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April 27, 2017

7:30am

Legislative Breakfast *with the* Mayors



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7:30am Full Breakfast Buffet

8:00am Introductions, Welcome & Program

In the Leclaire Room at Lewis and Clark Community College's N.O. Nelson Campus

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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.

Mission

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

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Annual Mayors' Breakfast: April 27, 2017

The Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce's Mayors' Legislative Breakfast, an annual event planned by the chamber's government affairs committee, is scheduled for **Thursday, April 27** in the **Leclaire Room** at **Lewis and Clark Community College's N.O. Nelson campus**.

This is an excellent opportunity to **build relationships with fellow business people**, learn about current affairs in Edwardsville/Glen Carbon, and celebrate the many **accomplishments** of the communities we serve. **Mayors of Edwardsville & Glen Carbon** will provide guests an update on **current economic development projects** within their respective municipalities, and a **recap of 2016 project, permit and sales tax data**. This annual breakfast provides our two local municipalities the opportunity to present 'state of the city/village' information as it relates to our business constituency.

7:30am Hot Breakfast Buffet

8:00am Program Begins

\$29 Per Person (Ed/Glen Chamber members)

\$39 Per Person (guests)

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4/5 Wednesday 8-9am

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4/11 Tuesday 7:15-8am

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4/10 Monday 4:30pm

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4/11 Tuesday 4pm

Ribbon Cutting &
Grand Re-Opening
Comfort Inn
3080 South IL Route 157
Edwardsville, IL 62025

4/12 Wed 8:30am-12:30pm

Illinois Chamber of Commerce
OSHA Training & Regulatory Update
Holiday Inn Express & Suites
1000 Plummer Drive
Edwardsville, IL 62025
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4/18 Tuesday 4pm

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Edwardsville, IL 62025

4/20 Thursday 5-7pm

Business After 5
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4/25 Tuesday 5:30-8pm

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2017 OSHA Training & Regulatory Update



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Patrick Sanders of SmithAmundsen, LLC*

Join the Illinois Chamber of Commerce for a half-day seminar, presented by Patrick Sanders of SmithAmundsen. Patrick will cover OSHA program basics, what's new for 2017, and provide the latest advice on how to navigate an OSHA on-site inspection step-by-step.

Topics include:

- Latest enforcement efforts based on the enhanced civil penalty amounts
- OSHA General Industry Walking-Working Surfaces and Personal Fall Protection System standards
- The latest on post-accident drug testing and safety Incentive rules
- Enforcement trends for 2017

Don't miss this informative and timely program!

Continuing Education Credits:

This seminar has been submitted for approval to offer 4 CLE credits for attorneys.

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This seminar has been pre-approved to offer 4 SHRM Professional Development Credits (PDCs).

Registration Information:

Wednesday, April 12, 2017 | 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Holiday Inn Express: 1000 Plummer Drive, Edwardsville, IL 62025

Early Bird - (For everybody) - Sign up before March 22 - \$159

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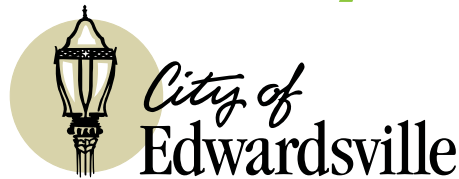
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8-9am Introductions, Welcome & Program

In the Leclaire Room at Lewis and Clark Community College's N.O. Nelson Campus

Breakfast *with the* Mayors

Please reserve _____ tickets at \$29 each (\$39 non-members)

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Thursday, May 11 | 7:30 am - 9:30 am

The Life of a Workers' Compensation Claim

*A morning breakfast seminar taught by
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SUMMARY

The life of a workers' compensation claim starts with the employee, but most importantly, the employer. Once a claim makes its way to litigation, Inman & Fitzgibbons, Ltd. is prepared to represent the employer each step of the way to resolve the claim. In this presentation, we will navigate through the anatomy of a workers' compensation claim, starting with the filing of the Application of Adjustment of Claim and concluding with either settlement or trial. We will discuss the intricacies of handling a workers' compensation claim before the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission from start to finish, as well as what you can expect when represented by defense counsel like Inman & Fitzgibbons, Ltd.

