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# 2026

## LOOKING AHEAD

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2026 CHAMBER 360°

# PRICE GUIDE

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# LETTER from our president

## Dear Chamber Members,

As we wrap up 2025, I can't help but feel thankful for what a busy, exciting, and meaningful year it's been for our Chamber and community. From ribbon cuttings and roundtables to business expansions and new businesses opening—it's been a full year of connecting people, ideas, and opportunities. None of it happens without our members, and I truly appreciate the time, energy, and support you've shared all year long.

The holidays are always a good reminder of what makes Effingham County special. We show up for each other. Whether it's shopping local, dining local, or simply choosing to do business with another Chamber member, those small choices have a big impact. So as you're finishing your holiday shopping or planning those end-of-year projects, I hope you'll keep supporting the businesses that support our community.

And looking ahead—2026 is already shaping up to be a big one! We're rebranding some of our signature events, adding new ways for members to connect and collaborate, and expanding our educational opportunities. From Canva and AI learning sessions to industry roundtables and new networking programs, there will be something for everyone. Plus, our new Interview Day will take the place of the Career Fair, giving students and employers a better way to meet, interact, and build real connections.

Thank you for being part of the Chamber family. I hope your holidays are filled with joy, rest, and time with the people who matter most.

Here's to a great 2026 ahead!



**Katie Koester**

President & CEO  
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Thank you for standing behind the Effingham County Chamber and the businesses we serve. Your continued investment supports meaningful initiatives and contributes to the long-term success of our community.



## MEET THE TEAM

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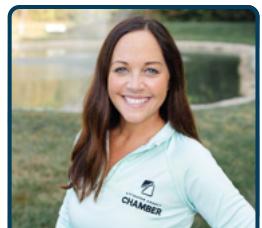
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# TOP LEADERS

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The Effingham County Chamber's Top Community Leaders event on November 20 was an evening centered on celebrating the people who help move Effingham County forward.

Presented by HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital and Lake Land College, the event brought together family, friends, employers, and community supporters to recognize this year's honorees for their leadership, service, and positive influence throughout our communities.

The Chamber sincerely thanks the event sponsors, those who took the time to submit nominations, and everyone who attended to help make the evening a success.



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## up & coming



Callie Faller  
Dieterich High School



Chloe Kincaid  
Homeschool/St.  
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Rebecca Macklin  
Beecher City High  
School



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Effingham High School



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Dieterich High School

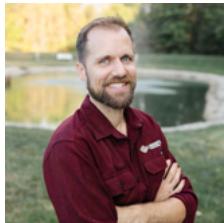


Adleigh Page  
St. Anthony High School



Anna Probst  
Teutopolis High School

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Aroyn Borries  
Built Right Door & Trim  
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Nathan Coomer  
Discovery Christian  
School



Emily Debenham  
Joe Sippers Cafe



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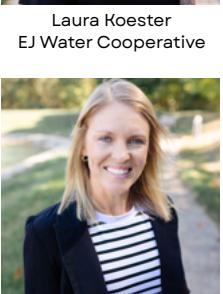
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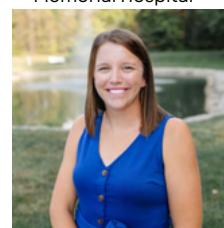
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& Wellness



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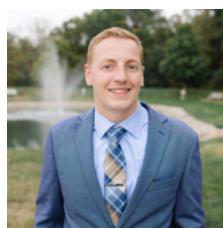
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Family Care Associates



Megan Tylka  
Effingham Unit #40



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# 2026

# LOOKING AHEAD

## GROWTH | CONNECTION | COMMUNITY

As we wrap up another busy, rewarding year at the Effingham County Chamber, we've spent a lot of time doing what we do best... listening. Listening to your feedback, watching what you engage with, seeing where attendance grows, and paying attention to how our business community continues to evolve.

All that reflection, plus about 87 cups of coffee, led us to a few exciting updates for 2026. And yes, we're pretty pumped about them.

