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Mission

The Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce is a member-driven organization, dedicated to a strong, private sector regional economy.

Vision

The Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce will be the preferred provider of watch-dog, education and advocacy services that form a mission-critical catalyst for business success.

on the cover

Shop Chamber Campaign

This year's 'SHOP SMART. SHOP LOCAL. SHOP CHAMBER.' campaign is in full swing! Look for cool reusable Shop Chamber shopping bags available for purchase (\$5 each) at many local retailers while supplies last, packed full of more than \$150 in local savings.



BAGS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST at Crushed Grapes, Elliott Fine Jewelers, Exactime Watch & Clock, Happy Up Inc., Hudson Jewelers, j.Blanquart, Mojo's Music, Ooh La La Spa, RunWell, Studio GAIA, The Bike Factory, The Gingham Buffalo, The Pilates Barre Studio, and What to Wear.

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12/12 Thursday 5-7pm

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1/8 Wednesday 8-9am

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2/5 Wednesday 8-9am

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1/14 Tuesday 12-1pm

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Juneau Associates, Inc., P.C. has provided professional engineering, land surveying and construction management services for public and private clients since 1955. Having begun as a branch office of another consulting firm, Juneau Associates, Inc., P.C. incorporated in July 1980.

Today the firm has offices in Edwardsville, Granite City, and St. Louis comprised of an engineering staff of 43 with outstanding professional qualifications in the fields of Civil Engineering and Land Surveying and Structural Engineering. This expertise is supported by state-of-the-art technology in surveying, mapping and computer aided design and drafting.

Juneau Associates staff believe in working closely with clients and listening carefully to the goals they envision, contributing the best of their engineering and management knowledge at each step of the process, working with the client and all others involved to assure the accuracy of our design and specifications. This coordination of effort is their clients' best guarantee of a satisfactory result.

Juneau Associates' surveying qualifications are supported by an exemplary history and reputation for surveys in the states of Illinois and Missouri.

The firm has served multiple private, municipal and governmental clients throughout these states and compiled a comprehensive library of survey records dating back to the late 1800s.



Juneau's Edwardsville, IL Office

"We are proud of what we've accomplished, but moreover, we're proud of the role our clients have allowed us to share in the shaping their communities and businesses. We're constantly growing and expanding our capabilities to serve our clients' needs," said Charles Juneau, president of Juneau Associates, Inc., P.C. "We take pride in the quality and accuracy of our surveys which is achieved through a combination of experience and technology," he added.

To learn more about Juneau Associates, Inc., P.C., go to www.jaipc.com or call 618.659.0900. See below for photo examples of recent projects completed by Juneau Associates, Inc., P.C.



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Gerald Moritz, MD, is board certified in otolaryngology and has been serving the St. Louis area since 1975. In order to better serve his patients, he has now opened an office in Edwardsville.

When he's not busy seeing patients, Dr. Moritz can be found at home working in his garden, trap or skeet shooting in the country, fly fishing, riding his bike 25-30 miles on a Sunday, or spending quality time with his family, which includes Pippi Longstocking, pictured here, a 5-year-old Cavalier King Charles Spaniel who rules at the Moritz home.

As a highly regarded ear, nose and throat specialist, his areas of expertise include:

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50-59 YEARS

Buhrmester Paint & Wallpaper Inc.

10-19 YEARS

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5-9 YEARS

Edwardsville Arts Center
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1-4 YEARS

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Glen Carbon Heritage Museum & The Wooden Nickel Pub & Grill, November 14



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Edwardsville Vision Center, November 21



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ribbon cuttings



SIUE Science Building West, November 4



Zapp Thai Restaurant, November 15



Afterwords Books, November 16



Mojo's Music, November 26

5 Ways to See Your Business in *Common Ground*

- 1 Purchase Advertising
- 2 Write an "Ask the Expert" Column
- 3 Submit an Announcement
- 4 Win Our Business of the Month Award
- 5 Come to Chamber Events!

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Dorcas Powers
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TheBANK Of Edwardsville Sponsors Edison's Kids Club, 'Sundays With Santa' Will Kick Off New Partnership

Edison's Entertainment Complex has partnered with TheBANK of Edwardsville on their kids club program. TheBANK recently signed on as the presenting sponsor of Edison's Lil' Inventors Kids Club, and the two local leaders in the community will celebrate their new partnership by hosting "Sundays with Santa" at Edison's.

Edison's Lil' Inventors Club sponsored by TheBANK of Edwardsville is a kids club available to children ages 12 and under. The club is free to join, and members receive a free \$5 arcade card upon joining, personalized birthday cards, discounts on birthday parties at Edison's, and access to at least 5 exclusive events throughout the year. Because of TheBANK of Edwardsville's generous partnership, Edison's is able to offer both club memberships and exclusive events throughout the year at no cost to its members.

