



Around The Table

Thank You John Durbin



The SCED will once again hold the July 4th 50/50 raffle. The cost is \$1 per ticket, sold by committee members and participating businesses starting June 1. Tickets will be sold 1 hour before the start of the July 4th parade and will close as we walk the parade route just before noon. The winning ticket will be pulled and announced at the end of the parade. Look for ticket sellers wearing the Jackpot button and bright green t-shirts along the parade route. If you have the winning ticket, climb onto the truck with us as did our past two year's winners: Amy Fultz (won \$3086 in 2006) and Shirley Lindley (won \$4583.50 in 2008)! You could be next, so don't forget to buy your winning ticket!

It was my extreme pleasure to have the honor of an airplane ride with John Durbin two weeks ago for the purpose of taking aerial photos of available property in and around Sullivan. When I called John to ask him about going up to take pictures he didn't hesitate to say yes and the next day he had the plane and the weather ready to go!

I invited board member and amateur photographer, Aaron Kirk, to come along in the hopes that he would take better pictures than I. Fortunately

for him, his stomach handled the flight better than mine. The flight was absolutely amazing! Our community is absolutely beautiful and I was amazed to see how much WATER surrounds Sullivan.



I wish to express my sincere thanks to John for the absolutely fantastic flight and the wonderful experience. The photos will be used to promote available property for development.

Submitted by Stepheny McMahon

Goodbye Chamber, Hello College (again)

As many of you have heard, I am leaving the Chamber to open my own business on the square called Huddie's Goodies. No wait that was the last Chamber Administrator.

I have been offered a Graduate Assistant-

ship from Eastern Illinois University to obtain my Master's degree in Political Science. I will be designing and editing the Alumni Connection Magazine along with designing the Department of Education's E-newsletter

while studying Comparative Policy and International Relations. I have enjoyed my time at SCED, but feel I cannot pass on this opportunity especially in these hard economic times.

In the past 8 months I

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IDNR Announces Deer Hunting Dates, Regulations Changes for 2009-2010 Seasons: Changes include recommendations from Deer Task

SPRINGFIELD, IL – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources announced deer hunting season dates and a series of regulations changes for the upcoming 2009-2010 seasons that were recommended by hunters, landowners, and other members of the state's Joint Deer Population Task Force.

“Our deer season plans and the implementation of changes in deer regulations should enhance deer hunting opportunities and improve deer management in Illinois,” said IDNR Director Marc Miller. “The regulations were developed with extensive input from deer hunters and hunting organizations, landowners, wildlife management professionals, the deer task force, and other citizens interested in our state's deer herd.”

The seven-day Illinois Firearm Deer Season will be Nov. 20 - 22, 2009 and Dec. 3 - 6, 2009, while the Muzzleloader-only season will be Dec. 11 - 13, 2009. The Youth Deer Hunting Season will be Oct. 10 - 11, 2009, and permits for the youth hunt will be available over the counter through DNR Direct license and permit agents.

The Late-Winter Deer Antlerless Only Hunting Season will be expanded to a seven-day season on Dec. 31, 2009 - Jan. 3, 2010 and Jan. 15 - 17, 2010. Permits for the Late-Winter season will be issued in two categories, based on deer management needs in individual counties. In

select counties with a need for significant increases in deer harvest, hunters will be able to purchase Late-Winter permits without limit. In other counties, hunters will be limited to purchasing one Late-Winter deer permit. Permits will also be sold over the counter for the first time. As in the past, unused permits from the Firearm, Muzzleloader, and Youth seasons can be used during the Late-Winter season only if the unused permit is from a participating Late-Winter season county. Only antlerless deer may be taken with any valid unused permit.

The Special CWD Deer Hunting Season in select northern Illinois counties will also be expanded to a seven-day season on the same dates as the expanded Late-Winter season.

The Illinois Archery Deer Hunting Season will be Oct. 1, 2009 - Jan. 17, 2010. The archery season is being extended by three days to close on the same date as the Late-Winter and Special CWD seasons.

