

October 2012



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# Common Ground

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Annual Edwardsville/Glen Carbon  
Chamber of Commerce

## Halloween Parade

# 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 31  
Downtown Edwardsville

*Registration & Sponsorship Information  
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## Mission Statement

Through commitment and involvement of its members, the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce provides leadership for the benefit of the business community by promoting economic opportunities, advocating in the interests of business, providing members with education and resources, and encouraging mutual support.

## on the cover

### Halloween Parade Registration & Sponsorship Deadlines Approaching

Each year on Halloween night, an estimated crowd of 25,000 spectators line the streets of downtown Edwardsville in anticipation of this annual tradition. The Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce has brought the Halloween parade to the community for nearly 95 years. Marching bands, school groups, organizations, entertainers, and more than 100 floats take to the streets on this magical evening.

The theme for the 2012 Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce Halloween Parade is 'Oh, the Places You'll Go!' Whether your parade float depicts a scene from this or any other Dr. Seuss classic, or represents your dream travel destination or lifelong goal, we're excited at the endless possibilities and can't wait to see the steady line of floats parading through downtown Edwardsville on October 31, 2012!

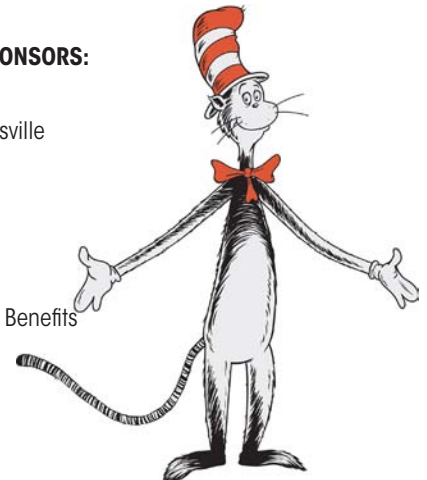
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## 10/11 Thursday 4pm

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## 10/11 Thursday 6-8pm

YPG Annual Social Event at  
Edison's Entertainment  
Complex (YPG Only)  
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## 10/12 Friday 12pm

networking@noon  
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## 10/13 Saturday 10am-12pm

YPG Philanthropy Event at  
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## 10/17 Tuesday 4pm

Ribbon Cutting  
Strano & Associates  
103B South Pointe Drive  
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## 10/18 Thursday 8-10am

SIUE Day Breakfast  
Vadalabene Center

## 10/18 Thursday 5-7pm

Business After Hours  
Scott Credit Union  
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## 10/20 Saturday 10am

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## 10/23 Tuesday 4pm

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Vision for Life  
2220 South IL Route 157, Ste 350  
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## 10/25 Thursday 5-7pm

Business After Hours  
Chef's Shoppe  
2320 Troy Road  
Edwardsville, IL 62025

## 10/31 Wednesday 6:30pm

Halloween Parade

# save the date

## 11/1 Thursday 5-7pm

Business After Hours  
Travel Express  
2208 Troy Road  
Edwardsville, IL 62025

## 11/15 Thursday 5-7pm

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## 11/27 Tuesday 8-10:30am

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# ambassadors

## Call for 2013 Ambassadors

The Chamber is accepting ambassador applications for 2013 – this is a great way to get connected!

### Chamber By-laws

Become familiar with the chamber's by-laws, policies & procedures.

### Ambassador Meetings

Attend monthly ambassador meetings.

### Recruitment & Retention

Help recruit new chamber members. Mentor new chamber members to help them become familiar with chamber benefits. Contact non-active members to encourage participation as needed.

### Fundraisers

Support the chamber's fundraising events as a volunteer.

### Chamber Promotion

Represent the chamber in a professional manner at all times.

### Chamber Board Meetings & Activities

Attend **twelve** Business After Hours events each year to assist with jokers jackpot ticket sales, registration. Greet and welcome new and prospective chamber members at events. Participate in networking@noons, ribbon cutting ceremonies, open houses, ground breakings, and have the opportunity to provide promotional items for ribbon cutting welcome baskets.

## 2013 AMBASSADOR APPLICATION FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

You reviewed the Ambassador duties & responsibilities and are willing to fulfill obligations: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been a Chamber member? \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you interested in becoming an Ambassador? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

For additional information, contact Desiree Bennyhoff at [dbennyhoff@edglenchamber.com](mailto:dbennyhoff@edglenchamber.com)

Please mail (200 University Park Drive, Suite 260; Edwardsville, IL 62025) or fax (618.656.7611) your application to the chamber office.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 30, 2012**

*I have read and agree with the above duties and responsibilities. These expectations need to be met by **all** ambassadors to help with day-to-day functions and to achieve the overall goals and missions of the organization. If for any reason you cannot honor your responsibilities or duties, please advise the ambassador chairperson so alternate plans can be made. As an ambassador, you will act as a representative of the Ed/Glen Chamber by promoting membership and mentoring new members.*

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8am Networking

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At Glen Carbon Hampton Inn

I will attend:  **Session 6 at \$20/person (\$30 non-members)**

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Fitness Designs Physical Therapy & Sport Rehab, in business for 20 years, has been an Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce member since 1993. Fitness Designs provides a variety of outpatient physical therapy services from weekend warriors to professional athletes ages six months to 95 years.