Sundays with Santa will run from 1-4pm on December 8, 15, and 22, and kids can get their photo taken with Santa for free. These events are open to the public and free to all who attend. Kids under the age of 13 who are not members of Edison's Lil' Inventors Club sponsored by TheBANK of Edwardsville may sign up on the spot and receive a complimentary \$5 arcade card.

Voted "North America's Best New Entertainment Center of 2013" by Tourist Attractions and Parks Magazine, Edison's features bowling, laser tag, an arcade, and a full-service lounge and restaurant. Edison's is located in Edwardsville just a mile North of I-270 at 2477 S. State Rte. 157. To learn more about Edison's Lil' Inventors Club sponsored by TheBANK of Edwardsville or the "Sundays with Santa" event series, visit www.edisonsfun.com or call 618.307.9020



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your business

Express Employment Professionals 'Pay It Forward' With December Holiday Hiring Drive

Give the gift of employment by joining Express Employment Professionals' Pay It Forward Holiday Hiring Drive as we strive to place 50 job seekers in the Metro-East area during the week of Dec 9th - 15th. Being out of work during the holidays can be particularly tough, and we would like to make sure as many people as possible earn a paycheck just in time for the holidays. Our "Pay it Forward Drive" also has a "Hire 1 Help 2" feature where Express will donate \$2/hr to The Phoenix Crisis Center for every hour worked by our associate. This applies to new assignments and clients for that week only.

Join us in our effort to help put 50 new people to work in our community in one week bringing hope and encouragement to them and their families during the Christmas Holiday.



HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

- 1. HIRE:** Hire an Express employee during the week of Dec 9th- 15th. Not only will you gain a qualified worker to help meet your needs, but that worker will earn a paycheck before the holidays.
- 2. Benefit:** Take advantage of this opportunity to perform year end functions or special projects.
- 3. SHARE:** Share our campaign with other area businesses to assist us with our vision of employing and providing a paycheck for 50 unemployed people during the holiday season in our community.

POSITIONS TO CONSIDER: file clerk, data entry clerk, accounting clerk, receptionist, retail clerk, administrative assistant, general labor, construction labor, construction clean up, housekeeping, pick and pack, warehouse.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE: To learn more about the Pay It Forward Holiday Hiring Drive and how you can participate, contact your local Express office: Marc Voegelé at 618.288.8011 or marc.voegele@expresspros.com.

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SBDC at SIUE Launches New Facebook Page

The Illinois Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville has rolled out a new Facebook page and you are invited to "Like" the changes. "We are changing our name to better encompass all those we serve in our nine county region," said SBDC Director Patrick McKeenan. "We invite you to share your thoughts and comments about your small business experience. We hope you'll make the move with us!"

Go to facebook.com/metroeastSBDC stay informed on the many services the SBDC provides to local small businesses and entrepreneurs.

The SBDC also posts on Twitter under the user name @MetroEastSBDC. for valuable content on a wide range of topics, including entrepreneurship, marketing, small business management, financial resources, social media, and learning opportunities.

To learn more about the SBDC, call 618.650.2929 or go to siue.edu/business/sbdc.


Sanderson Joins Dimond Bros. Insurance Agency

Dimond Bros. Insurance Agency is pleased to announce that Sara Sanderson has joined the agency as an account executive.



Sara brings to Dimond Bros. seven years of professional insurance experience. She will be responsible for new business growth in the St. Louis metro area as well as downstate Illinois. Sara holds a Bachelor of Business Administration Management degree from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville. She resides in Edwardsville and is an active member of the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce as an ambassador.

"We are fortunate to have someone of Sara's experience and background join our agency," said Ryan Matthews. "I am very excited to see her continue her successful track record as well as delivering exceptional customer service to our clients."



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Website Woes Don't Keep Gateway Regional Medical Center from Helping with Health Coverage Sign-Up

You've most likely heard the confusion surrounding the website for the Health Insurance Marketplace, the government's new platform for offering affordable health insurance. While the site may not be fully functional yet, Gateway Regional application counselors can help make things more clear and assist with the sign-up process.

A primary goal of the Affordable Care Act is to help eligible Americans gain access to affordable health care. Most U.S. citizens are required to enroll for health insurance by March 31, 2014. Based on household income and dependents, you may be eligible for health insurance coverage at no cost through Medicaid. Or, you may be eligible for new health insurance options on the Health Insurance Marketplace – and financial help from the government towards the cost of premiums may be available.

"This is where Gateway Regional can help," said Ed Cunningham, CEO. "With many people in our community lacking access to a computer or having difficulty enrolling on the government's website, our application counselors can help. We can assist individuals and their families evaluate the available

health plan options and determine if they are eligible for Medicaid or other financial assistance."

Health Plans on Health Insurance Marketplaces: All health plans on the Marketplace must offer a comprehensive set of benefits, and individuals cannot be denied coverage based on a pre-existing condition. Some of the available health benefits include preventive care and wellness services, doctor visits, prescription drugs, hospital and emergency department care, lab services, pediatric services – and more.