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

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Thursday, May 11, 2017 | 7:30 am - 9:30 am

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Price - \$35.00



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First Clover Leaf Bank Becomes First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust

First Clover Leaf Bank, N.A. recently converted to First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust, N.A. ("First Mid"). The First Clover Leaf Bank branches in Edwardsville, Wood River and Swansea, Illinois and Clayton, Missouri opened on Monday, March 20 as First Mid. The First Clover Leaf Bank branch in Highland has merged with the First Mid Highland branches.

First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust and First Clover Leaf Bank have been working together for several months to make the transition as smooth as possible for customers. Customers received Welcome Packets in the mail with important information about their accounts and any changes they may expect.

"We've been getting the word out through direct mail, email, TV, radio, our websites and other means so that customers are prepared," said First Clover Leaf Bank Regional President Lisa Fowler. "There will be some one-time actions customers will need to take, such as logging into online banking and activating new debit cards. Our Customer Solutions Center and Metro Region banking centers are prepared to help customers with any questions they may have."

Chartered in 1865, First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust is recognized as one of America's top performing banks, having earned a five-star Bauer Financial rating, been recognized as a top 100 community bank by S&P Global Market Intelligence, as well as being named Small Business Administration (SBA) 2016 Central/Southern Illinois Community Lender of the Year. With the completion of the First Clover Leaf Bank acquisition, First Mid now has 53 banking centers and 66 ATMs across Illinois. This growth expands its overall service area and offers customers banking capabilities in 37 Illinois and Missouri communities.

First Mid Chairman and CEO Joe Dively said, "We are continually looking for ways to expand banking products and services to our customers, including insurance and trust & wealth management services. Expanding our presence in the St. Louis Metro area greatly improves the overall service area for our customers and we look forward to maintaining strong relationships and involvement in these communities."



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Availability: Year-Round; Cans & bottles

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Korte & Luitjohan Welcomes Muentnich

Korte & Luitjohan Contractors (K&L), is pleased to announce that Scott Muentnich has joined the K&L team as director of client relations. Scott comes to K&L with more than 20 years of construction and development experience, overseeing a variety of projects both as a project manager and manager of multi-state commercial/industrial business development. Scott has the designation of LEED Accredited Professional. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Construction Management from SIUE. He resides in Collinsville with his wife Stephanie Muentnich and their two children.

K&L is a full-service general contracting firm based in Highland. Since its founding in 1958, the company has provided quality construction throughout the region. K&L offers design-build, pre-construction services, construction management, and general contracting for commercial, financial, healthcare, educational, religious, historical renovation, and industrial facilities. K&L's broad experience and knowledge base allow us to provide a high degree of project control to enable us to work closely with clients to meet their operational needs. For more information go to www.korteluitjohan.com.

Leadership Council Forms Academy, Deadline Near

The Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois is now enrolling individuals who want to enhance their leadership skills for professional success. Prominent businesses leaders will present six informative and interactive sessions on communication, team building, leadership, management, networking, and community relations.

The program will begin April 19, 2017 and sessions will be held from 8:30am-12pm once per month for six months in O'Fallon, IL, ending on September 20, 2017. Registration is \$450 and includes all course materials and lunches. For more information and to register, call 618.692.9745 or email office@leadershipcouncilswil.com. Registration closes April 12, 2017.



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Faller Named Partner Of West & Company, LLC

David W. Faller has been named a partner of West & Company, LLC. Faller is a native of Newton and a graduate of the University of Illinois. He resides in Dieterich with his spouse, Pam and their children.

Faller was recently named partner-in-charge of the firm's accounting and auditing department. His duties include oversight of the firm's quality control policies and procedures and of the firm's adherence to professional standards.

West & Company, LLC is a full service accounting firm with an emphasis in accounting and auditing, income tax preparation, bookkeeping and payroll services, employee benefit plan services, and estate and financial planning.