"I feel our employees and commitment to service sets us apart from the rest. Most of our people have been here more than 10 years," said owner Christopher Pifer.

When asked what made physical therapy his passion, Pifer stated, "While in college my interests were related to the medical field and how the human body works and why it breaks down. I quickly learned that physical therapy combined these two principles into one exciting field. While working with individuals with injuries I see the joy people get from returning to activity and this inspires me to do the best I can."

Their market is not limited to a considerable number of post-operative orthopedic patients from a variety of surgeons locally and from the St. Louis



area. Fitness Designs also treats many of the strains and sprains that affect us all as we go about our daily routine. In the last ten years, as our population has aged, we have seen an increase in the number of people for balance and gait issues.

Fitness Designs Physical Therapy & Sports Rehab is active in many organizations, including local 5K runs, golf scrambles and bike races. They are currently serving the YMCA by making presentation to volunteer coaches regarding injury prevention and first aid. Pifer believes in giving back to the community and believes we can all learn from a quote by Harry Truman: "It's amazing what you can get done if you do not care who gets the credit."

In closing, Pifer said, "The Chamber is a place where a small business like ours can develop roots and grow with the community."

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- 8 a.m. **Free Breakfast Buffet**
- 8:15 a.m. **Director of Athletics & Assistant Vice Chancellor for Athletic Development – Brad Hewitt, Ed.D.**
- 8:20 a.m. **Welcome Video – Lisa Hudson Nielsen, SIUE Day Chair**
- 8:30 a.m. **SIUE's 8<sup>th</sup> Chancellor – Julie A. Furst-Bowe, Ed.D.**
- 9 a.m. **SIUE Day Networking Opportunity**



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# schmooze

## business after hours



September 6, St. John's Community Care



September 6, St. John's Community Care



September 20, Benefit Plans Plus & Brown Smith Wallace



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- 1 Purchase Advertising
- 2 Write an "Ask the Expert" Column
- 3 Submit an Announcement
- 4 Win Our Business of the Month Award
- 5 Come to Chamber Events!

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# ribbon cuttings



Edison's Entertainment Complex, September 21



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YPG Meals On Wheels Deliveries, September



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## Scheffel Financial Services Expands Team

Edwardsville based Scheffel Financial Services is pleased to announce the addition of Chad Burns as LPL Financial Consultant. Burns will work to develop customized financial plans for Scheffel Financial Services clients. Burns brings eight years of financial services industry knowledge and an additional five years of public accounting experience. Burns was previously a financial advisor with Edward Jones in Belleville and has public accounting experience. Burns received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville. Additionally, Burns is a Certified Public Accountant and has an Accredited Asset Management Specialist (AAMS) designation.



"Scheffel Financial Services is excited to have Chad join our professional advisory team," said Jeff Westerhold, Principal of Scheffel Financial Services. "We provide our clients with local industry leading financial specialists; therefore, Chad's background in financial planning and his local roots make him a great fit to serve our clients."

## GEACF Bringing Erin Bode Group to the Wildey

The Greater Edwardsville Area Community Foundation (GEACF) will host a red carpet event for a good cause at the Wildey Theatre Friday, November 2. The exclusive event will feature the creative genius of the Erin Bode Group, well-known for playing music forged from the Americana of its members' Midwestern roots, infused with jazz grooves.

Tickets for the event, which include the concert, drinks, and light hors d'oeuvres before the event, are \$35. Professional photography and a red carpet are included. Doors open at 7pm, and the concert begins at 8pm.

All proceeds for the event will go toward GEACF's scholarship fund, which supports students in Edwardsville Community Unit School District 7.

GEACF is also seeking sponsors for the event. Each echelon of sponsorship includes exclusive benefits for the evening, including advertisement in the concert program, premium tickets and reserved seats.

The Erin Bode Group plays music that includes sophisticated arrangements and attention to phrasing, both vocal and instrumental, which distinguish the band's fresh sound. Mostly known for Bode's bell-like voice, their most recent release, *Photograph*, has garnered critical acclaim.

The Greater Edwardsville Area Community Foundation, established in 1997, is a charitable trust that receives, manages and distributes tax-deductible charitable contributions for the benefit of the greater Edwardsville area communities and its residents.