### **Networking @ Noon: The New First Friday Luncheon**

If you've been following along the past few years, you know our First Friday events have slowly been shifting. We started sprinkling in First Friday Networking Lunches alongside our more traditional monthly programs, and you all made your preference loud and clear—lunch is where the magic happens. Enter, **Networking @ Noon!**

We've watched attendance spike at these lunches. We've seen the energy in the room, the connections made, the comfort of a more casual format, and the way today's work schedules just...work better with it. Rather than saying our formal sessions were "less exciting," let's call it what it was: the lunches simply hit differently. They fit your rhythm. They fit your time. And they fit our mission of getting you the most value in the shortest amount of time.

So, we asked ourselves the obvious questions:

- Should we do this every month?
- Should we keep supporting local eateries while giving our members the format they clearly want?

The answer was a very enthusiastic YES!



And in case you're wondering if we're going to spill any (refried) beans...of course we are!

Our very first host for 2026 is El Rancherito on Friday, January 9. Mark it. Circle it. Highlight it. Whatever system you use—we approve.

### **Better Your Business: The New Coffee & Connections**

Coffee & Connections served us well as a casual networking event for new members, but as Effingham County grows and changes, the needs of our business community are shifting too.

New technologies. New challenges. New leadership. New opportunities. And frankly, new hurdles that no one should have to jump alone.

So, in 2025, we dipped our toes in the jacuzzi (yes, jacuzzi) in a more collaborative roundtable-style format—and it worked. The members were talking openly. Asking questions. Sharing real experiences. Helping each other in ways only fellow business leaders can.

In 2026, we're turning the jets on.

Introducing **Better Your Business**, our refreshed roundtable series built around the idea that no matter what you're facing, another Chamber member has been there—or is right in it with you.

### Here's what we have lined up:

- January 28 | Effingham Technology Center – New Business Roundtable
- March 4 | Discovery Christian School – Organization Operations / Process & Procedures
- April 8 | Barn & Bottle Winery – Are You Bankable?
- August 19 | Community Support Systems – Non-Profit Roundtable
- September 16 | Iron Horse – Marketing Roundtable
- November 4 | Maroon Spoon – Hiring, Firing & Rewarding Employees

We've got the dates. The locations. The food. The topics. All we need is *you!*

### **Career Fairs...Let's Talk About the Elephant in the Room**

Career fairs. Our favorite thing. 😊

As much as we love helping connect job seekers with employers, the truth is..people just aren't showing up right now. And we can market these events until we're blue in the face, but if job seekers don't attend, our members aren't getting the support they need.

So...we're switching gears.

Our Workforce Development Committee put their heads together and created something fresh, useful, and much more relevant to the market: Interview Day Prep, a multi-session skill-building virtual series that leads up to a brand-new in-person event: **Interview Day**.

### Here's the roadmap:

- January 22 – How to Write a Resume
- February 12 – How to Apply for a Job Online
- March 12 – How to Prep for the Perfect Interview

Then in April, we bring it all together for *Interview Day / April 23*

Local businesses will open their doors for a full day of real interviews with real job seekers. That's right... the job seekers will come to you. No booths. No gym floors. No empty tables. Actual interaction. Actual matchmaking.

Katie and the Workforce Development Committee have been shouting this from the rooftops already, so if you want your business included, give her a call. She's a talker (we say that lovingly), and she'll gladly get you plugged in.

### **Lunch & Learn: Canva Training**

Becky and the Membership Committee are rolling out Canva Training—an in-person, intermediate-level, bring-your-laptop workshop designed to help you sharpen your digital design skills.

If you've ever stared at a blank Canva template wondering why the font looks weird, this session is for you. You'll leave with real skills, helpful shortcuts, and a lot more confidence in your designs.

The training will take place at the Midland States Bank Corporate Center in February—stay tuned!

### **2026: We're Ready for You**

As always, we're here for one reason: to serve you.

Tell us what you need, what you're struggling with, what you're dreaming up and we'll do everything we can to make it happen. Effingham County doesn't grow by accident. We grow because we work together, support each other, and show up for our business community.

Here's to new ideas, deeper connections, and a very bright 2026. Cheers to another great year!



