Mission Statement
“To improve the business climate, promote economic development, and enhance the quality of life in the Jacksonville Area.”

Vision Statement
“The Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce encourages businesses by building relationships to create a vibrant tomorrow.”

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58th Annual Steak Fry Sept. 17

Be sure to order your tickets for the 58th annual Chamber Steak Fry to be held Thursday, Sept. 17 at the Jacksonville Airport. Doors open at 5 p.m. with serving to start at 5:30 p.m.

This year’s event will include the fun game “Friendly Feud.” Teams of three will compete for bragging rights and Chamber Checks. The event begins at 6:15 p.m. with the finals slated for 8:15 p.m.

A reservation form is inserted in this newsletter for tickets and Friendly Feud teams. Tickets are not sold at the door and must be purchased by Sept. 15. Join us for a night of fun!

Fantasy Auction
Be sure to check the insert for the Fantasy Auction items. The Fantasy Auction will be at 7 p.m.

Ultimate Chamber Check
This year, we will raffle off the Ultimate Chamber Check to be used at the Silent or Fantasy Auction. Only 100 chances will be sold the night of the event. The winner of the Ultimate Chamber Check will be able to select the Auction package of his/her choice before the Auction begins.

Silent Auction
Throughout the evening you may bid on a variety of Silent Auction baskets. These baskets may include Chamber Checks, other gift certificates or items for entertainment, beauty, dining, recreation, pet products, and more! Silent Auction winners will be announced after the Fantasy Auction.

Special Prize Drawing
At 8 p.m. a drawing will be held with 3 chances to win. The prizes will include 14K white gold Sapphire and Diamond earrings from Precious Jewelers, a mystery prize donated by A. Gaudio & Sons, and a $25 Chamber Check donated by the Steak Fry Committee. Only 100 tickets will be sold for the drawing and can be purchased in advance at the Chamber office and at the Steak Fry. Cost for the chances are $10 each.

Be Aware Wellness Fair - Sept. 12

Booth space is still available for the annual Be Aware Wellness Fair to be held Saturday, Sept. 12th in Community Park. If you are interested in having a booth at the event, call the Chamber, 245-2174. The event will run from 10 a.m.-noon. It will include fitness activities, health information, promotional gifts, Big Eli wheel rides, lunch, healthy snacks, and prizes.

An insert is included that businesses can post to promote the event. The fair is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce’s Health and Community Agencies Division, Passavant Area Hospital and the Mia Ware Foundation.

Grant Writing Seminar Survey

The Education Division of the Chamber is asking for your input regarding the offering of a Grant Writing seminar. Please complete the survey to give us feedback on what type of grant writing seminar would benefit your business or organization. Your answers will be kept confidential and help the Division to determine what seminar offerings would best fit your needs. Complete the short 60 second survey at the following address: http://www.jacksonvilleareachamber.org/grant-writing-survey/. Your assistance is appreciated.

Chamber Members Invited to the Farm

If you’ve had little agricultural experience and are interested in learning more, the Agri-Industry Division is again offering a Visit to the Farm. You can have the opportunity to ride with a local farmer and experience the harvest season. The Chamber will arrange your visit according to your schedule and the farmer’s availability. Call the office at 245-2174 to schedule your visit to the farm.

IT PAYS TO BE PREPARED
Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Seminar September 30

The Business Division of the Chamber will offer a no-charge seminar to members on “Preparing a Disaster Plan” on Wednesday, September 30 at noon at the Chamber. This one hour course will assist businesses and not-for-profit organizations in understanding the risks, learning the concepts and beginning formulation or review of a disaster recovery plan. To learn more and register for the event, see the enclosed insert in this newsletter.

September 2015
Volunteer of the Month – July

Master Gardener Dee Cole is pictured at left. She was recognized as one of the Volunteers of the Month for July. Dee gave her time and talents in late May to help clean up and beautify the landscaping around the Chamber. New plants were added along with weeding and new mulch around the building and deck. Thank you to Dee for her hard work!

