



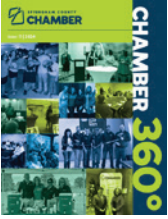
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THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY CHAMBER LOOKS AHEAD TO 2025

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PRICE GUIDE

Showcase your business in the 2025 Chamber 360° Magazine! It's the perfect way to celebrate your success, showcase your growth, and connect with the community. This publication highlights the achievements, volunteer contributions, and involvement of Chamber members throughout the year.

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Questions should be directed to Nicole Morrison at (217) 347-6282.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Chamber Members,

As a proud hometown girl, it is with much gratitude that I introduce myself as the new President & CEO of the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce. I am extremely honored to have been chosen for this role and I have hit the ground running on this new adventure with all of you.

As we look ahead to 2025, I am filled with excitement about the opportunities and possibilities that await our business community. We have some new events, projects, and member incentives in the works—designed to bring us closer together, strengthen our local businesses, and create meaningful connections across all industries. We want to ensure that every community member understands the vital role the Chamber of Commerce plays in supporting local businesses, advocating for economic growth, and fostering a thriving business environment. Our goal is to build stronger connections, empower our members, and create opportunities for all.

I'm eager to meet each of you in the coming months and learn more about the amazing work you are doing within our community. Your success is our success, and I truly believe that by working together, we can achieve great things.

Thank you for the warm welcome, and I look forward to working alongside each of you. My door is always open for any questions or concerns you may have. Please feel free to reach out at any time, and I will be happy to assist you.

Here's to an amazing 2025!



Best wishes,

Katie Koester
President & Ceo

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CAPITOL INVESTORS

Thank you Capital Investors for your unwavering support of the Effingham County Chamber, its initiatives, members, and staff. Your continued investment in the future of the Effingham County community is recognized and appreciated.



You can become an Effingham County Chamber Capital Investor by contacting Membership Director Becky Brown at (217) 342-4147.



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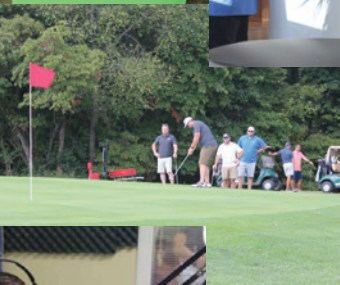
EFFINGHAM COUNTY CHAMBER





EVENT RECAP







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Welcoming Our New Chief Administrative Officer

We proudly welcomed our new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Anthony Powers, MBA, BSN, RN, in September 2024. The CAO is a new role at HSHS that provides on-site, localized leadership overseeing nursing, operations and all other organizational functions of the hospital. Anthony reports to Chad Markham, who has been promoted to Chief Operating Officer of the HSHS Central Illinois Market.

He joined HSHS from Baptist Health Corbin (BHC) in Corbin, Kentucky, a member of Baptist's Health nine-hospital non-profit system based in Louisville, Kentucky. He most recently served as their Market President and Chief Executive Officer, but also served as Chief Operating Officer, Vice-President and Chief Nursing Officer, Nursing Unit Director and medical/surgical staff nurse.

Anthony shared, "From the moment I visited the Effingham community, I just fell in love with the community and felt its welcoming nature. I feel very blessed to join HSHS St. Anthony's staff, where you can feel the passion and the mission from all the colleagues and leadership," he said. "St. Anthony's has a long history of providing quality, compassionate care and we will continue to build on that, ensuring people know that they can get high-quality health care close to home where they want it."

Celebrating 150 Years of Caring for Our Community

On November 15, 1875, three Hospital Sisters of St. Francis arrived in Effingham to provide health care in this community and we continue in their footsteps today at HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital.

We are proud of the 150 years of service that our colleagues and medical staff have given to generations of families. To honor these 150 years of caring for our community, we are kicking off a year of celebrations this fall, culminating in our anniversary in November 2025.

This next year, we look forward to holding events that highlight our 150th Anniversary, like the unveiling of the third (and final) installment of the "Canticle of the Sun" mosaic artwork panel by Dr. Ruben Boyajian in our heritage hallway. We also will be weaving our anniversary throughout the multiple popular events we hold annually for our community, such as the "Walk to End Parkinson's" and "Meet me at the Finish Line" Youth Adaptive Try-athlon held by our Physical Rehabilitation and Wellness team, and at multiple Chamber and other local events we proudly support.