# MEMBER *benefits*

The Membership Development Committee may be small, but we are mighty! We are committed to creating meaningful resources that help our members grow and to celebrate those making a real impact in our community. Interested in joining us? We'd love to welcome anyone who wants to share their ideas and be part of the team!

## New – Business of the Quarter & Non-Profit of the Quarter!

Know a Chamber member who goes the extra mile? We'll be recognizing one outstanding business and one inspiring non-profit each quarter through our new Business of the Quarter and Non-Profit of the Quarter program. Honorees will be selected based on service, community impact, innovation, and positive workplace culture.

Each recipient will receive a traveling recognition plaque, proudly displayed at their location for the quarter—with their business or organization name permanently added as part of our growing list of honorees. It's a visible, meaningful way to celebrate those who are making a real difference in Effingham County.

*Congratulations to our recent honorees!*

### **Business of the Quarter:**

#### **Legacy Harley-Davidson**

Legacy Harley-Davidson was selected for their incredible commitment to giving back—supporting the Make-A-Wish program, providing free backpacks to local students, sponsoring youth sports teams, and more.



### **Non-Profit of the Quarter: Enduring Freedom Ministries**

Enduring Freedom Ministries, a 501c3 Christian nonprofit, continues to inspire with the wide range of free services they offer—grocery store, soup kitchen, hair salon, clothing pantry, and laundromat.

They also host fun community events like the Adult Pumpkin Hunt at Tuscan Hills Winery and their annual FreedomFest.

We are now accepting nominations for the next quarter! Winners will be announced in January 2026. If you know a business or non-profit doing amazing work, we want to hear about it!

Visit the Chamber website under Member Resources (or scan the QR code) to complete the nomination form.



# MEMBER benefits *find.*

## Mark Your Calendar!

Our next Lunch & Learn, **Canva Training**, will be held on February 24, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Midland States Bank Corporate Center. This in-person session is designed for intermediate users, and we encourage you to bring your laptop for hands-on learning. You'll leave with real skills, helpful shortcuts, and a lot more confidence in your designs.

Sponsorship opportunities are available! Registration will be live after the first of the year.

The Membership Development Committee works to ensure our members have the resources and support they need to succeed. We are proud to serve our members and help foster growth, connection, and opportunity throughout the community.

Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

**Becky Brown, NFPC**

Membership Director  
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# MARKETING

*benefits*

December is weird. Some businesses are buried. Some finally slow down. Everyone's tired. And somehow the month still flies by. But here's the deal—December is not the time to ghost your marketing.

Seriously.

People are shopping local. They're at holiday events. They're on their phones more than usual. And they're noticing which businesses are still popping up in their feeds and around town. That visibility matters. A lot.

December marketing in Effingham County doesn't have to be fancy. This isn't the month to overthink it. It's really just about staying present and reminding people, "Hey, we're here—and we're part of this community." Whether that's a Chamber social post, a quick mention in the newsletter, seeing your name on the digital sign, or being tied to an event, those little things add up. You may not feel it immediately, but January remembers.

This is also a great month to stop selling so hard. Not everything needs to be a promo or a discount. Say thank you. Show your team. Share something real about how the year went. Those posts usually do better anyway. People connect with people, not perfectly polished... See, *Katie, making a fool of yourself on social media does pay off!*

And let's talk Support Local... my favorite! Effingham County does this really, really well during the holidays. When people are already trying to shop local, being a Chamber member helps put you right in the mix. Our platforms help get your name out there and connect you with folks who want to support local businesses, they just need a reminder of where to start.

Here's the easiest way to think about December marketing: it's about not losing momentum. Staying visible. Staying familiar. Making sure your name doesn't disappear just because the year is winding down. Because once January rolls around and everyone's back in work mode, familiarity matters.

So don't disappear yet. Use what you already have. Show up. Stay connected. And let December do a little of the work for you, so you're not starting from scratch in the new year.

Thanks for being part of what makes Effingham County such a great place to live, work & play.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and all the good things that come with both.