Be A Chamber 150% Club Member

Thank you to these members of the 150% Club. The Chamber thanks each business for its great support of the Chamber and its activities:

A. Gaudio & Sons
Alan Nail Spa
AMVETS Post 100
Anytime Fitness
The Art Association of Jacksonville
State’s Attorney Bobby Bonjean
Buster Sanitation
Carpenters Local Union 270
City of Jacksonville, City Clerk Skip Bradshaw
City of Jacksonville, Mayor Andy Ezard
Community Childcare & Service Center
Consolidated Grain & Barge Co.
Representative C.D. Davidsmeyer
Jim Duncan, Vet-2-Vet
Elm City Center
The Farmers State Bank and Trust Company
The First National Bank of Winchester
Larry & Martha Flynn
Morgan County Treasurer Jenny Giernaeirt
Ralph Gonzalez
Green Works
Hamilton’s Catering
Harmon Deal, L.A. Burton & Associates
Heritage Health Therapy & Senior Care
Home Instead Senior Care
ILMO Products
Irsinghamhausen Imports
Jacksonville Area Landlord Association
Jacksonville Lawn Care
Jacksonville Regional Economic Development Corporation
Jacksonville Rotary Club
Land of Lincoln Goodwill
Lape Farm
Lincoln Land Community College
Lynch Family Dentistry
Mark Stirling Trucking
Massey’s
Mediacom
Mia Ware Foundation
Middendorf Brothers
Midwest Dental, Michael Watkins, DMD
I. Newton Mitchell
Francis B. Nelson, Jr.
Passavant Area Hospital
Prairie Council on Aging
Prairie Village Healthcare Center
Premier Bank
R.W. Troxell & Co.
Salvation Army
Select One Day Denture
Smoky Jennings Chevrolet
Sport City
Turner Insurance Agency
VICC, Inc.
Brad Ware
Susan Weller, DMD
William Weller, DDS
Wells Center
William Ford Lincoln
Whalen Trucking
Williamson Funeral Home
Worrell Land Services

150% Club Renewals
Community Childcare & Service Center
Lincoln Land Community College

150% Club members receive special recognition in the Chamber Review, on a plaque in the Chamber office and in the Annual Report.

CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES AUGUST

The following businesses are celebrating milestone anniversaries with the Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce this month. It is their support and that of our 570+ businesses that enable us to provide services to all our Chamber members.

25+ YEARS
Green Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, Inc. 1977
Mediacom 1977
Zumbahlen, Eyth, Surratt, Foote & Flynn, Ltd. 1977
Grojean Real Estate & Insurance 1978
Wendy’s 1978
State Material Marathon, Inc. 1979
Sublotny Floors 1988
Waltrip Real Estate 1988

20 YEARS
Agrivest, Inc. 1977
Western Illinois Youth Camp

15 YEARS
Health Alliance Medical Plans

5 YEARS
Antiquarius
Aperion Care of Jacksonville

RENEWING MEMBERS

Thank you to members who reinvest in the Chamber, keeping links between businesses and community strong and growing.

Alterna-Care, Inc.
American Cancer Society
American Heart Association
AT&T
Benton & Associates
Paul Carey
Caron Yates, Real Estate Group
Central Park Dentistry,
Matthew Lynch, DMD
Community Childcare & Service Center*
Community State Bank Franklin
Comprehensive Prosthetics & Orthotics
CVS Pharmacy
John Ebrey, DVM
Ferguson Insurance
Gano Electric
Great Clips
Heartland Plastic Surgery Center
Hospitality Specialists
J.O. Harris Sales
Jack’s Auto Clinic
Jacksonville Packaging Industries, LLC
Jacksonville Park Foundation

AmeriCALL
Communications Company, Inc.
TELEPHONE SYSTEMS VOICE MAIL
DATA CABLINGS VOIP
Authorized Distributors for
NEC SAMSUNG IWATSU
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*:150% Club member (*150% Club member)
ACE Hardware team members Alan Miller, Mike Metzger, Shelly West and Chad Strubbe

Passavant Area Hospital teammates Mark Whalen, Keith Bradbury, Gilbert Joehl and Taylor Joehl

Second flight winner. Financial Resources Group was represented by Aaron Stock, Janelle Stock, Janet Roach and Paul Miller