The IDNR will also expand the availability of deer hunting permits. Unsold Firearm and Muzzleloader-only deer permits will be made available over the counter through DNR Direct license and permit agents.

In the last several months, the IDNR reviewed originally proposed changes and sought additional input from hunting groups. As a result, the Late-Winter season was altered to an earlier split

season.

“We hope all hunters find these changes to be in their benefit during the coming seasons. The agency will continue to make a concerted effort to balance science based decision making with input and perspective from our constituents,” added Miller. “Constituent input and involvement are critical to the success of this agency and its programs. By re-energizing the Natural Resources Advisory Board and building a component for constituent input, the public will have a greater opportunity to have their voices heard.”

Deer seasons and regulations have changed a lot in recent years. How does deer hunting in Illinois stack up when compared with just 10 years ago?

During the 1999 Illinois deer seasons, hunters harvested 136,534 deer. At that time, those results ranked second only to the then-record harvest in the 1995 season. The harvest of does comprised 42 percent of the total harvest with bucks at 58 percent. In 1999, yearling bucks made up about 54 percent of the antlered-buck harvest, with older bucks making up the remaining 46 percent. That was considered good, particularly when compared with other states.

What about today? During the 2008 season, hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 188,425 deer, an increase of more than 51,000 deer and a boost of 38 percent compared

Hunting cont...

with 1999. Buck-to-doe ratios in the harvest last year were very balanced with about 50 percent of each. Although IDNR has not yet completed analysis of the buck age structure for 2008, it has hovered at about 40 percent yearlings/60 percent older bucks during each of the last three years. That is a significant im-

provement over years past.

The changes in Illinois deer regulations are detailed in amendments to state administrative rules, which will be posted for a 45-day public comment period on May 8. To review the amendments to 17 Ill. Adm. Code 650, 660, 670, 675, 680, and 685, go the IDNR web site

and click on the Administrative Rules link on the home page at <http://dnr.state.il.us>.

For more details and perspective on the regulations please visit the IDNR website at <http://dnr.state.il.us>.

Submitted by Cathy Canterbury of ASO Magazine

College...

have learned a lot working as the Chamber Administrator. My communication and organization skills have strengthened as well as my small business and community development knowledge. My experience here will benefit me in my further education and career.

In my short time here we have organized the Chamber Committee into subcommittees to better serve SCED: Marketing and Communication Committee, Membership Committee, Professional Development Committee and Special Events Committee.

I have redesigned the monthly newsletter now titled "Around the Table" and have contributed in writing many articles.

I have designed and produced The Chamber Update, SCED's weekly E-newsletter a source for upcoming events and promotion.

With the help of the Retailers group and Chamber Committee we started publishing a monthly coupon flyer along with starting the Sullivan Days. The Sullivan

Days help promote our businesses and get foot traffic through their doors. Some businesses have said that each Sullivan Day is their best sales day every month. I only see these Days getting bigger and our businesses growing more.

The Retailers and Chamber Committee have also helped me design a Sullivan Shopping & Dining Brochure which will be completed before I leave.

I have helped with the Chili Cook-off, coordinated the Christmas Parade, Annual Dinner and Business Expo. I will continue to coordinate the Golf Outing and 4th of July Jackpot until someone takes my place.

I have thoroughly enjoyed writing for the various travel publications along with the Moultrie County Visitors Guide. My favorite part of the job has been getting to know the local businesses and people in the community. Sullivan has such potential to grow and succeed. The SCED Board is currently looking for

my replacement and I have no doubt that the next person will add something even more to the organization.

My last day will be Friday, July 3rd. Though not all of what I wanted for the Chamber has been accomplished, I am positive the next Administrator will take off with what we've done so far and finish what else is needed for success.

I will sincerely miss everyone I work with and will especially miss my favorite monthly meeting with the Retailers. I am amazed at how many businesses want to work together for the benefit of the community, not just their own.

I wish the best to all my businesses and SCED! As always, let me know if I can do anything for you.