Open enrollment runs through March 31, 2014. To make an appointment for sign-up help for the Health Insurance Marketplace or Medicaid, call 618.798.3206



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Cork Tree Creative Adds Shelly Wolfe as Director of SEO & Social Media Services

Cork Tree Creative, Inc., a local public relations, graphic design and web design company, recently announced the addition of Shelly Wolfe to the company's growing firm. Wolfe joins Cork Tree Creative as director of search engine optimization (SEO) and social media services.



As former owner of Wolfe SEO Services, she brings nearly 10 years of experience in social media and SEO to the company. Her experience in social media began when Facebook was first introduced in 2004 as a higher education based social network. She has continued to refine her skills ever since. Shelly has created and provided training courses for individuals and businesses for both social media and SEO and continues to provide quality expertise in each of those fields. Her experience encompasses providing services for public, private and higher education entities.

According to Jan Carpenter, co-owner of Cork Tree Creative, "Shelly brings to our company a great deal of experience and wealth in two growing areas of our industry. Social media and SEO have long been services we provide but adding her to our team takes our level of service to a whole different level. We welcome her to the team and know that she will be a great asset to our well-rounded staff."

Cork Tree Creative, Inc. is a full-service marketing firm offering public relations, graphic design, web design, social media implementation, search engine optimization and more. "We are fortunate to have a veteran staff made up of individuals who excel and specialize in each of the services we provide. And, our ability to offer such a wide scope of services in-house allows us to better manage projects from start to finish, making for more organized execution and a better value for our clients," added Carpenter.

Cork Tree Creative, Inc., located at 60 South IL Route 157 in Edwardsville is owned by Jan Carpenter and Laura Reed. For more information, please call 618.656.7333 or go to corktreecreative.com

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Hospice of Southern Illinois Launches Mobile App for Quick Referrals & Creating Slideshows of Memories

Hospice of Southern Illinois has recently released a free mobile phone application corresponding with National Hospice & Palliative Care Month in November. This app is useful for physicians, healthcare professionals, patients and families, and the community. It will be available in the App Store and Google Play store for iPhones, Androids, and BlackBerrys by searching "Hospice of Southern Illinois" in the search field and looking for the burgundy butterfly icon.

The Hospice of Southern Illinois app features the ability to make a referral 24 hours a day, 7 days a week right from the palm of your hand. Physicians, healthcare professionals, and patients or family can submit a referral to get a response within minutes. The app provides easy access to general hospice criteria and frequently asked questions which can be especially helpful to healthcare professionals, patients and families. Another feature gives users the tools to make a donation or find out information about how they can support Hospice of Southern Illinois. The final and most unique function is the ability to create a slideshow.

"Making referrals through a mobile application is a really exciting step into the future of healthcare. It makes it easier for physicians to contact us. We are always looking for ways to improve our accessibility to those in need of hospice care. What really excites me about the app is the slideshow section because it really sets Hospice of Southern Illinois' Phone App apart from other hospice applications," explains Christine Juehne, print and social media coordinator at Hospice of Southern Illinois.



"Users can take photos, add colorful frames, select music of all genres, and convert into a photo slideshow to share via social media, email, or text messaging," Christine adds, "The whole app is an amazing resource. The slideshow function is the little extra you can always count on from Hospice of Southern Illinois when it comes to our patients and families, to honor their loved ones and celebrate life!"

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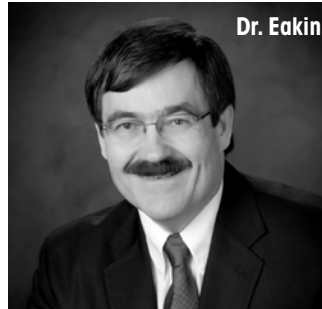
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Anderson Hospital Foundation Adds Two Physicians to Board

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A governing board of directors focuses solely on contributions, prospecting and obtaining new donors, while making certain sound planning investments are made for the foundation, all creating an increase of income revenue for the hospital. Anderson Hospital board of trustees member, Lendell Phelps, co-chairman of the Anderson Hospital Foundation board, recently announced the addition of Dr. Max Eakin and Dr. Tom Hill to the Foundation board. "It is with great pleasure that we add two of Anderson's great physicians to the board," said Phelps. "Their history with our hospital and community will serve as a distinct asset to our mission."



Dr. Eakin



Dr. Hill

They join board members Tom R. Maxwell of Edwardsville, Kathie Opel of Edwardsville, Barry Wilson of Maryville; and officers Mike Marshall (Anderson Hospital Vice President of Finance), Keith Page (Anderson Hospital President & CEO), Lendell Phelps (Anderson Foundation Board Chairman), and Mark Shashek (Anderson Hospital Board of Trustees Chair)

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