Watch for more information to come as we celebrate this momentous anniversary, reflecting on the past while focusing on how our Mission in this community will continue for decades to come. Here's to 150 years more!

Community Support Highlight

As a committed part of this community, we proudly provide events and partner with local organizations to help community residents live healthier, happier lives.



Just one example: In September, HSHS St. Anthony's Rehabilitation and Wellness held their third annual "Meet Me at the Finish Line" Youth Adaptive Try-athlon. Open to kids up to 18 years old who are overcoming daily mobility and physical challenges, the try-athlon of swimming, biking and run/walking events provides the chance to experience self-accomplishment and joy with friends and family cheering them on. We are proud to offer this event to children who inspire us every day with their courage and determination.

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THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY CHAMBER LOOKS AHEAD TO 2025

As we close the books on 2024 and set our sights on 2025, the excitement is tangible. Following a strategic planning session in September, led by newly appointed President & CEO Katie Koester, we have mapped out an ambitious agenda. This session allowed us to revisit our mission, evaluate what's working, and explore fresh ideas to better serve our members and community. With clear goals and renewed energy, 2025 will be a dynamic year, centered on connections, member value, and growth.

EVENTS

We're shaking things up by moving the **First Friday Economic Forecast** to January. Traditionally held in December, this event will provide actionable insights from local leaders in finance, real estate, legal, and government sectors—helping attendees prepare for the year ahead.

Lunch & Learns will return with a lineup of professional development sessions on topics such as Leadership, Cybersecurity, and navigating Better Business Bureau processes. These casual yet informative events blend education and networking to offer real value to our members. With details rolling out throughout the year.

Our **Business After Hours (BAH)** program is getting an upgrade in 2025! Members hosting these events will now enjoy extra perks, including a dedicated e-blast and banner ads on the Chamber website and e-newsletters—providing even more exposure for their businesses.

In May, members can look forward to a new event—the **Employee Appreciation Picnic**. This outdoor gathering will provide a fun and relaxing way for businesses to celebrate their teams, enjoy great food, and soak up the beautiful spring weather.

PUBLICATIONS

Our **Chamber Network Magazine** will continue to be published throughout the year (3x), featuring key content like a feature article, Capital Investor Spotlights, event recaps, member news, area developments, plus much more.



Additionally, the new **Chamber Connection** mailer will debut in 2025, offering a condensed format with member promotions, community updates, and a limited number of advertising opportunities. Together, these publications will keep members informed and connected.

MAXIMIZE YOUR EXPOSURE THROUGH THE CHAMBER

To make advertising more accessible, we've reduced the cost of **dedicated e-blasts** to \$150—or \$100 for nonprofits.

We're also accepting nominations for the **2025 Excellence in Business Awards**. These awards offer valuable public recognition for outstanding businesses in our community.



**NOMINATE A LOCAL
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BUSINESS AWARDS**



Take advantage of opportunities to partner with the Chamber and be featured in initiatives promoting local businesses. Have you seen our **Shop/Support Local commercial** at the movies? Your business could be next!

ENHANCED SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

Katie has already begun her *“Week in the Life of the Chamber President & CEO”* social media series, offering members and the community a behind-the-scenes look at the Chamber’s daily operations and initiatives.



New content will also include Chamber Stats of the Month, sharing metrics such as new members, event attendance, and digital engagement, alongside posts celebrating membership benefits and Chamber success stories. Members can also expect highlights of partnerships, community involvement, and member testimonials. These posts will highlight the tangible impact and benefits of Chamber investment.

CHAMBER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AND HAM-JAM



Since 1996, the Chamber Foundation has awarded \$252,000 in scholarships to local students and adults pursuing further education. In 2025, we’ll continue this tradition by awarding 12 scholarships, thanks to the support of member donations and proceeds from the 2024 EffingHAM-JAM.

Want to help support local students and lifelong learners? *Learn more about donating to the Scholarship Fund on page 15*

Speaking of EffingHAM-JAM, mark your calendar for July 18, 2025, as HAM-JAM celebrates its 10th anniversary. This beloved event, featuring food, music, and community

fun, raises funds that go directly toward scholarships. We encourage all members to participate (time to smoke some meat!), sponsor, or attend to make next year’s event the biggest yet.



DOWNTOWN EFFINGHAM BUSINESS GROUP (DEBG)

Our Downtown Group has been re-energized for 2025, with plans for community-focused events aimed at encouraging shopping, dining, and supporting local businesses. If you are a downtown business looking to get more involved, let us know and we can include you in committee meetings for new ideas! More details will be shared in the upcoming Chamber 360 magazine.

