



# Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce Business Brief

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Friday, January 16  
Noon  
Red Rooster Inn  
January Door Prize:  
Hillsboro Chamber
- WSMI Chamber Chat  
Friday, January 23  
9:05 am
- Chamber Lunch  
Friday, February 20  
Noon  
Location TBA  
February Door Prize:  
TBA

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## Chamber Office Update

### Office Hours:

The Chamber office will be open Tuesday and Thursday mornings or by appointment through the end of January.

### Mark Your Calendars:

#### ▪ Annual Business Meeting

The Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce January Member meeting and Annual Business meeting is Friday, January 16. Please join us at 12 noon at the Red Rooster Inn. As always the monthly meeting provides a great networking opportunity. All member businesses are encouraged to invite their employees to attend the monthly meetings. This month, there will be a vote on the board of director slate, budgets for 2009 need to be approved and new officers will be instated. Nominees for the board of directors are: Angie Eickoff, White & Associates; Melissa Martincic, The Job Center; Don Burton, Hillsboro School District #3; Terri Miller, Miller Enterprises; Dennis Fenton, State Farm Insurance; Gene White, White & Associates; Susie Galer, The Journal-News; Toby Dean, WSMI; Mike Ryan, National Bank; Kim Noyes, Montgomery County Realty.

In addition to our annual business meeting our lunch speaker is La Keisha Adams with disabilityworks/Illinois workNet Center, the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce. Please plan to join us for this important meeting. RSVP to hillsborochamber@consolidated.net or 217.532.3711

#### ▪ Toastmasters

The Montgomery County Toastmasters meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Red Rooster Inn. The next club meeting is Tuesday, January 20. The club is open to anyone, but especially to those hoping to build their communication and leadership skills while having a good time!

#### ▪ WSMI Chamber Chat

Tune in to WSMI AM 1540 Friday, January 23, 2008 at 9:05 am for the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce live with Terry Todt. Keep up to date on upcoming events, committee news and new members.

## 2009 Member Dues

Have you paid your 2009 member dues? Membership dues fund Chamber operations and activities through the entire year. Help us plan our 2009 budget by remitting your member dues soon!

Didn't receive a dues invoice? Starting in 2008 we began a real-time renewal process. Any member that joined in 2008 will be billed in their join month from here forward. Look for your renewal in the upcoming months!



The Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce exists to advance the commercial, agricultural, industrial and civic interest of the City of Hillsboro and Greater Montgomery County.

The Chamber:

- Coordinates the talents of local business and community leaders
- Formally recognizes business excellence
- Advocates the interests of Hillsboro and Montgomery County to elected and appointed officials at all levels of government
- Supports community service organizations as they improve the quality of life in Hillsboro and Montgomery County
- Assists with economic and community development of Hillsboro and Montgomery County
- Provides opportunities for leadership development in cooperation with regional partners



Are you interested in advertising in *Business Briefs*? If so, contact the Chamber office for opportunities and rates.

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## Contact Information Update

The Chamber uses member contact information to keep members up to date on events, activities and issues important to your business as well as make referrals. (We never sell your information.) Please make sure we have your most up to date information. Have you moved? Is your contact person still the same? What about your business phone number? Do you have an email address or cell phone? Do you have a website? If you have a website, would you like a link placed on the Chamber website? Send us your information today! Do you have brochures or business cards we could include in our visitor and relocation packets? Bring them by the Chamber office. Get the most out of your Chamber membership!

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## Member News and Announcements

### National Bank

National Bank would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. We appreciate your business and look forward to serving you in 2009 with all of your banking needs. A great way to start the year is to invest in yourself. Open an IRA today with National Bank. Whether you are looking for a tax deferred or a tax free investment, we have what you need. We offer both Traditional and Roth IRA's. We offer a variety of Certificate of Deposit terms for you to choose from. IRA's with National Bank are safe, sound and secure. You will never lose your investment!

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### Saving and Investing in Turbulent Times

University of Illinois Extension, Montgomery County, is hosting *Saving and Investing in Turbulent Times*, a teleconference with campus-based professors and extension educators to help answer questions regarding what to do with your money in light of the current financial markets. David Sinow, clinical professor of finance at University of Illinois will address how today's economic situation affects different types of investors. Paul McNamara, professor of consumer economics at University of Illinois will speak on lessons we can derive from behavioral economics and previous market history. Extension educators will discuss sound investment and risk management strategies, including diversification, dollar cost averaging, and rebalancing. In addition, the final half hour will be dedicated to a Q & A session. Bring your questions.

Join our panel for a lively, unbiased 90-minute session to be held on or January 20, 2008 at 1:30 PM. To register for the workshop, call the Montgomery County Extension office at 217-532-3941 by January 14.

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