The firm was founded in 1968 and has grown to become a regional accounting firm with offices in Champaign, Edwardsville, Effingham, Greenville, Mattoon and Sullivan and has approximately seventy (70) employees. They have been designated a G-400 firm by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

Stevens Elected Southern IL Chapter Chairman

GCS Credit Union Asset Recovery Manager Jay Stevens has been elected to serve as the Southern Illinois Chapter Chairman of the Illinois Credit Union League (ICUL) for 2017-2018. Stevens represents the collective interests and future of 15 counties of credit union members. Stevens has been involved in the chapter for eight years with various official positions. In 2016, Stevens was elected to chapter vice chairman for the first time. Stevens believes firmly in the credit union roots of 'people helping people' and plans to run his term based on this philosophy.

Stevens stated, "I want to help further the credit union movement. I want to get more credit unions in our chapter involved. As credit unions we need to work together to achieve our common goals. I hope that as president of the chapter that I can help make a difference in our movement and that we can continue to do good in our local communities."

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Marcel Brown Technology Services Reaches 15-Year Milestone, Brown Reflects On Changes In Tech

It was fifteen years ago this April when I made the decision to leave employment elsewhere and make my side business my full-time job. Two weeks later, April 15th, was the first day I didn't go to work for someone else and instead went to work for my clients exclusively. I can still remember the feeling of independence, just like the last day of high school (which was the same day I turned 18), where I was in charge of my own life and I no longer needed to answer to anybody else. Of course, I had no idea what I was getting into at the time and maybe if I had I wouldn't have done it. No, actually I know I would have still started my own business because the freedom one gets from being an entrepreneur and being in charge of one's own destiny is worth the hardships.

Fifteen years is a long time, but especially in the technology field, which my whole life has been dedicated to. Looking back fifteen years, I thought about how far technology has advanced. It was spring of 2002. Windows XP and the iPod had just been introduced the previous fall. There was no such thing as the Geek Squad at Best Buy. The Blackberry was still just an oversized pager that only did e-mail. And there was little technology help available for

small businesses and individuals. So I made it my mission to help those that were overlooked by the IT firms that claimed they handled "small" business. I also made it my purpose to stay well informed of the changes in the technology industry so that I could help my clients take advantage of the latest technology to stay ahead of their competitors.



Since I have seen so many changes in the technology field since I've been in business full-time, I thought it would be fun to look back and make a list of the most important technologies of the last fifteen years. Starting March 31st with my short list of honorable mentions and running through April 15th, the fifteenth anniversary of my first full day in business, I will reveal day by day my list of the fifteen most important technologies of the last fifteen years. Please follow along and reminisce with me on how technology has changed our lives in that time. www.marcelbrown.com

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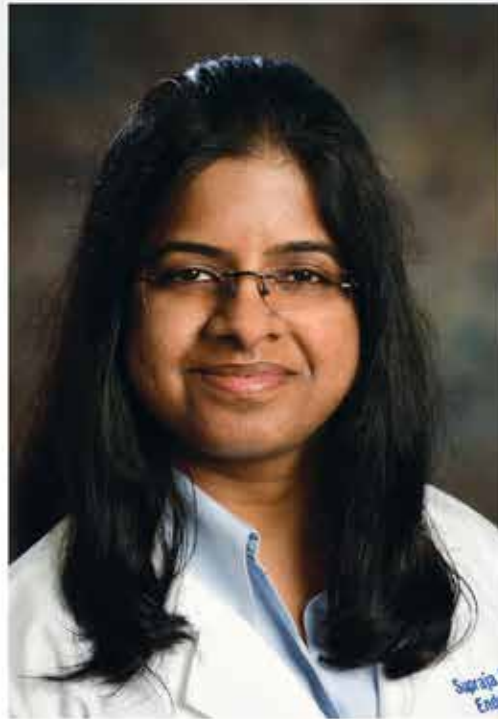
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Illinois Chamber of Commerce March 2017 Government Affairs Report

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CHAMBER ODDS AND ENDS: The last GAR included an alert to members on an issue that may impact several Chamber members. HB 3419 (Andrade) and SB 1798 (Hastings) would both adopt a tax haven blacklist that is designed to address purported tax evasion by businesses that establish subsidiaries in so-called "tax havens." The legislation also amends the Procurement Code to forbid "expatriate" companies from bidding on state contracts, as well as amending state pension laws to forbid investment by the state pension systems in "expatriate" companies.