**Nicole Morrison**

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# BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

*openings*

Our 2026 Business After Hours calendar is officially open, and we're now booking hosts for the year ahead!

With 10 host spots available, this is your chance to showcase your business—so the real question is... should one of them be yours?

Business After Hours is one of our popular networking events, bringing Chamber members together in a relaxed, after-work setting. Hosting is a great fit if you're celebrating a milestone anniversary, showing off a remodel or new building, welcoming the community to a new location, or simply want to give people a behind-the-scenes look at your business and meet your team.

As a host, your business gets valuable exposure, increased visibility, and the opportunity to make meaningful connections with fellow Chamber members—all while creating a memorable experience for attendees.

If hosting sounds like a good fit for your business, reach out to Michelle at (217) 342-4147 to get your name on the calendar before spots fill up!

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# ECONOMIC development

## **City of Effingham:**

**Dieterich Bank** submitted an Enterprise Zone application to remodel the basement of its corporate headquarters.

**J&H Liquor** is now open in the former Subway location at 2400 N. 3rd Street.

**Northside Quick & Clean** has broken ground on a new car wash at 1703 Ford Avenue, with an expected completion and opening in spring 2026.

**Wright at Home** will be constructing a new building at the corner of Fayette and Willow, located at 307 S. Willow Street.

## **Public Works Department:**

Public Works continues to move forward on several previously announced projects. While work is ongoing, no projects have reached full completion since the last update, and many construction activities are currently paused for the winter season. Progress will resume as weather conditions allow, and additional updates will be shared as projects advance.

### **Effingham Performance Center Parking Lot Expansion**

- Work is currently in progress on the Effingham Performance Center parking lot expansion. Once completed, the project will provide approximately 100 additional parking spaces, improved lighting, enhanced pedestrian access, and a new entrance from Outer Belt West.

### **Evergreen Avenue Improvements**

- The Evergreen Avenue improvement project has been awarded to McCarthy Improvement. Planned upgrades along the corridor—from Willenborg Street to just east of Oceola—include a fully reconstructed asphalt roadway with new curbs, gutters, storm sewers, a sidewalk on the north side, and a bike trail on the south. Construction began this past fall 2025.

### **Ford Avenue Extension**

- The Ford Avenue extension continues to move forward. This 600-foot roadway project will include two travel lanes, a center turn lane, sidewalk, bike trail, and new street lighting to improve traffic flow and pedestrian connectivity.

### **Santa Maria Avenue Extension**

- The Santa Maria Avenue extension project is moving forward and is now under construction by Feutz Contractors. The extension spans from Maple Street to 4th Street and includes two travel lanes, new curbs and gutters, storm sewers, a sidewalk, bike trail, and street lighting. Additional project features include a pond with a walking path and expanded parking located north of the Workman Sports Complex.

# ECONOMIC development ctnd.

## Village of Dieterich:

**RoadRunner Refuel** is officially open as of December 6! The team extends a sincere thank you to everyone who has already stopped by to support the new business. After more than two years in the making, this long-anticipated project is officially a reality. As RoadRunner Refuel continues to grow its product line, build its team, and settle into operations, they appreciate the community's patience and support and are proud to be part of Dieterich.



Info collected from: Brittny Gipson, Dieterich Village Clerk & Economic Development Coordinator

## Village of Teutopolis:

**Pawley's** Dog Grooming & Doggy Daycare moved to 404 W Main Street. They are open seven days a week for your dog needs.



The new **Village of Teutopolis** infrastructure project is scheduled to start late Spring/early Summer.

Info collected from: Amy Vahling, Teutopolis Village Clerk



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# WELL done

**Caritas Family Solutions** was selected by Children and Family Services (DCFS) to receive the 2025 Award for Treating Foster Parents with Dignity and Respect. They were recognized for their work surrounding the nonprofit's 2025 Foster Parent Law Implementation Plan.

**Eastern Illinois University** has been awarded the 2025 Campus Prevention Network (CPN) Seal of Prevention from Vector Solutions, recognizing the University's exceptional commitment to fostering a safe, healthy, and supportive learning environment.



