



The Roadrunner

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Awards

Goeckner Brothers dealership awarded a five-sided plaque from **Chrysler Corporation** for 75 years as a Chrysler dealership. The dealership is located at 600 East Fayette Ave. in Effingham.

Truck Centers, Inc., a premier Freightliner and Western Star dealer serving Illinois and Missouri, was recently recognized by **Daimler Trucks of North America** for 35 years of service and commitment to the Freightliner nameplate. The family-owned dealer network was one of the inaugural dealers awarded a Freightliner franchise after 8+ years representing White Motors.

Our congratulations to the aforementioned dealerships on their honors and achievements.

Sold

Rusty Wagner recently sold his 100-year-old family dealership, **Wagner Buick GMC**, to **Brad Joseph** at **Oliver C. Joseph Chrysler Dodge and Jeep** in Belleville, IL. Joseph's dealership is also a family owned dealership that has been in business for 98 years. The two dealerships operated directly across the road from each other on Illinois 15, which made for a smooth and friendly transition. Wagner will continue working for the dealership.

Closings

Fran Kral in downtown Rockford closed its doors at the end of 2012 after 60 years of busi-

ness. Fran Kral was located at 120 N. Third St in Rockford.

Libertyville Buick GMC, formerly located at 1120 S. Milwaukee Ave. in Libertyville closed its doors in mid January.

Retirements

Ron Delong has retired from **Delong Ford** in Dwight after 48 years in the family business. The Delong dealership business legacy is to be carried on by a new, and now fourth, generation.

Dennis Yokley steps down as General manager after 23 years at **Roger Jennings** in Hillsboro. Yokley is working his way toward an eventual retirement, and is now working as a sales consultant.

Deaths

Jeff Riess, owner and operator of Riess Ford Sales in Marissa passed away on January 26, 2013.

Klare S. Sunderland, President of **Orland Park Mercedes-Benz and BMW** in Orland Park passed away January 6, 2013. Klare was also the President of The Sun Motor Cars Automotive Group in Mechanicsburg, PA.

IADA extends its deepest sympathy to the families of Riess and Sunderland.

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