



## TCEDA's Tracking... Springboard to Success



Kim Kuchenbrod, of Vermillion Advantage from Vermillion County, Illinois.

### Highlights from the TCEDA 2016 Annual Meeting

#### Talent Pipeline Management

Kim Kuchenbrod, Workforce Development Consultant for Vermillion Advantage, to present at our Annual Meeting at the Irish Cottage in Galena, IL. Vermillion Advantage is works to enhance economic development in Vermillion County, IL. By bringing community businesses and the educators

together to create a prepared workforce, offering a large range of programs to encourage students to stay in school and obtain the proper and necessary training to become a productive part of the workforce. Kuchenbrod was able to give a firsthand account of the growing pains and trials they went through during the start of their organization to the multiple success stories in their community now.

TCEDA thanks its supporters and table sponsors Jo-Carroll Energy, Prairie Ridge, Illinois Bank & Trust and Jo Daviess County

### TCEDA Award Winners



Mindy Dalgarn (L) and Missy Dalgarn (R) were very excited to receive the Nonprofit Collaboration Award, and would like to encourage other communities to join in the effort.



John LeComte, chair of the Savanna Historical Museum and Cultural Center, accepts the 2016 TCEDA Community Collaborator Award on behalf of recipient Dorie Steffen from Thomson IL Village President Vicky Trager.



Barbara Efflant (C) accepted the TCEDA Nonprofit Collaboration Award on behalf of The Mop Shop founders, Melissa and Melinda Dalgarn, presented to her by Michael Hastings, president and CEO of Jo Carroll Energy and Libby Miller, president of Illinois Bank & Trust.



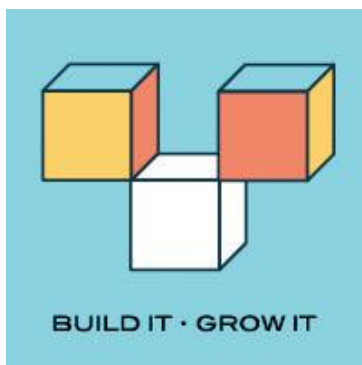
Tim Hood, president of Highland Community College (L), Michael Hastings, president and CEO of Jo Carroll Energy & Chair of the TCEDA Board of Directors (R), present TCEDA's 2016 Business Collaboration Award to Illinois Bank & Trust Galena Banking Center. Libby Miller, IBT president (C) accepts the award on behalf of the bank and its staff.

## NexGen Breakfast

TCEDA was excited to partner with Highland Community College to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the Jo Daviess County Leadership Forum. The theme of the morning was Growing Rural Communities and how to connect leadership with economic development and community service.

Moderator Alan Wenzel, forum instructor, led the five person panel of Kevin Turner, Bridget Stocks, Tracy Bauer, Julie Bruser and Dan Pepin, through a discussion on how the Leadership Forum has impacted them and the organizations they are associated with, to what they believe are important future topics for the next generation of leaders. In attendance were three Stockton High School students: Nikki Bourland, Drew Groezinger and Jacob Lawfer.

A special thanks to the NexGen Sponsors Apple River State Bank, First Community Bank, Citizens State Bank, Illinois Bank & Trust, Jo-Carroll Energy, Midwest Medical Center, Realtor Association of Northwest Illinois and US Bank.



## Build it \* Grow it

The next session of Build it \* Grow it will be held on May 26, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Village of Elizabeth, 310 N West St, Elizabeth IL. The consulting sessions with Brian McIntyre begin at 10:15 a.m. and are now held at IL Bank & Trust, 151 N Main St, Elizabeth.

For those wishing to sign up for a private consulting session, please book online at [www.tceda-nwil.org/builditgrowit](http://www.tceda-nwil.org/builditgrowit)

Future dates are June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22 & October 27.

Build it \* Grow it is coming to East Dubuque on July 14. For more details visit [www.tceda-nwil.org/builditgrowit](http://www.tceda-nwil.org/builditgrowit)

## Galena Area Chamber After

## Hours

Highland Community College Foundation and TCEDA teamed up to hold the Galena Chamber After Hours at DeSoto House. Attendees were able to learn about new programs being offered at Highland, meet the new College President, Tim Hood, and several other instructors from a selection of course studies. TCEDA presented the Build it \* Grow it business program, and described how it combines special educational sessions and private consultations with a small business expert.



## Do Jobs Follow People, or People Follow Jobs?

In this article the author explores if it is more worthwhile for counties and cities to invest in incentive packages to entice business to move in, or to invest in quality education for the residents to attract the businesses. Let us know your thoughts.

[SSTI, Recent Research: Do Jobs Follow People, or People Follow Jobs?](#)

## Meet our Board Member: Libby Miller

This month, we would like to introduce Libby Miller, Illinois Bank & Trust Galena Market President

Miller started work at Galena State Bank as a high school intern in 1971, and worked her way up through the ranks - Teller, Bookkeeper, Trust Secretary, Loan Assistant, and Operations. With the merger of Galena State Bank, Libby became Operations Officer of Illinois Bank & Trust's eleven branches located in Northwest Illinois. Most recently, she was named Market President of the Galena Region, which encompasses four branches in Galena, Stockton, and Elizabeth.



Lisa McCarthy, Executive Director of TCEDA, notes that "The experience and expertise that Miller brings to the Board will be especially valuable as we work to expand existing businesses and strengthen our workforce." We welcome Miller to TCEDA's Board of Directors.

TCEDA welcomes new members Village of Warren, Village of Hanover, Galena/Jo Daviess Convention and Visitors Bureau. We appreciate your investments! Thanks to renewing member CVR Partners, US Bank, Baranski Hammer Moretta and Sheehy, City of East Dubuque and Illinois Bank & Trust.

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We encourage our members to support the local entrepreneurs and businesses in our communities by supporting their business, thanking them for their hard work and dedication and referring them to TCEDA and the Build it \* Grow it program for any assistance they may need.

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TCEDA Executive Director Lisa McCarthy gave a summary of TCEDA's activities over the past year.

Is there a topic you would like to see in our e-newsletter? Send us an email. We welcome ideas and feedback from members and soon-to-be members. Let's execute to succeed!

Sincerely,

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