Golf Outing Winners

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**Team Event Winners**

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**Hole Sponsors**

- Alan Nail Spa
- America Ambulance
- Aperion Care
- Atlas Agency, Brad Probst
- Bahan’s Tavern
- Barfield Carpets
- Beard Implement
- States Attorney Bobby Bonjean
- BoS Jacksonville
- Boyd Music
- Brandt, Inc.
- Buchanan & Cody Funeral Home
- Canny Accounting, LLC
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- ETC ComputerLand
- Express Employment Professionals
- The Farmers State Bank and Trust Company
- First National Bank of Arenzville
- First National Bank of Winchester
- Franklin Bank
- Frontier Communications
- Green Works
- Grojean Realty & Insurance
- Happy Hollow Nursery
- Harold O’Shea Builders
- Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge #4
- Jacksonville Assembly of God
- Jacksonville Auto Mart
- Jacksonville Chiropractic
- Edwin Doyle
- Jacksonville Lawn Care
- Jacksonville Savings Bank
- Jacksonville Speedway
- Kerber, Eck & Braeckel, LLP
- Khamama Group
- Knollwood Retirement Village
- Lonzerotti’s
- Makin’ Waves

Major Sponsors

- McDonal’s
- Moeller Ready Mix, Inc.
- MOHA-Springfield Clinic, Robert Gordon, MD
- Morgan County Civic Services
- Morgan-Scott CEO
- Orthopedic Center of Illinois
- Peak Insurance
- John Peterson, MD
- Physical Therapists Clinic
- Prairie Village Healthcare Center
- Premier Bank
- Premier Builders
- Production XPress
- Rotary Club of Jacksonville
- Sablony Floors
- Sam’s Club
- Smoky Jennings
- Sport City
- State Farm Insurance, Jeff Mossman
- State Farm Insurance, Tom Eoff & Re/Max, Judy Eoff
- Stewart’s Auto Body & Sales
- Tom Finch Automotive Service
- Walton’s
- William J. Funeral Home

Raffle Prize donated by Walmart

Chris Royal, Shaan Smith, Matt Cors and Steve Waltrip represented the Jacksonville Savings Bank team.
Business Education Partnership (BEP) Kickoff Lunch

Sponsored by Nestlé USA and the Chamber’s Education Division

Lisa Musch, Chamber; Cori Wagner, Illinois College; Judy Tighe, Jacksonville Main Street; Beth Brockschmidt, Turner Jr. High; Maryjane Million, Lincoln Land Community College and Marsha Awe, Arends-Awe

Steve Browning and Bob Sibert, Bound to Stay Bound; Bridget English, 8 Points Charter School; Bill Poole, District #117; Anne Godman, MacMurray College

Sheila Stephens, ISD; Scott Reed, Cressa Gordley, Lindsay Taylor, and Scott Keech, Nestlé USA; Tina Hungerford, Christine Good-Deal and Angie Kuhn, Illinois School for the Deaf

Patty Osborn, Vick Austin, Diana McCutcheon-Bushnell, Linda VanAken, Harriet Markille, Kori Daniels, Carol Wallbaum, Pilot Club and Gary Barlow, Eisenhower Elementary

Joey Dion, Jacksonville High School; Kevin Heitz, First National Bank of Arenzville; Tim Chipman, Jill Dillard & Mike McGiles, Jacksonville High School

Todd Evans, Jacksonville Rotary; Sarah Raynor, District #117; Linda Grojean, Jacksonville Rotary; Mary Camerer, Washington Elementary; Kelly Zoelner, South Jacksonville Elementary; Aimee Veith, ISVI; and Lisa Aring, Salem Lutheran School.

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Total July 2015 Reported Construction - $1,126,015.36

Total July 2014 Reported Construction - $1,553,319.38

*Source: Dept. of Zoning, Inspect. & Code Enf.

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Total July 2015 Reported Construction - $41,100.00

Total July 2014 Reported Construction - $359,324.00

*Source: Jacksonville Area Association of Realtors

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### 2015-2016 Business Education Partnerships

**Business**

- Bound to Stay Bound Books
- CVS Pharmacies
- First National Bank of Winchester
- Emily English, Murrayville-Woodson Elementary
- Barbara Hobrock, North Elementary & Thomas Meehan, Kiwanis
- Tim Chipman, Jill Dillard & Mike McGiles, Jacksonville High School
- McDonald’s Nestlé USA
- Passavant Area Hospital
- Perma-Bound
- Pilot Club of Jacksonville
- Premier Bank
- Rotary Club of Jacksonville
- The Farmers State Bank and Trust Company
- The Medicine Shoppe
- The Medicine Shoppe
- U.S. Bank