MEMBERSHIP & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES

The Membership & Workforce Development Committees are also expanding their reach. After a successful launch at Effingham High School, the program will expand to other county schools in 2025. Panelists share their career journeys and offer advice to inspire students and strengthen the workforce pipeline.

Special thanks to Astrid Reyes, Sarah Zerrusen, Megan Brandt, and Shelby Hinterscher, who kicked off the program by sharing their unique paths, lessons learned, and practical tips with students.

A YEAR OF OPPORTUNITY

With fresh leadership and staff committed to listening to our members, 2025 will be a year of opportunity and growth. From new initiatives to enhanced programs, the Effingham County Chamber is dedicated to building a stronger, more connected community.

For more information on how you can get involved, contact us at (217) 342-4147. Let’s make 2025 a year to remember!



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MEMBER BENEFITS



Thanksgiving is a special time for reflection on the blessings of the past year, promoting gratitude, generosity, and community spirit. The holiday also marks the beginning of the festive season, making it a perfect time for charitable giving and goodwill toward those in need.

With Black Friday and Small Business Saturday following close behind, Thanksgiving weekend is an ideal opportunity to support local businesses. I am especially thankful to live in a wonderful community like Effingham County, which offers an array of excellent shopping experiences: from clothing boutiques, shoe, and furniture stores to home furnishings, restaurants, and unique specialty shops. As the holiday shopping season ramps up, we encourage everyone to shop locally and support our businesses, especially our Chamber members.

One of the top reasons our members invest in the Chamber is to enhance their visibility, build business, and gain referrals. Throughout my years at the Chamber, we have consistently sought ways to promote shopping locally and encourage members to support each other. One of our popular initiatives is the Chamber Bucks program, which helps both our members and the community.

Here is how it works:

People can buy Chamber Bucks for \$25 or \$50 certificates.

It makes a great gift for birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas, and more.

Recipients can use these certificates at participating Chamber member businesses toward any purchase.

Chamber Bucks **cannot be redeemed for cash** at a bank or used to receive change back, as the goal is to support Chamber members while offering a flexible gift choice.

When a business accepts Chamber Bucks, they simply sign the company name on the certificate and bring it to the Chamber office for reimbursement.

Member businesses interested in participating should contact the Chamber office so we can include your business on the list. A QR code will be provided with the certificates to show which businesses accept Chamber Bucks. Be sure to update employees on the program and its guidelines so that they are prepared to offer a smooth experience for all customers.

Participating in the Chamber Bucks program is a fantastic way to connect with our community and encourage local spending throughout the holiday season. By joining, you will be supporting your business, strengthening our local economy, and helping make Effingham County an even better place to live and shop. We are grateful for each of our Chamber members and look forward to creating meaningful opportunities for growth and connection in our community.

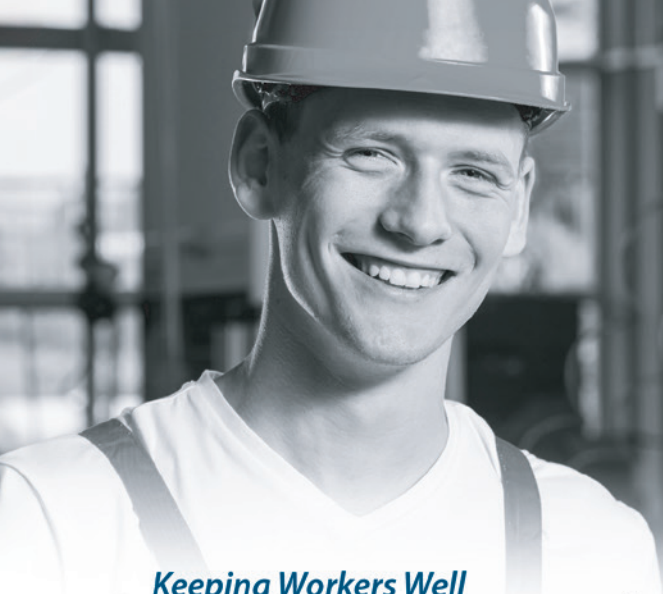
To your Family from Mine: Have a Blessed Thanksgiving & Christmas!



Becky Brown
NFPC Membership Director

For more information or to contribute, contact me at:

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DID YOU KNOW? THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY CHAMBER OFFERS MORE THAN JUST MEMBERSHIP!

