



Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce

# Business Brief

May 2010

## A message from the President

On behalf to the Board of Directors of the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce we hope you are set to enjoy our upcoming summer. We have actually kicked off the summer with our first Farmer's Market. We know as the summer progresses and the seasonal produce becomes abundant, we will see more vendors participate every Thursday throughout the summer. As always we need a volunteer to show up each Thursday at 4:00pm to about 5:00pm to collect fees from each participating vendor. The first couple of weeks is not a problem but as summer progresses we need to be vigilant to monitoring the vendors and collecting fees. Please contact Lesley at 532-3711 or email her at [hillsborochamber@consolidated.net](mailto:hillsborochamber@consolidated.net) to sign up. Not only is this an easy assignment, it is a great opportunity to pick up fresh produce or hand crafted items from members of our surrounding communities. It is also a great way to promote local commerce.

Don't forget about the Golden Grill Challenge on June 19th. There is always room for more challengers. Mike Ryan and I are known as the "Guinness Grillers" and we are laying down the challenge to "out grill" all other participants. So, put a team together and prove us wrong. Besides, the proceeds go to 2000 and Beyond and it is a good way for you to lend a hand in that support. Even if you can not "stand up" to the challenge, come out, sample the food, and show your support.

Have a Great Summer!

*Gene*

Gene White, President  
Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce

## Blachere Illuminations light up April luncheon

Ronnie Brown, of Blanchere Illuminations was the guest speaker at the April member luncheon held at the Red Rooster. Blanchere Illuminations has an international reputation as the leading supplier of outdoor Christmas and festive lighting. Brown spoke about the benefits of using LED lights as well as the cost effectiveness of using LED's in a city the size of Hillsboro. For more information visit [blanchere-illumination.com](http://blanchere-illumination.com).

### Mission Statement

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

## Calendar of Events

<b>Thursday, May 6</b> 4:00—7:00	<b>Farmer's Market</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 12</b> 12:00—6:00	<b>Blood Drive</b> Hillsboro Moose Lodge
<b>Thursday, May 13</b> 5:00-6:30	<b>Meet &amp; Greet</b> The Red Rooster
<b>Thursday, May 13</b> 4:00-7:00	<b>Farmer's Market</b>
<b>Thursday, May 20</b> 4:00-7:00	<b>Farmer's Market</b>
<b>Thursday, May 20</b> 5:00-7:00	<b>Night of Networking</b> Litchfield Country Club
<b>Friday, May 21</b> 10:00—2:00	<b>Blood Drive</b> Hillsboro Health & Rehab
<b>Friday, May 21</b> 12:00 noon	<b>Chamber Member Luncheon</b> Hillsboro Area Hospital Tour
<b>Thursday, May 27</b> 4:00—7:00	<b>Farmer's Market</b>
<b>Friday, May 28</b> 11:00 am—2:00	<b>Agribusiness Pork Patty Sale</b> Hillsboro Banking Center
<b>Saturday, May 29</b>	<b>Community Yard Sale</b>

## Visit us on Facebook

Join the many fans who are now keeping up-to-date on Chamber events, announcements and Chamber member information by visiting us on our Facebook business page. Search for "Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce" and click the "Like" button.

Are you a Chamber member but don't have a Facebook business page? Send us your announcement and we'll post it on the Chamber page on your behalf.

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## Central Illinois Community Center May Blood Drives:

\*Hillsboro Moose Lodge  
Wednesday, May 12, 12:00 am to 6:30 pm

\*Hillsboro Rehab & Health Center  
Friday, May 21, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

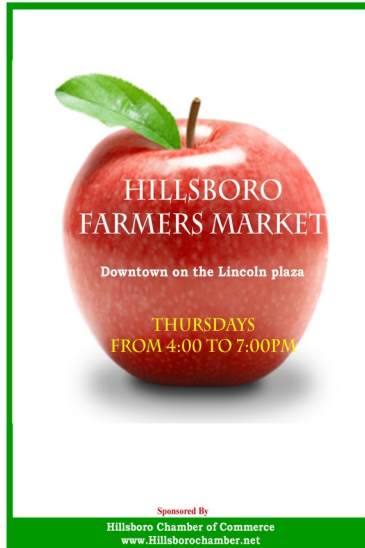
Central Illinois Community Blood Center is the blood provider to area patients of 19 counties at 19 central and southwestern Illinois hospitals. We are the only provider of blood to Hillsboro Area Hospital, Pana Community Hospital, Taylorville Memorial Hospital, Memorial Medical Center and St. John's Hospital.

Please join us for this life-saving event. If you have any questions about donating you can call 1-866-GIVE-BLD. Walk-ins are always welcome, but to schedule an appointment call Jessica at 1-866-GIVE-BLD x 118 or sign up online at [www.cicbc.org](http://www.cicbc.org).

## Farmer's Market opens 2010 season May 6

The Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce will host their second annual Farmers' Market at "The Lincoln Plaza" beginning Thursday, May 6 and again every Thursday evening from 4 to 7 p.m. through October in downtown Hillsboro.

Local gardeners will be on hand selling a variety of garden plants such as tomato, lettuce, various peppers and fresh asparagus. Produce will be sold as plants are ready. "Farmers markets are good for everyone" says Lesley Pollard, Executive Director of the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, a sponsor of the Farmers Market. "They are good for your health, good for your community, and good for the economy. Not to mention they offer the freshest foods from America's most entrepreneurial farmers and preserve our country's agricultural



traditions."

Booth vendors are needed. All items sold must be grown or hand-crafted by the vendor or vendor's organization. Cost is \$5 per day for a 12 x 12 booth space and vendors must provide own tents, tables, chairs and any other set-up materials. Contact the Chamber at 532-3711 or download the application at [hillsborochamber.net](http://hillsborochamber.net).