In addition, a recent GAR also highlighted two other bills that would impact on the broader business climate in Illinois. SB 1502 (Hastings) and HB 2774 (Turner) would require companies to provide advance notice in a privacy policy of any possible disclosure of a broad range of information to a third party, even if that disclosure is not in any way material to the consumer. A failure to do so or an error - even an honest mistake where no one is harmed - could invite burdensome class action litigation and potential class action liability. The Chamber is opposed to both of these bills.

TAX: The House Revenue committee held subject matter hearings on a number of bills on Thursday, including HB 453 and HB 2458 sponsored by Representative Flowers. HB 453 proposes a Financial Transaction Tax. The tax proposed by the legislation is styled as a "privilege tax" on engaging in financial transactions on certain specified exchanges located in Chicago. HB 2458 provides that a home rule municipality with 1,000,000 or more inhabitants may, by ordinance, levy a tax on stock, commodity or options transactions. The Chamber opposes both of these bills.

TAX – HB 3393 (Welch) passed out of House Revenue Committee on a partisan roll call. The bill amends the Illinois Income Tax Act to impose a privilege tax at a rate of 20% on partnerships and S corporations engaged in the business of conducting investment management services, until such time as a federal law with an identical effect has been enacted. The Chamber is opposed to this bill.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT – HB 2958 (Fine) passed out of the House Consumer Protection Committee 3-2. This bill would ban the use of various pavement sealant statewide. The Chamber opposes.

BUSINESS REGULATION – HB 2532 (Moeller) passed out of the House Civil Procedure Subcommittee 2-1-0. This bill amends the Eminent Domain Act to provide that if either party in the condemnation action demands a trial by jury, then the condemning authority may not take possession of the property before a determination of just compensation is made by verdict of the jury. The Chamber opposed the bill. The bill is now in the House Judiciary Civil Committee.

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE – HB 3004 (Riley) passed as amended in House Mass Transit Committee 9-1. The bill allows the RTA to issue working cash bonds and establish lines of credit. The Chamber supports this bill.

EMPLOYMENT LAW – HB 2525 (Hoffman) passed House Labor and Commerce Committee 17-12. This is the same legislation that House Democrats passed during the previous General Assembly's lame duck session in January. The Chamber views the changes as creating more government bureaucracy, codifying bad case law and increasing costs to Illinois employers.

PROCUREMENT – House Amendments 1 to both HB 137 (Hoffman) and HB 138 (Hoffman) passed favorably out of the House State Government Committee this week on a partisan roll call. These bills would amend the state's procurement code to require the state to purchase equipment manufactured in Illinois if applicable, or the United States. The Chamber slipped in opposition.

PROCUREMENT – HB 795 (Halpin) was not called this week but the Chamber has confirmed with the sponsor that he intends on calling the bill in committee next week. This bill would require the state of Illinois to purchase vehicles with a VIN numbers from either the US and/or Canada. The Chamber opposes this bill as it would result in higher costs and limited choices for the state taxpayers, strain relations with Mexico and would result in more obstacles for auto workers, the auto industry and the small Illinois employers they support.

US CHAMBER RELEASES CONGRESSIONAL SCORECARD: This week the U.S Chamber of Commerce honored 266 members of the U.S House of Representatives and 55 members of the U.S Senate with its annual Spirit of Enterprise Award, given in recognition for pro-growth policies in the second session of the 114th Congress.

Winners from the Illinois Delegation include:

Mark Kirk (R) - 100%	Daniel Lipinski (D) - 79%
Peter Roskam (R) - 100%	Bob Dold (R) - 93%
Mike Bost (R) - 100%	Rodney Davis (R) - 100%
Randall Hultgren (R) - 100%	John Shimkus (R) - 100%
Adam Kinzinger (R) - 100%	Darin LaHood (R) - 100%

During the second session of the 114th Congress, the Chamber scored members on 8 Senate votes and 14 House votes related to access to capital for small businesses, ensuring our workforce has the skills necessary for the jobs of tomorrow, and helping American manufacturers compete in a global economy. In addition, votes in support of building the U.S. water infrastructure system, protecting intellectual property, and updating energy policy also factored into scoring. Go to www.uschamber.com/how-they-voted/2016 for a complete list of 'How They Voted 2016.'



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