Being a part of the Effingham County Chamber means access to valuable programs, events, and opportunities designed to support your growth and success. Whether you're interested in networking, business promotion, educational events, or community support, the Chamber provides ways to get involved and make a real impact. Check out these exciting programs and events that can help you make the most of your Chamber membership.

Chamber Foundation Scholarship Program

Did you know that the Chamber Foundation Scholarship Program has been supporting local students since its inception in 1996? Since then, the Chamber has awarded \$252,000 in scholarships to 214 high school seniors, college students, and adults pursuing higher education. The program is funded through generous Chamber member contributions and aims to empower future leaders in Effingham County. Applications open online in January, so encourage eligible students to apply!

First Friday Club

Our First Friday Luncheons are a great way for members to network and gain insights on business topics. As a First Friday Club member, you get 12 luncheons for the price of 10—a \$240 value for only \$200! Members of the Club get priority access to luncheons with limited space. Can't

make it one month? Your membership is transferable to a business associate. Plus, fill in your First Friday card for a chance to win a FREE Club membership for the following year!

Featured Business Spotlight

In 2025, we're enhancing the First Friday experience by featuring a business each month at both formal and networking events. For only \$75, your business can be in the spotlight, connecting with an engaged crowd and showcasing your services. It's a great way to boost your visibility in the Chamber community.

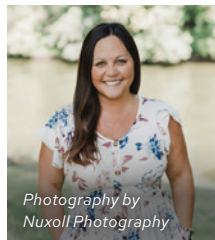
Women's Event - Save the Date!

Mark your calendar for Friday, March 21, for our annual Women's Event. This event is designed to educate, encourage, and inspire women, with a focus on confidence, communication, relationship-building, self-care, and mutual support for success. We're looking for ideas and local women-owned or managed businesses to get involved in 2025!

These are just a few ways to get the most out of your Chamber membership. If any of these opportunities caught your interest, feel free to reach out—I'd be happy to discuss how you can get involved!



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Supporting Education

The Chamber Foundation of Effingham County provides \$1,000 continuing education scholarships to area high school seniors & adults who are starting /continuing their education.

- Established in 1996
- \$252,000 to 214 recipients

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

The number of scholarships awarded is based on the contributions we receive. Consider donating by scanning the QR code below.



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Stevens Industries, Inc.



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St. Anthony High School

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Dieterich:

The Village of Dieterich recently completed the Safe Routes to School grant sidewalk project and is nearing the final stages of the East Section Street storm sewer project. Additionally, a new roof is currently being installed on Village Hall, marking another step forward in community improvements.

Effingham:

Fayette Reconstruction is underway, with work continuing on the north side of Fayette through Spring 2025. Completion is expected by Summer 2025.



A ribbon cutting was held on October 30, 2024, to celebrate the completion of the \$2.24 million Thies Avenue, Airport Road, and Schutzbach Street improvement project. This effort was made possible through a partnership between the City of Effingham, Effingham County, John Boos & Co., and Hetzel Overland Transport. Funding came primarily from state grants, including \$1.46 million from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Rebuild Illinois program and \$770,000 from the Illinois Department of Transportation's Truck Access Route Program and Economic Development Program. These grants were awarded based on commitments from John Boos and Hetzel Trucking to add and retain jobs in the area.

Completed by A & R Mechanical from Urbana, Illinois, and designed by Milano & Grunloh, the project included a 1,250-foot extension on Thies Avenue and Schutzbach Street with new sanitary sewer, water main, storm sewer, curb and gutter, sidewalk, and concrete street. Additionally, Airport Road saw 1,100 feet of improvements, upgrading oil and chip surfacing to a concrete street with storm sewer, curb, and gutter installations

Ford Avenue Phase II is set to begin construction this winter, adding 600 feet of street, curbs, gutters, a 10-foot bike path, and streetlights.



TAKE OUR SURVEY!

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Share your vision for Effingham's future and be a part of the comprehensive planning process. Complete the survey via the QR code or link below. **The survey is available until November 30, 2024.**

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Effingham is starting work on a new Comprehensive Plan. This survey aims to gather input from City and County residents on their ideas and priorities for Effingham's growth over the next 25 years. Community feedback is essential to guide future planning.

Teutopolis:

All 59 lots in Prairie View Subdivision have been sold. The Village of Teutopolis has now begun updating its Comprehensive Plan.