**Volunteers are needed** to be on-site to collect money from the vendors for their booth rental. Volunteers are asked to be at the market for at *least* the first hour in case there are some late vendor

arrivals. We hope you will get involved and donate an hour of your time to help with the Farmer's Market. If you would like to sign up, please e-mail [Hillsborochamber@consolidated.net](mailto:Hillsborochamber@consolidated.net) for a list of available dates.

## Night of Networking May 20

The Litchfield Economic Development Office, Montgomery County Economic Development and the Litchfield Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Night of Networking, Thursday, May 20 from 5:00 pm—7:00 pm at the Litchfield Country Club. Guest speaker, Cheryl Welge of Ameren will speak at 6:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP by May 17 to 217-324-8150 or [citigov@litchfieldgov.com](mailto:citigov@litchfieldgov.com).



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## Agribusiness committee awards Food and Agribusiness Career Scholarships

The Agribusiness committee awarded two area high school seniors with a \$1,000 scholarship. Alicia Bergman of Litchfield High School and Shane Slightom of Nokomis High School will be presented a certificate at their high school's award ceremony.

The Agribusiness committee established the Food and Agribusiness Career Scholarship to assist

youth in Montgomery County pursuing a degree and career in agricultural industries. For more information on the scholarship visit [www.hillsborochamber.net](http://www.hillsborochamber.net).



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### The Job Center opens at new location

The Job Center can now be located at 11006 Airport in Litchfield with the same phone number 217-324-2138 and fax 217-324-2644.

## Your Ad

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Place your ad in the next edition of the **Business Brief**. Call 532-3711 for rates and additional information.

### Agribusiness pork patty sale Friday, May 28



The Agribusiness committee will have their annual pork patty fundraiser on Friday, May 28 from 11:00 –2:00 at the Hillsboro Banking Center. Cost is

\$5 per meal which includes a pork patty, chips, pickle and soda, or \$3 for the only the patty. Now accepting preorders! Call Lesley at 532-3711 to place your order. Preorders will be hand delivered hot off the grill to you or your business.

**Market of AHs offers  
Mother's Day Special**

Market of AHs is offering specials on gazing globes, door mats, a free plant for kids and more! Hurry in and get them before they're gone! In stock gazing globes and door mats only. Sales dates May 7-9.

**Red Rooster to offer new  
spring menu and  
Forsee Vineyard wines**

Don't forget to make your Mother's Day reservations at the Red Rooster. The Red Rooster will also be featuring a wine and cheese tasting May 7 & 8 before dinner and May 9 before the Mother's Day Luncheon.

This is a special weekend that kicks off the premier of their new spring menu and the addition of Forsee Vinyards Indian Summer and Niagra wines.

**Chamber Lunch set  
for May 21 at  
Hillsboro Area  
Hospital**

The monthly Chamber lunch will take place Friday, May 21 at 12:00 noon at Hillsboro Area Hospital.

Attendees will be able to get a first hand look and tour of the new addition to the hospital. Cost is to be determined. Open to both members and non-members. Be sure to check email and the Chamber Facebook page for more information.

This months door prizes provided by White & Associates.



**Chamber names new executive director  
Meet and Greet May 13**



The Chamber is pleased to announce that Lesley Pollard has been named the new executive director.

Lesley is a graduate of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale where she received her Bachelors of Science degree in Journalism. Previously, she was a freelance graphic designer

and a former Director of Development and Communications at Sparc, Inc. in Springfield. She will serve as the Chief Administrative Officer for the organization conducting official correspondence and communications, bookkeeping, coordinating the events on The Plaza, membership recruitment and retention, marketing, advertising and public relations. She will be in the Chamber office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 am—2:00 pm.

Lesley resides in Hillsboro with her husband, Jared and two-year old son, Cooper.

The Chamber Board of Directors has scheduled a Meet & Greet to introduce Lesley to all members and local businesses. The Meet and Greet will take place Thursday, May 13 from 5:00-6:30 pm at The Red Rooster. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided. All is welcome to attend.

# Board of Directors

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## **2009-2010 Officers:**

**Gene White, President**  
White & Associates

**Melissa Durbin, Vice President**  
Job Center

**Terri Miller, 2nd Vice President**  
Miller Enterprise

**Mike Ryan, Treasurer**  
National Bank

**Dennis Fenton, Past President**  
State Farm Insurance

**Lesley Pollard, Executive Director**

## **Three-year Directors:**

**Greg Holcomb**  
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**Dennis Fenton**  
State Farm Insurance

**Terri Miller**  
Miller Enterprise

## **Two-year Directors:**

**Kim Noyes**  
Montgomery County Realty

**Mike Ryan**  
National Bank

**Gene White**  
White & Associates

**Susie Galer**  
The Journal-News

## **One Year Directors:**

**Angie Eickhoff**  
White & Associates

**Melissa Durbin**  
The Job Center

**Alan Holman**  
Market of Ahs

## **Citywide sidewalk and garage sale May 29**

The Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring Citywide Sidewalk and Garage Sales, Saturday, May 29, 2010.

We invite your business to participate! The Chamber is coordinating marketing for events going on throughout the Hillsboro area that day. We will publish maps and short descriptions of each sale as well as promote the day through print, the Chamber web site and social networking web sites. This service is free to Chamber members. The cost is \$5 to non-Chamber members. This fee will help cover the printing and publication costs.

Deadline for inclusion is Monday, May 17. Contact Lesley at 532-3711 or email [Hillsborochamber@consolidated.net](mailto:Hillsborochamber@consolidated.net) for more information. We hope you will participate in this community wide initiative!



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