Submitted by Holly Thomas

US Army Corps of Engineers at Lake Shelbyville American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funding

Lake Shelbyville - The US Army Corps of Engineers has released a listing of Civil Works Projects that will be funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The legislation, signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009 appropriated \$4.6 billion to the US Army Corps of Engineers for 1,190 Civil Works Projects nationwide. "The Recovery Act funds for Civil Works will enable the US Army Corps of Engineers to do much good for the nation," John Paul Woodley, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, stated from Washington DC.

The portion of funding allocated to Lake Shelbyville, which is located within the St. Louis District, totals approximately \$11.2 million.

- \$4 million is allocated to replace the existing administration building that was built in the early 1960s. The new building will provide an energy efficient workspace which meets ADA requirements, reduces future operations and maintenance costs and consolidates staff that is currently working in four separate buildings.
- \$4 million is allocated to replace the visitor center that was

constructed utilizing an overlook facility put in place during the construction of the Lake Shelbyville Main Dam. Also part of this package is the replacement of a deteriorating, inefficient maintenance work facility.

- \$1.3 million is allocated to repair and replace buildings damaged by high water in 2002 and 2005.
- **\$963,000 is allocated to continue campground improvements within the Bo Wood Recreation Area. The work will include adding 70 to 80 campsites to the existing campground.**
- \$150,000 is allocated to place a center gallery ladder and replace a spiral staircase in the main dam.
- \$180,000 is allocated to purchase and install three automatic fee collection machines, which be located at boat ramps and beaches.
- \$200,000 is allocated for invasive species control on approximately 1,000 acres of land. Invasive species that will be targeted include autumn olive and bush honeysuckle.
- \$360,000 is allocated to hire 20 summer employees to assist in maintenance backlog within the recreation areas.

District Commander, Colonel

Thomas E. O'Hara has said that the St. Louis District's mission to provide quality, responsive engineering, and environmental services to the nation has been a core part of the process throughout. "We have and will work hard together with our partners and stakeholders to execute the projects that have been funded by this legislation."

The US Army Corps of Engineers acknowledges that the \$11.2 million allocated to Lake Shelbyville will not enable it to undertake all projects that met the criteria for selection. It will make significant progress on current construction projects and needed maintenance work while putting people to work. Those projects that were not selected for Recovery Act funds will continue to be considered for funding in future budgets.

The US Army Corps of Engineers must expend the Recovery Act funds by the end of Fiscal Year 2010 (Sept. 30, 2010). Some funds may be expended past the deadline depending on the circumstances encountered. Civil Works Projects that were allocated for funding can be found at www.usace.army.mil/RECOVERY/Pages/Projects.aspx.

Projects SCED Is Currently Working On For You

30 THINGS TO DO UNDER \$30

We are looking for ideas of things to do and buy for less than \$30 in and around Sullivan. Timmy Valentine, artist and owner of Harrison Street Inn, came up with the idea that people looking for things to do will be more likely to purchase if the cost is less than \$30. To help visitors as well as locals, the SCED would like to create a flyer to promote all of the things to do in and around Sullivan for less than \$30 and we won't hesitate to print a longer list if we get more than thirty! Please help us create this list by sending your ideas of things to do in our community that cost \$30 or less.

Email me at SullivanEconDev@hotmail.com or call 217-728-2684. The final list will also be available on our website.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT LIVING IN SULLIVAN?

One other project that Timmy Valentine is working on in conjunction with the Sullivan Area Arts (SAARTS) is a website that promotes the little things we all love about our community. What makes Sullivan a special place for you? Why do you choose to live here? Why did you move back to the area? What makes Sullivan home to you?

Many people look at demographics when choosing a community to live in such as the quality of the schools, the

safety, if there is recreation for the whole family and jobs for both spouses. Timmy and SAARTS are gathering special stories about Sullivan that will showcase all of those little treasures that make Sullivan a unique place to live. Once on the web, these stories will serve as a testimony for us and for potential visitors or residents.

Perhaps you like living here because we only have two stop-lights or because we wave to people even if we don't know who they are. Whatever the reason, please share it with us and help to create this collage of Sullivan. Email me at SullivanEconDev@hotmail.com or call 217-728-2684.

