



# Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce Business Brief

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Noon  
Location: Hillsboro  
City Hall  
May Door Prize: Dollar  
General
- 2000 & Beyond  
Committee  
Friday, June 5  
Noon  
Red Rooster Inn
- Chamber Lunch  
Friday, June 19  
Noon  
Location: The Red  
Rooster Inn  
June Door Prize: CNB  
Hillsboro Banking  
Center

## Chamber Office Update

### Mark Your Calendars:

#### ▪ May Member Lunch

The May Member Lunch will be at Hillsboro City Hall on Friday, May 15 at 12 noon. Lunch will be delivered from the Agribusiness Pork Patty Sale. For \$5 you will receive a sandwich, chips and drink. Please return the attached order form. Pre-order is required for delivery! As always the monthly lunch provides a great networking opportunity. All member businesses are encouraged to invite their employees to attend the monthly lunch. RSVP to 217.532.3711 or hillsborochamber@consolidated.net.

#### ▪ Agribusiness Pork Patty Fundraiser

Mmm! The Agribusiness Committee will be selling Pork Patty lunches Friday, May 15 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the CNB Hillsboro Banking Center parking lot. Funds raised go toward the committee's annual scholarships. Order forms for delivery are attached.

#### ▪ Night of Networking

The next Montgomery County "Night of Networking" has been set for Thursday, May 14, 2009. The focus is on growing our own, local entrepreneurs, new businesses, and taking the assets we have and building them into the future. This event will be held from 5 pm until 7 pm at the Shoal Creek Golf Course, in Raymond. The event is FREE of charge and open to the public. It is a great way to meet area elected, community and business leaders. The event sponsors are the Hillsboro Chamber Of Commerce, Litchfield Economic Development Office, Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation, Shoal Creek Golf Course, and the University of Illinois Extension, Montgomery County. We hope you can take the time to stop in or stay for the evening, and work to grow your "network" and the future of Montgomery County.

#### ▪ 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Business of Small Business" Seminar

Save the date: Monday, May 18 at LLCC in Litchfield. 5:30-8:30 pm. Hosted by University of Illinois Montgomery County Extension. See attached brochure for full agenda. Online registration available at <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/montgomery>

#### ▪ WSMI Chamber Chat

Tune in to WSMI AM 1540 Friday, May 22, 2009 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.

#### ▪ City-Wide Garage and Sidewalk Sales

The Chamber is hosting City-wide Garage and Sidewalk Sales, Saturday, May 30! The Chamber will coordinate maps of participating garage sales and retailers as well as provide collaborative marketing. Booth space is available on The Plaza for individuals with items to sell, but no place to sell them. See attached fliers to register. Restaurants are encouraged to promote breakfast and lunch specials!

Check the Chamber website events calendar for  
these and other important dates.  
[www.hillsborochamber.net](http://www.hillsborochamber.net)

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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

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## Member News and Announcements

### Welcome New Members!

Please help us welcome new members to the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce

#### Victory Lane Ford

Contact: Gene Hebenstreit & Jim Hicks ~ 1710 Vandalia Rd., Hillsboro ~ 217.532.3967

#### Jeff Dunn

Contact: Jeff Dunn ~ 110 E. Wood St., Hillsboro ~ 217.532.5000

### National Bank

Summer time is just around the corner and National Bank offers several products to make your travel plans easier: Visa ATM/Check cards are safer than cash. Visa Credit Cards are accepted everywhere. Toll free telephone banking and free online banking and bill pay are great ways to keep track of and handle your finances. Gift Cards can be used for traveling as well as being a great gift to give for birthdays, weddings and graduation. Please stop by or call us at 532-3991 for more details. Member FDIC/Equal Housing Lender

Just in time for Mothers Day, stop by the bank on May 8<sup>th</sup> for our bake sale. All proceeds will go to the Montgomery County Cancer Association

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## Summer on The Plaza

The Chamber is coordinating events taking place on The Plaza throughout the summer. Contact our office to place your event on the calendar!

Saturday, May 9 - Garden Club Plant Sale, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Saturday, May 30 - City-wide Sidewalk & Garage Sales, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Friday, June 5 - St. Paul's Lutheran Church Pork Patty Sale, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Saturday, June 6 - Bremer Sanctuary Treehouse Wildlife Demonstration, 10:00 am

Saturday, June 6 - Hillsboro FFA Pork Patty Sale, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

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## New "People in Business" Chapter

The People in Business networking group invites men and women of the business community to the inaugural meeting of the Litchfield group. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13, between 8.30am and 9.30am at Coffee Xpresso, 514 W Union Ave, Litchfield.

People in Business is designed to help build a support system and outreach connection for the business community. It provides an informal networking format and a convenient information exchange resource group. Membership is unrestricted and is free. Attendees are encouraged to arrive ten minutes early to network before the meeting and bring extra business cards or brochures. Door prizes are always welcomed.

Attendees will get approx 1 minute to introduce themselves, their business and how they can be helped; there will be a 10 minute presentation on a business related topic and there will be time to make any announcements. Everyone is then free to network for as long as they choose.

There are currently seven people in business groups located in Edwardsville, O'Fallon, Wood River, Collinsville and Highland in Illinois, plus Chesterfield and Gravois in Missouri. For a current schedule of all dates and locations, please visit the website at [www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com](http://www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com).

Group coordinator for this meeting is Adrian Baker of Diamond Imprints. For additional information call Adrian at 217.246.2043.

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## Main Street Flower Planters

The 2000 and Beyond committee would like to thank the following businesses for helping purchase the red, white and blue flowers now planted in the pots lining Main Street: Caredon Framing, City of Hillsboro, Creative Choices, The Journal-News, Journal Printing, McKay Napa Auto, Mel Heselov, National Bank, Quad County Health, The Red Rooster Inn, Simpson Insurance Services Inc. and Century 21 Simpson Realty, and Sullivan's Drugs.

A special thank you to Alan Holman at Market of Ahs for preparing the pots, providing the flowers and his expert advice.

Help us maintain the flowers by weeding and watering the pots regularly. Thank you for helping put Hillsboro's best face forward this summer!

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## Member Benefits

### Submit Your News to the Chamber

If you have an item you would like included in the *Business Brief*, please email or mail it to the Chamber office by the first Friday of each month. *Business Brief* goes out to all Chamber members the second Friday of each month and is posted on our website. It is a great way to share your news, announcements and promotions!

If you want to take your marketing to Chamber members a step further, sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact Megan to learn more.

### Help Us Link to Your Website

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! We need a small logo and your web address.

### We Can Market You!

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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## Support Your Local Chamber Sponsors

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