**School**

- Dist. 117 Elementary Libraries
- Illinois School for the Visually Impaired
- Jacksonville High School
- Murrayville-Woodson Elementary
- Regional Office of Education #46
- Turner Jr. High School
- Washington Elementary
- North Elementary
- Jacksonville High School
- Lafayette Academy
- 8 Points Charter School
- Area Schools
- Illinois School for the Deaf
- Eisenhower Elementary
- Routt Catholic High School
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- Salem Lutheran School
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- Lincoln Elementary
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**Real Estate**

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Northridge Results 2015

First Place:
Financial Resources Group/Jacksonville Savings Bank

Hole Prizes:
Hole 1 – Long Putt – Tina Moore
Hole 3 – Long Drive, Men – Shawn McCombs
Hole 5 – Closest to Pin – Shawn McCombs
Hole 8 – Longest Drive, Women – Nicole Pleiman

Major Sponsors

Raffle Prize donated by Walmart

New Chamber Members

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Carrie Magerl
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217-243-2089 • Sponsor: Staff
Attorneys at Law

Prudential
Kendall Phelps
136 N. Arenz St., Arenzville, IL 62611
217-370-6686 • Sponsor: Kai Schnitker
Financial Services

Primrose & Lace
Shayla Allen
501 E. State St., Jacksonville, IL 62650
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Proposed Slate for Chamber Board Positions

Listed are the nominations for the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors:

Board Members for 3 year terms from 2016-2019:
Jeremy Beard, Beard Implement
Monica Esf, Passavant Area Hospital
Nicole Pleiman, Diversified Crop Insurance Services
Jon Valuck, Prairie State Bank
Karen Walker, Jacksonville Journal-Courier

If there are further nominations for these positions from our membership, please notify the Chamber office by Sept. 15.

FARM TOUR AT MACSHOFF TRUCK WASH

Dan Schone, MacShoff Truck Wash; David Zink, Jack’s Auto Clinic; Karen Zink, Kluge Upholstery; Erick DeBolt and Cameron Jones, Benton and Associates; Allan Worrell, Worrell Land Services

Thanks to Mike Lonergan and Mark Metz with Farm Credit who provided delicious porky burgers for the event.

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded Illinois College a TRiO Student Support Services (SSS) program grant that will provide up to $1.1 million to assist first-generation college students, income-eligible students and students with a documented disability in their goal of obtaining a baccalaureate degree. According to President Barbara A. Farley the program provides invaluable assistance to traditionally underserved students with support in overcoming academic, cultural and social barriers in higher education.

PASSAVENT AREA HOSPITAL AWARDS NURSING SCHOLARSHIP. Jessica Yost, the daughter of Lynn and Wendy Yost of Virginia, is currently employed at Passavant as a certified nurse assistant (C.N.A.). She is a junior nursing student at MacMurray College and the recipient of the Passavant Nursing Scholarship, which assists students enrolled in a full-time nursing program leading to licensing as a registered nurse.

The scholarship specifies that upon graduation, the recipient will accept full-time employment, if offered or available, as a registered nurse at Passavant, under terms that the recipient returns a year of work for a year of scholarship.

Ag Tour at Maschhoff Truck Wash - July 21

Chamber members tour one of the bays at the Maschhoff Truck Wash.
Seven Tips to Help Adult Children Communicate with their Aging Parents

Submitted by Becky Hatlee, Home Instead Senior Care of Jacksonville

Many adult children of aging adults know how difficult it can be to talk with their parents about certain sensitive topics. The following, from Home Instead Senior Care and Jake Harwood, Ph.D., are tips to help family caregivers communicate with their aging parents on sensitive subjects.

1. Get started. If you’re over 40 or your parents are 70, it’s time to start observing and gathering information carefully and thoughtfully. Don’t reach a conclusion from a single observation and decide on the best solution until you have gathered information with an open mind and talked with your parents.

2. Talk it out. Approach your parents with a conversation. Discuss what you’ve observed and ask your parents what they think is going on. If your parents acknowledge the situation, ask what they think would be good solutions. If your parents don’t recognize a problem, use concrete examples to support your case.

3. Sooner is best. Talk sooner rather than later when a crisis has occurred. If you know our loved one has poor eyesight or has trouble driving at night, begin to address those issues before a problem arises.

4. Forget the baby talk. Remember you are talking to an adult, not a child. Patronizing speech or baby talk will put older adults on the defensive and convey a lack of respect for them. Put yourself in your parents’ shoes and think of how you would want to be addressed in the situation.