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## JSC Unveils Boundless Playground Design

The Junior Service Club of Edwardsville/Glen Carbon unveils design plans for their Boundless Playground project. The Boundless Playground which will be located in Township Park, Edwardsville, is scheduled for a community build weekend in April 2013. Over the last two years, the local service group has raised a total of \$375,000 for this \$450,000 playground.

"What makes our playground unique, is that it meets a distinct need in the community. It creates a space for kids and adults with a physical disability to come out and play," says Kristi Hyten, a physical therapist and member of the project planning committee. Kelly Schlechte, Junior Service Club President, reports that "The Junior Service Boundless Playground will be 80% accessible to persons with disabilities, where as a traditional playground is usually only required to be about 20% accessible."

The Boundless Playground which centers around a custom-made tree structure will be completely wheelchair accessible featuring double wide ramps to the tallest slides and towers, adapted swings and equipment, sensory stimulation activities and easily negotiable terrain.

There is still time for individuals and groups to make a contribution to this one-of-a-kind playground. The build includes a paver campaign and opportunities to purchase benches, trees, picnic tables or even a section of the playground. Learn more at [edglenjuniorservice.org](http://edglenjuniorservice.org).



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## Gateway Regional Recognized for Quality

Gateway Regional Medical Center was recently named one of the nation's Top Performers on Key Quality Measures by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in America, for the second consecutive year. The hospital was recognized by The Joint Commission for exemplary performance in using evidence-based clinical processes that are shown to improve care for certain conditions, including heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care. Gateway Regional Medical Center is one of 620 hospitals in the U.S. earning the distinction of Top Performer on Key Quality Measures for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance.

"We understand that what matters most to patients at Gateway Regional Medical Center is safe, effective care. That's why Gateway Regional Medical Center has made a commitment to accreditation and to positive patient outcomes through evidence-based processes. Gateway Regional Medical Center is proud to be named to the list of The Joint Commission's Top Performers on Key Quality Measures," said Mark Bethell, CEO, Gateway Regional Medical Center.

## Edwardsville Arts Center Plans Bouquet d'Art No. 2

Because of the success of its first wine tasting supporting the mission of the Edwardsville Arts Center (EAC), BIN51 and the EAC board of directors are hosting a second event in hopes more folks will join the fun. Brian Kuchta is organizing BIN 51's top distributors with their best wines to taste and purchase. Appetizers and sweets will be provided by local favorites.



Tickets can be purchased by visiting BIN51, the EAC gallery on the campus of Edwardsville High School, or through EAC board members. You can also purchase tickets online at [www.eventbrite.com/event/4492449036](http://www.eventbrite.com/event/4492449036). Tickets are \$30 per person.

The event is Saturday, November 10 from 2–6pm at BIN 51, 200 South Buchanan Street in Edwardsville. For more information about the event, call 618.655.0337.



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## Waldron Joins Scott Credit Union as VP of Consumer Lending

Brian Waldron has joined Scott Credit Union (SCU) as Vice President of Consumer Lending. Waldron will oversee SCU's consumer lending area, including credit cards, auto loans, and the dealer direct lending program through which area residents can get approved for their loan right at the dealership. SCU's indirect lending program includes more than 390 area dealers that offer financing on site for SCU. To find the area dealers, visit Scott Credit Union at [www.scu.org](http://www.scu.org).



Waldron brings more than 12 years of lending, member service and marketing experience to his new position with SCU. He previously served as assistant vice president and district manager at Universal 1 Credit Union in Dayton, Ohio.

"We're very pleased to have Brian on our team," said SCU Chief Lending Officer Craig Burkhard. "He has years of experience with managing a consumer lending operation and will be a tremendous asset to our organization."

Waldron, who now lives in the Edwardsville area, is a board of directors member of First Miami Student Federal Credit Union, the Miami University Alumni Association and Alpha Phi Omega, a national co-ed community service fraternity. He holds a degree from Miami University in Ohio and has attended University of Lending and the Credit Union National Association's Collection & Bankruptcy training.

"It is great to join a great team here at Scott Credit Union," Waldron said. "Scott Credit Union believes in working closely with members, understanding their needs, and providing them with the products they need to reach their goals. I'm really excited about the opportunity I have with Scott Credit Union and helping the organization provide low-cost loans to members. Scott Credit Union has been very successful and it is an exciting time to join the team here."



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# 8-Year-Old First Clover Leaf Bank Scavenger Hunt Winner Gifts Cash to Young Cancer Patient

What started as a scavenger hunt at First Clover Leaf Bank (FCLB) in Edwardsville turned into \$2,000 raised for a local child with leukemia, thanks to the efforts of 8-year-old Wyatt Erber. Erber and his mother Noelle worked as partners throughout the FCLB scavenger hunt, checking Facebook for clues and visiting local businesses such as Annie's Frozen Custard to be the first team to complete the hunt and receive the \$1,000 grand prize.