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- 6:45PM - **AWARDS**
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The Family Life Center hosted its annual Banquet for Life on September 12th at the Keller Convention Center, welcoming nearly 600 guests. Mary Hovis, the

Executive Director, spoke about the significant impact of their partners in supporting the Center's mission. Guest speaker Mike Williams shared his powerful story of being adopted and later adopting a son himself. For more information about the Family Life Center, please contact the office at 217-342-5433.



First Mid Bancshares, Inc., the holding company for **First Mid Bank & Trust**, has been named a 2024 Bank & Thrift Sm-All Star by Piper Sandler, a prestigious

honor recognizing top-performing banks in the small cap segment. This distinction places First Mid among an elite group of 30 financial institutions across the country, showcasing its exceptional performance and commitment to delivering value to its customers, shareholders, and communities.



First Mid Bank & Trust had two of its esteemed employees, James Hinks and Aaron Holt, successfully complete the Graduate School of Banking program at the

University of Wisconsin-Madison, marking a significant achievement in their professional careers. Both individuals also earned the prestigious Certificate of Executive Leadership from the Wisconsin School of Business Professional and Executive Development.



First Mid has received the Outstanding Philanthropic Organization Award for 2024 from the

Lake Land College Foundation. The award is bestowed annually upon corporations, small businesses, community organizations, and private foundations who have demonstrated dedication and commitment to the overall educational experience of Lake Land College students by providing sustaining financial support through a pattern of recurring gifts and pledges, making a significant difference at the college.

First Mid Insurance Group acquired Mid Rivers Insurance Group, which is one of the highest growth agencies in the St. Louis market.



First Mid Insurance Group has once again been recognized as a Best Practices Agency for 2024, marking the fifth time they have achieved this honor. They continue to be part of an elite group of independent insurance agencies around the United States.



Lakeland Rehabilitation & Health Care Center earns "Commitment to Quality Award" from American

Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living



Stevens Industries, Inc. was presented with the Employer of the Year Award-Large Class at the 105th American Legion of Illinois Annual Convention on July 12, 2024. This recognition is a testament to Stevens' long record of commitment to supporting veterans within

the workforce. Stevens is honored to be selected for this prestigious award as they have a significant percentage of U.S. Veteran employee owners who bring the spirit of teamwork, discipline, and dedication to their company.

WHAT'S CHANGED? - WHO'S NEW?! - CELEBRATIONS!

AR Flooring, LLC has a new website: www.arflooring.co

Effective November 12, **Effingham Prompt Care** no longer accepts walk-in appointments. They continue to offer same-day or next-day appointments as available.

Bobbie Ashley is the new Assistant Marketing Manager at **BK Resources, Inc.**



Bobbie Ray is the new HR Manager for **Joint Active Systems**.



The Chamber welcomed two new ambassadors in 2024: Allison Stevens of **Midland States Bank** and Clint Holkenbrink, Marketing Manager of **Wabash Communications**.



Clifton Moore Jr. (CJ) is the new Clifton Advisor for the **Illinois Small Business Development Center at Eastern Illinois University**.
Contact info: cemoore2@eiu.edu | W: 217.258.7233 | M: 217.258.7232



Down Right Media welcomed Travis Fry to their team as a Video Specialist.



HSHS named Anthony Powers, MBA, BSN, RN as the new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of **HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital** and **HSHS Good Shepherd**.

Kara Harris is the new Marketing Manager for **Washington Savings Bank**.

Kim Hafford is the new Office Program Coordinator for **Caritas Family Solutions**.



Kim Weaver has joined **Washington Saving Banks** Residential Mortgage Lending Team as VP-Residential Mortgage Loan Officer.



Midland States Bank welcomes Jeremy Jameson as the Chief Credit Officer.



Midland States Bank welcomes Tom Ormseth as the Chief Deposit Officer.

Monica Wiltermood has joined the **Effingham Prompt Care** team as a CNA.

Stacy Lidy has been promoted to Service Manager and Mitch has been promoted to Warranty Manager at **Dan Hecht Chevrolet-Toyota**.



Stephanie Flier, LCSW joined **Springfield Clinic Effingham** as a Behavioral Health Therapist.

Smith Moore welcomed Nathan Schultz as a registered Financial Advisor as of June 2024.

Natalie Hopson is now the Marketing Specialist for **Sport Designs and Graphics**.



Allison Paul has been promoted to Chief Nursing Officer of **HSHS Central Illinois Market**



Andy Huber celebrated his 25th anniversary with **Kingery Printing Company**.