Submitted by Stepheny McMahon

It's Time To Get Your Swing On At The Course



Get ready to golf at the Sullivan Country Club on Friday, June 12, at the SCED Annual Golf Outing. The Irish-themed day will be split into a morning round of nine holes and an afternoon round of 18 holes.

The morning session starts at 8 a.m. with an award ceremony at 11:30 a.m. The afternoon session tees off at noon with an awards ceremony at 6:30 p.m.

The golf committee will be sell-

ing 50/50 raffle tickets prior to the event. Tickets will also be sold all day of the event with the winner announced at the afternoon awards ceremony. For information on buying raffle tickets prior to the 12th please contact the SCED office at 728-4223.

The morning session costs \$55 for Chamber members and \$65 for non-Chamber members. When non-Chamber members sign up for the morning session

they will receive a free Individual Membership for the rest of the year (a \$31.25 value). The afternoon session costs \$85 for Chamber members and \$185 for non-Chamber members.

Take the Friday off to support a good cause and have a great time! There will be food, drinks, games and a DJ.

Volunteers are welcomed and drink and eat for free!

Submitted by Holly Thomas

SCED 2009

Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser



\$55 9 Holes Morning Golf Per Person

\$65 9 Holes Morning Golf Per Person for NON-Chamber members and receive a free individual Chamber membership for the rest of the year

\$85 18 Holes Afternoon Golf Per Person



Friday, June 12, 2009 (Rain date set for Friday, June 19)



Sullivan Country Club serving a variety of drinks and food



Choose to play like an Irishman on 9 holes in the morning or with your lads on 18 holes in the afternoon.



Contact the SCED office to sign up or for more information at info@sullivanchamber.com or call 217-728-4223.

June 2009 Events

2Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Citywide Rummage Sale Hot Deals on the Square	6 Citywide Rummage Sale
7	8 7pm—School Board 7pm—City Council	9	10 “Singin in the Rain” opens at The Little Theatre on the Square	11 7pm—County Board 7pm—Air Force Band on the lawn at Mason Point	12 SCED Golf Outing	13 Sullivan City Wide Clean up Day 10 am—Cooking Class at Abundance of Life
14	15	16	17	18 7am—Chamber Committee Meeting	19 SCED Golf Outing rain date	20 Moultrie County Cancer Walk at Wyman Park
21	22 7pm—City Council	23	24	25	26 3:00-6:00 Farmers Market	27
28	29	30				

Downtown Parking Needs Extra Consideration from You!

Just a reminder that the highlighted days on the calendar indicate heavy parking demands. Please park accordingly. *Thank you!*

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Hot Deals On The Square

Friday, June 5

During the Citywide Rummage Sales Chamber businesses will be offering discounts and hot deals of their own.

Call SCED if interested in participating!



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Organized to promote the business, economic and civic well being of the City of Sullivan so that the community may grow and prosper.

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Start Enjoying The Benefits of the Chamber

Get involved with the Chamber and have your business promoted to the next level.

By being a Chamber member you can send flyers with the weekly Chamber Update or put in a blurb in actual Update.

Promote your business by writing an article for the monthly printed newsletter on what your business does and why people should take advantage of what you have to offer. Or for \$20, put an ad in the newsletter.

Each member is allowed to put a flyer in the newsletter for free each year. Remind the community of an event your holding or

your prices, services and products.

It's free to put a coupon in the SCED coupon flyer that is emailed out to members and distributed all around town. The deadline to get your coupon in is the 23rd of each month prior to the month it's used for.

Check the SCED Website to see your business's listing. Contact the office if you would like to add anything to your blurb as in hours of operation, prices, menus any specialty service or products. This site is to help generate business for you and the Sullivan area.

Promote your business by participating in the Sullivan Days. It's free and will help get consumers through your door.

Sponsor an event, hold a Business After Hours or Business Breakfast where you can network and get your name out.

Need confidential business advice or ideas for your business? SCORE counseling is available to any business or hopeful entrepreneur. Pick up an application from the SCED office.

There are many benefits of being a member that can help your business succeed grow.

Submitted by Holly Thomas