5. Maximize independence. Always try to move toward solutions that provide the maximum amount of independence for the older person. Look for answers that optimize strengths and compensate for problems. For instance, if your loved ones need help at home, look for tools that can help them maintain their strengths. Professional caregiving services provide assistance in a number of areas including meal preparation, light housekeeping or medication reminders.

6. Be aware of the whole situation. If your dad dies and soon afterward your mom’s house seems to be in disarray, it’s probably not because she suddenly became ill. It’s much more likely to stem from a lack of social support and the loss of a life-long relationship. Make sure that your mom has friends and a social life.

7. Ask for help. Many of the issues of aging can be solved by providing parents with the support they need to continue to maintain their independence. Resources such as Home Instead Senior Care, Area Agencies on Aging and local senior centers can help provide solutions.
### Chamber Calendar - SEPTEMBER

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### Chamber Community Calendar - SEPTEMBER

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**5-7  The 17th Annual Prairieland Chautauqua, “All American Showcase,” at First Christian Church, 2106 S. Main, Jacksonville. Free and open to all from 4-9 p.m. each day.
6,13,20,27 Centenary United Methodist Church “September Song” Fine Arts Festival every Sunday in Sept. from 4-6 p.m. on the church south lawn. Bring lawn chair or blanket and a picnic supper if desired. For questions, call 245-8471.
8  First Christian Church Fall Walk for Wellness Program from 1-4 p.m., 2106 S. Main Street, Jacksonville. Please enter at south doors.
**9  Carson & Barnes Circus, hosted by Jacksonville AMBUCS, at the Prairie Land Heritage Museum, 1005 W. Michigan, Jacksonville. Show times at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets: $12/adults, $6/children 2-11; tickets at door: $18/adults, $10/children. Purchase tickets at County Market, The Farmers State Bank and Trust Company-Main Branch and Pathway Services. For more information, call 217-270-8654 (insert included).
12  Woodlawn Farm Fall Festival. For more information, call 217-473-0216.
12-27 The Art Association of Jacksonville: Nellie Knopf Painting Exhibit at the David Strawn Art Gallery, 331 W. College Ave., Jacksonville. Exhibit hours are Sat. (12th) opening night: 6-8 p.m.; Tue-Sat: 4-5 p.m.; Sun: 1-3 p.m. Visit www.strawnartgallery.org or call 243-9390.
16-18 Jacksonville Area Senior Center Fall Flea Market & Bake Sale is 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Wed. and Thurs. and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fri. Soup/sandwich lunch served daily. Donations accepted (no clothes, computers, TVs or electronics) and volunteers needed for setup on Tue., Sep. 15, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Community Park Building, 1309 S. Main St., Jacksonville.
19  5th Annual 5K Run/Walk for Education begins at 8 a.m. at the Jacksonville Downtown Square. Entry fee is $23 adults/$17 youth 17 and under. Packet pick-up is Fri., Sep. 18 at 516 Jordan from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or on race day. For more information, call 243-9411, ext. 1133 or email albers@jsd117.org. Forms available online: www.jsd117.org.
19  31st Annual Cruise Nite and Car Show from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Community Park and Hardee’s.
25 & 26 Harvest Moon Bicycle Trail Ride. Ride begins at 6 p.m. at Woods Ln., first bridge south of Country Club Rd. For more information, visit http://townbrook.wordpress.com or email steve@townbrook.com.
25-27 46th Annual Steam Show and Fall Festival Days featuring steam engines, horse and antique tractor pulls, old time crafts, flea market, corn maze, wagon rides and more. Ham and beans from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Gates open at 7 a.m. Show located at corner of Lincoln and Michigan Avenues, S. Jacksonville. For more information, visit www.prairielandheritage.com.
**26 Illinois College Homecoming Parade begins at 10 a.m. To place an entry, download the registration form at: www.ic.edu/homecoming2015. A schedule of events is listed at the college website.

Lincoln Square Farmers Market – 7 a.m. until sold out, every Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday, through Oct, 31 at 1901 W. Morton. For more information, call 243-1704.

Jacksonville Main Street’s Farmers Market on the Square – NW section of the Downtown Square from 4-7 p.m. or until sold out, every Wed, through Oct, 28. Producers only market – vendor setup is free. For more information, call 245-6884 or events@jacksonvillemainstreet.com.

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