Angie Knierim was promoted to Extrusion Production Supervisor with **Peerless of America**. Knierim has been with Peerless for 27 years.

CELEBRATIONS!



Arla Harrington celebrated her 30th anniversary with **Kingery Printing Company**.

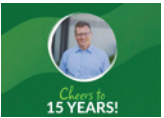


Brenda Shields celebrated her 15th anniversary with **Effingham Prompt Care**.



Connor Carlisle-Ackley was promoted to Production Supervisor in the Casework Fabrication department at **Stevens Industries**.

Roy Schmidt Honda celebrates 10 years in December.



David Doedtman celebrated his 15-year anniversary with **Washington Savings Bank** in August.

After 36 years in the financial services industry, with the last 15 years being with **Smith Moore**, Dave Price will be retiring on December 31st, 2024, and moving to Ohio.



Deb Repking celebrated 30 years with **Washington Savings Bank** in October.



Dust & Son Auto Supplies celebrated 95 years in June.

Elite Hair Studio celebrated 5 years in July.

Geoff Milleville stepped into the role of Extrusion Technical Sales for **Peerless of America**. Milleville has been with Peerless for 14 years.

Heartland Health Food celebrated 5 years in November.

Hope Adams-Yingst was promoted to Quality Manager with **Peerless of America**.

Hope Koester retired from **Washington Savings Bank** at the end of July.



Janet Roberson celebrated 25 years with **Dieterich Bank**.



Janice Brooks retired from **Wabash Communications Co-Op** after 20 years as their HR/Executive Secretary.



Jean Beard celebrated 25 years with **AKRA Builders, Inc.**



John Rardin celebrated 10 years as a Pressman with **Kingery Printing**.



Ken Campton celebrated 5 years with **AKRA Builders, Inc.**



Kingery Printing celebrated 55 years!



The Krusteaz Company celebrated 10 years of being in Effingham.



Land of Lincoln Credit Union promoted Laura Gilpin to Springfield Branch Manager.



Landon Williams celebrated 5 years with **AKRA Builders, Inc.**

CELEBRATIONS!



Lisa Wilson started a new position within **Land of Lincoln Credit Union** as a Junior Commercial Loan Officer.



Wes Sowell celebrated 5 years with **ENTEC Services** in October.

Wright's Furniture & Flooring celebrated the 5th anniversary of their Taylorville location.



Neal West retired from **Dan Hecht Chevrolet-Toyota** after 41 years.

Stevens Industries celebrated several noteworthy anniversaries.

Vayda Jane Bridal will celebrate their 5 year anniversary in December.

Pat Pals retired from **Stevens Industries, Inc.** after 45 years.



Paula Westendorf celebrated 40 years with **Kingery Printing Company** in September.



Phil Zakuntansky was promoted to Production Group Manager in the Lamination Division at **Stevens Industries**.



Rose Goeckner retired from **Heartland Human Services** after 27 years.



Renee Bloemer celebrated 20 years with **AKRA Builders** in August.



Sam Zerrusen celebrated 25 years with **AKRA Builders** in September. Sam is one of the longest tenured concrete foremen with AKRA.



Vernon "Red" Tegeler retired from **Siemer Milling Company** after 52 years.



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DECEMBER

6 | First Friday Luncheon @ KCC (Ugly Sweater Party)
7 | Downtown Effingham Hometown Christmas
11 | Coffee & Connections @ Siemer Milling Company
12 | Business After Hours @ Roy Schmidt Honda
12/23 - 1/1 | Chamber Office Closed

JANUARY

10 | First Friday Lunch (Economic Forecast)
10 | Business After Hours @ SBL Effingham Surgery Center
18 | Annual Chamber Gala (James Bond theme)

FEBRUARY

5 | Coffee & Connections @ Crossroots Church
7 | First Friday Networking Luncheon
20 | Business After Hours @ Wheat Penny

MARCH

7 | First Friday Networking Luncheon
13 | Business After Hours @ Legacy HD
21 | Women in Business @ Village Wine & Spirits

APRIL

3 | Business After Hours @ Villas of Holly Brook
4 | First Friday Lunch & Learn (BBB)
9 | Coffee & Connections @ Canarm
17 | Spring Radio Days @ Cromwell Media/WCRC

MAY

1 | Business After Hours @ Merz Heating & Air
2 | First Friday Employee Appreciation Picnic
16 | Spring Golf Outing @ ECC
26 | Office Closed

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