**Eco-Trim 217** launched its 'Turn Trees Into Lunches' campaign. For every job they completed in September, a portion, \$2,500 to be exact, went towards reducing negative school lunch balances at Effingham Unit #40 Schools.

**Effingham Sunrise Rotary** donated \$100 to Angeled Kids: Foster Closet & Resale.

Congratulations to Steve Raymond with the **Effingham Teutopolis News Report** for his induction in the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association's 2026 Hall of Fame as a Member of the Media.

**John Boos & Co.** added JK Adams, a celebrated name in high-quality wooden kitchenware, to its portfolio.

**Magoo & Associates, LLC** has been named a finalist in the 2025 MSP Titans of the Industry Awards, a prestigious recognition celebrating excellence and leadership in the Managed Service Provider Industry.



**Navi Arora, MD, FACP**, a board-certified internist practicing in Effingham, has been elected a Fellow of the American College of Physicians (ACP), the society of internists.

This prestigious distinction recognizes his achievements in internal medicine, the specialty of adult medical care.

**Wright's Furniture & Flooring** has been named the recipient of The Midwest Furniture Club's first annual "Generational Legacy Award," recognizing the fifth-generation family-owned business for its exceptional service and dedication to the Midwest furniture community.



# WHAT'S *changed*

Prudential Insurance – Matt Roedl is now called **360 Wealth Advisors**. Their new address is 101 S Maple St, Effingham and new phone number is (217) 500-5501.

**Consolidated Communications** united its residential, business and wholesale lines of business under a single, modern fiber internet and network services brand – **Fidium**.

Bank of Hillsboro is now **Constitution Bank**.

# WHO'S *new*

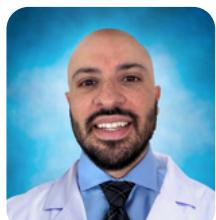
Jody Wendt has joined the **Brücke Financial, Inc.** team as an Office Assistant at their Teutopolis office.



**Farm Credit Illinois** welcomes Kelsey Goeckner as an Assistant Vice President of Lending at the Effingham Regional office.



**First Mid Bank & Trust** appointed Regina Nelson as its new Chief Marketing Officer (CMO).



**HSHS Medical Group** welcomes Eduardo Vaca, MD, a board-certified general surgeon (ABS) to HSHS Medical Group Multispecialty Care.

**New Horizons Orthotic & Prosthetic** welcomes Erin Jansen, CPO to the Effingham location.

**Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation** welcomes their new Marketing Specialist Stacey Rios.

Congratulations to Amy Garrett & Katie Robbins, the new owners of **Vayda Jane Bridal** and Megan Koenig as the Store Manager.

**VP Fire & Security, Inc.** welcomes Shane Lambert as a trusted technician of 27 years.



# CHEERS To



Donnie Dill has been promoted to Director of Business Development with **AKRA Builders, Inc.**

**Browns Drug Store** celebrated 100 years in November 2025. Congratulations to Alan Davis on his retirement on December 29, 2025 after 54 years with the business.

**El Rancherito** celebrated 32 years of serving the Effingham community.



**The Equity** appointed Natasha Lilly as its new Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

Brad Bushue and Steve Clough celebrated 30 years with **Stevens Industries, Inc.**



## HAVE NEWS? To share?

The screenshot shows a mobile-optimized news website for the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce. The top navigation bar includes links for CHAMBER, NEWS, CONTACT, and MEMBER LOGIN. The main content area features a large image of a city street with the word "news" overlaid. Below this are several news articles, including one about the 2026 Business Excellence awards and another about the 2025 Business Excellence awards. A sidebar on the right lists CATEGORIES: all news, chamber news, community news, and member news. Another sidebar on the right lists ARCHIVES: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025. A "stay up to date." button is at the bottom right. The bottom of the page has a decorative banner with the text "Updates • Announcements • Milestones".



