



# Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce Business Brief

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12:00 PM  
Red Rooster Inn  
September Door Prize:  
The Job Center
- WSMI Chamber Chat  
Friday, September 26  
9:05 am
- Chamber Lunch  
Friday, October 17  
Noon  
Location TBA  
October Door Prize: LLCC

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## Chamber Office Update

### Mark Your Calendars:

- **Chamber of Commerce Week 2008**

Welcome to Chamber of Commerce Week, September 8-12, 2008! Please join us for any or all of the great events and activities we have this week to celebrate and recognize you, our members.

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Tuesday, September 9, 2008 - 7:30 am - Litchfield LLCC

### **Regional Chamber Alliance Breakfast**

Enjoy breakfast and networking with Chamber members from Montgomery, Macoupin, Jersey and Green counties. \$8 at the door.

Please RSVP to [hillsborochamber@consolidated.net](mailto:hillsborochamber@consolidated.net) or 532-3711

Wednesday, September 10, 2008 - 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Forsee Vineyards, Coffeen

### **Night of Networking**

Brenda Oberle of Hillsboro will provide the music, Jason Milanos the food, we need you for friendship and conversation, and yes Forsee has the wine. The event is FREE of charge, however, pre-registration is required. To pre-register please contact the Chamber at [hillsborochamber@consolidated.net](mailto:hillsborochamber@consolidated.net) or 532-3711 or Amanda Cole at 217-532-3941 or visit us on the web at: <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/montgomery/>.

Thursday, September 11, 2008

### **Member Appreciation Day**

Would you like to help visit Hillsboro Chamber members? Contact the Chamber office to be part of this fun day.

Friday, September 12, 2008 - 11:00am - 1:00 pm - Chamber Office in City Hall

### **Chamber Open House**

Visit the Chamber office, enjoy a light lunch, networking & great door prizes!

Please RSVP to [hillsborochamber@consolidated.net](mailto:hillsborochamber@consolidated.net) or 532-3711

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- **Toastmasters**

The Montgomery County Toastmasters, sponsored by the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, 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, September 16.

- **September Member Meeting**

The monthly meeting for September is Friday, September 19 at the Red Rooster Inn. Heather Hampton-Knodle will be the presenter. She will update us on the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation activities, including their newest EDGE initiative. Join us to hear committee updates and learn more about the many upcoming Chamber events!

- **WSMI Chamber Chat**

Tune in to WSMI AM 1540 Friday, September 26, 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.

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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### ▪ Quarterly Business Tour

Join us for a hands on tour of Forsee Vineyards! Have you ever wondered how they harvest grapes? Or how grapes become the bottle of wine on your dinner table? Harvesting and processing opportunities are going to be available mid-September. Be on the look out for more details closer to harvest time. Or contact the Chamber at 217.532.3711 to learn more.

The Economic Development Committee is proud to host local Business Tours. These tours, to be held quarterly, will give Chamber members the opportunity to visit and learn more about neighboring businesses. Interested in being a tour location? Contact the Chamber or Melissa Martincic to be added to the schedule. 217.532.3711 or 217.324.2138 ext 229.

### ▪ Business After Hours & Candidate Meet & Greet

Thursday, October 2 at the Hillsboro Country Club, join us for a casual evening of networking sponsored by National Bank. Also take the opportunity to meet current elected officials as well as those on the November ballot.

The Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce Programs Committee is excited to host Business After Hours for Chamber members. These events, to be held quarterly, will provide a networking opportunity for Chamber members in a social atmosphere. If you are interested in hosting, sponsoring or co-sponsoring a Business After Hours, please contact the Chamber or Gene White. 217.532.3711 or 217.532.2653

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## Member News and Announcements

### Welcome New Members!

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

#### **Ruppert Photography**

Contact: Martha Ruppert - 217.532.2246

Business: Photography studio specializing in senior portraits, weddings, families, mothers & babies.

### National Bank

BANKING ON A CURE, National Bank's employee fund raising team, generated nearly \$200 in donations for cancer research at its booth during Old Settlers. This was one of several events held by the bank each year to generate funding for the Montgomery County Cancer Assoc. to assist area residents with their battle against cancer and also provide scholarships for research related studies.

### Miller Enterprises Design, Inc. has Relocated!

Terri Miller has closed her store front location and is now a "Virtual Office". Miller Enterprises will still offer their FULL line of services and are NOT closing, rather just changing their base of operations. They can be reached via website or by phone at 217-851-1080. Miller Enterprises will be available for pick up and drop offs for local business customers. Of course they will also be available for appointments to meet with you in person. Terri sends her thanks to all of their loyal customers who have helped them grow every year. Continue to count on Miller Enterprises to provide you with excellent design services at prices you can afford!

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