The scavenger hunt began early in the summer, just a few short days after their neighbors, Trisha & Jim Kielty, had received the devastating news that 2-year-old daughter Cara had been diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia. The diagnosis hit home in a neighborhood where neighbors had already banded together in previous years to work with Cookies for Kids' Cancer, a non-profit organization committed to raising funds for pediatric cancer research.

As soon as his mother asked Wyatt if he would like to join her in the scavenger hunt, he knew what he wanted to do. "Wyatt said, 'Yeah, let's do it, and if we win, we could give the money to Cara to help her,'" Noelle Erber recalled.

"I didn't really know what I would've done with it," Wyatt Erber explained. "And I knew what they could've done with it that would've really (been) a big help for them."

Initially, the idea that an 8-year-old boy would willingly choose to donate those funds to her family was hard for Trisha Kielty to comprehend. "Honestly, I was hoping they wouldn't win," Kielty explained. "It's hard. He's 8, and he worked hard for this. I don't want to take money from a kid; I want him to go out and spend it. But I was told, without a doubt, that this was absolutely what he was doing. So I decided, all right, that's fine – we're going to accept it with open arms and realize that he's just that great of a kid."

Upon hearing about Erber's generosity, the Edwardsville Neighbors in Need organization stepped up to match the prize money the third grader had already won from First Clover Leaf Bank. "Wyatt's generosity to his neighbor really touched our hearts," Kathie Opel, one of the founding members of Neighbors in Need, explained. "That really encompasses what we would like to do as an organization – help our neighbors who are suffering."

Neighbors in Need is a non-profit organization that works to help anyone in Edwardsville District 7 experiencing a recent medical crisis who finds themselves in need of some additional assistance to get by. In the past, the organization has helped with rent or medical costs, gaining most of its funding from its annually held events, the Turkey Trot and the Taste of Edwardsville. Now, Neighbors in Need is lending its support to Cara Kielty's case. Interested patrons may inquire about the "Cara R. Kielty Benefit Fund" by calling First Clover Leaf Bank at 618.656.6122 or visiting any of their branch locations in person. Learn more about Neighbors in Need at [edwardsvilleneighborsinneed.org](http://edwardsvilleneighborsinneed.org).

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## ARTEAST Showcases Madison County Artists


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120 artists open their studios or exhibit work through 37 sites that include galleries and alternative spaces. The self-guided tour takes you from Edwardsville and Glen Carbon to Alton, Roxana and Wood River. Explore historic neighborhoods, city centers and beautiful countryside to get a glimpse into the workspace, inspiration & techniques of Madison County's artists. Artists are at their site to talk about the work or demonstrate techniques, including pottery, painting, wood carving, and metal work.

"Both emerging and nationally recognized artists participate in this event," said Susan Bostwick, ARTEAST project director, "and there are always new artists and new venues on the tour."

Art work is for sale and there is no admission fee. ARTEAST is a program of the Jacoby Arts Center. Go to [jacobyartscenter.org](http://jacobyartscenter.org) and click on the ARTEAST tab for additional information and maps.

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## Mr. Handyman Donates 15 Hours of Work

A local company observed the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks by helping victims of another form of violence that impacts people even closer to home – domestic abuse.



B.J. Meyers, owner of Mr. Handyman of Metro-East, located in Edwardsville, arranged for three of her workmen to volunteer at the Oasis Women's Center in Alton Monday, a day in advance of the Sept. 11th National Day of Service & Remembrance. "We called the shelter to see if they could use some help a couple of weeks ago," Meyers said. "Tina (Culp, household coordinator) gave us a list of repair requests, which are not a big deal for us but all are things they wanted done and couldn't do themselves."

Meyers' team was busy throughout the shelter, adding a new light fixture in a room dedicated solely to mothers, hanging curtains in a play area, adding a new wall and shelving to a kitchen closet and covering a pipe in the children's observed playroom. "Once I talked to Tina, who was so enthused, we were happy to do this for the shelter," Meyers explained. "These guys love finding a solution; just give them something to do and they'll go at it."

All of the shelter's clients have suffered from domestic violence, and all are working on making a fresh start, she explained. "The children have experienced all that their mothers have been through," Culp noted. "These lovely repairs help our clients feel special – that they matter – because someone has come in to do something like this for them." Coincidentally, Culp said the group's generosity has helped lift the spirits of our staff.

Meyers also observed that it might be important for clients to begin viewing men as good people who are willing to help them embark on a better life. On average, the shelter houses 10 families.

The crew donated approximately 15 total hours and the cost of materials to the center worth about \$750, Meyers said. "We wanted to do more for them. We are always looking for ways to give back to our community and we are excited to be a part of a national operation to help those in need."





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