# WELCOME

## To The Chamber



### Angeled Kids: Foster Closet & Resale

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Non-Profit Organization – Family & Community



### Faithfully Home – Toters Inc.

Ali Landreth, Co-Owner

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Manufactured/Modular Homes



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Construction Services



### Fear Nothing

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[FearNothing.life](http://FearNothing.life)  
Non-Profit Organization  
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### First Mid Insurance Group

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Financial Services



### Helitech

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[HelitechOnline.com](http://HelitechOnline.com)  
Construction-Commercial/Residential  
Referred by: Layna Bond; Bond & Associates LLC

# WELCOME

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## Ivy and Birch Design Company

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## Koester's Pro-Wash

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Pressure Washer



## LoveTheHam.org

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[LoveTheHam.org](http://LoveTheHam.org)  
Non-Profit Community  
Pay It Forward: Koerner Distributor Inc.



## Modern Spine and Wellness

Dr. Brianna Heuerman, Owner  
100 Greenview Dr, A, Effingham  
(217) 663-5345  
[ModernSpineAndWellness.com](http://ModernSpineAndWellness.com)  
Chiropractors



## Nutrition Wise

Amanda Settle, RDN, LDN, CDCES, Owner  
401 S Banker, Effingham  
(618) 402-8347  
[BecomeNutritionWise.com](http://BecomeNutritionWise.com)  
Nutrition/Fitness  
Referred by: Layna Bond, Bond & Associates LLC

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## Prairie Pressure Washing

Larry Gehle, Owner

St. Peter

(217) 821-8922

Pressure Washer

Referred by: Tonya Siner, Premier Broadcasting



## Randstad USA

Jessica Bushaw, Senior Operations Manager

1 Overton Park, Atlanta, GA

(701) 390-7394

[RandstadUSA.com](http://RandstadUSA.com)

Employment Services

Referred by: EMAC-Effingham Machining & Assembly



## Rios Mios Events

Derek Rios, Owner

2056 N 2200th St, St. Elmo

(217) 343-7586

[RiosMiosEvents.com](http://RiosMiosEvents.com)

Entertainment/Recreation

Referred by: Layna Bond; Bond & Associates LLC

## Hope 4 Horses Rescue & Sanctuary

Donna Columbus, President

8050 E Twin Oaks Dr, Effingham

(217) 343-7796

[Hope4Horses.org](http://Hope4Horses.org)

Non-Profit Organization

*Pay It Forward: Land of Lincoln Credit Union*

## Project J4-29

Catherine Zumwalt, President

Effingham

(217) 722-7111

Non-Profit Organization – Family & Community

## You and Me 2022 LLC

Kelly Butts, Owner

Effingham

(217) 343-8468

Real Estate – Commercial/Residential

Referred by: Layna Bond; Bond & Associates LLC

YOUR CHAMBER STAFF WISHES YOU A

*Merry Christmas*

& HAPPY NEW YEAR



# CALENDAR

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## JANUARY

- 1-2 | Chamber Office Closed
- 9 | Networking @ Noon @ El Rancherito
- 17 | Annual Gala: Saturday Night Fever @ Keller Convention Center
- 22 | Interview Day Prep: How to Write a Resume (virtual)
- 28 | Better Your Business-New Business Roundtable @ Effingham Technology Center

## FEBRUARY

- 6 | Networking @ Noon @ Buffalo Wild Wings (*Chamber Scholarship Fundraiser Day!*)
- 12 | Interview Day Prep: How to Apply for a Job Online (virtual)
- 17 | Lunch & Learn: Canva Training @ Midland States Bank Corporate Center

## MARCH

- 4 | Better Your Business-Organization Operations / Process & Procedures @ Discovery Christian School
- 6 | Networking @ Noon @ TGIFriday's
- 12 | Interview Day Prep: How to Prep for the Perfect Interview (virtual)
- 26 | Swing into Spring Social @ Cardinal Golf Course



## REMEMBER to RSVP

The Chamber's 2026 Annual Gala – Saturday Night Fever is happening Saturday, January 17, 2026, and we're switching things up this year.

Think dinner stations instead of a long sit-down, more time to mingle, and a timeline that keeps the night moving from start to finish.

Be sure to RSVP by January 7 so you don't miss a beat.

Full details can be found by scanning the invite QR code on the following page.

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