamber wants to help introduce your business to the community!

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

Contact Membership Director Becky Brown or scan the QR code to learn more.

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# Calendar of Events

## 2022

### *April*

**20, 27 | PAVE Mapping Mtgs**  
@ Koerner Distributor, Inc.

**21 | Spring Radio Days**  
@ WCRC

**21 | Business After Hours**  
@ Versatech Automation/Metrics Works

*\*Dates & locations are subject to change. Please check the Chamber website calendar for the most up to date & accurate information.*



### *May*

**4 | PAVE Mapping Mtg.**  
@ Koerner Distributor, Inc.

**6 | First Friday Luncheon**  
@ Keller Convention Center

**12 | Business After Hours**  
@ Land of Lincoln Credit Union

**20 | 55th Annual Golf Outing**  
@ Effingham Country Club

**30-6 | Chamber Travel**  
@ Danube River Cruise

### *June*

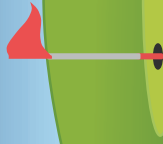
**3 | First Friday Luncheon**  
@ Keller Convention Center

**8 | Coffee & Connections**  
@ Teutopolis Village Hall

**16 | Business After Hours**  
@ Crossroads Bank

**30 | Business After Hours**  
@ Lake Land College

# FRIDAY, MAY 20 EFFINGHAM COUNTRY CLUB



55TH ANNUAL



EFFINGHAM COUNTY CHAMBER

# GOLF OUTING 2022



**SCAN TO REGISTER**



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**\$700/foursome**  
**8a-2p tee time format**  
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