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Through commitment and involvement of its members, the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce provides leadership for the benefit of the business community by promoting economic opportunities, advocating in the interests of business, providing members with education and resources, and encouraging mutual support.

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"We have years of experience caring for families from all walks of life. Each family comes to us because they know we are leaders in our profession dedicated to excellence in service and have the highest integrity," said Michael Weber.

Edward Rodney received his degree in mortuary science at SIU Carbonale and became licensed in 1970. He is a first generation funeral director in his family. Michael Weber received his license in 1979 after attending Forest Park Community College in St. Louis. Mike is the fourth generation in his family to go into the business. Edward's son Brandon received his license 2012 after attending Forest Park Community College making him the second generation in the Rodney family to go into the funeral business.

"It is an honor to be able to help the families we serve make a difficult time a little easier," Edward explained.

Marks, Weber & Company started in the 100 block of North Main Street in 1901, moving to the current location in 1927. Weber & Rodney Monuments Sales was added in 1999.

When asked about any upcoming changes or announcements, Mike responded, "We have no immediate plans however in 2012 we went through a major remodel of the main floor of the funeral home, a major commitment to future service to the families we serve."

Edward was an active member and officer in the Edwardsville Jaycees for many years, the Edwardsville Rotary Club and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Mike has helped numerous organizations with fun raising efforts, and other staff members are involved as volunteers.

An Ed/Glen Chamber member since 1953, Mike shared, "We have always believed that belonging to and supporting the chamber is just good for the community and our business."

To learn more about Weber & Rodney Funeral Home, stop by in person at 304 North Main Street in Edwardsville, call 618.656.4655, or go to weberfuneralhome.com.



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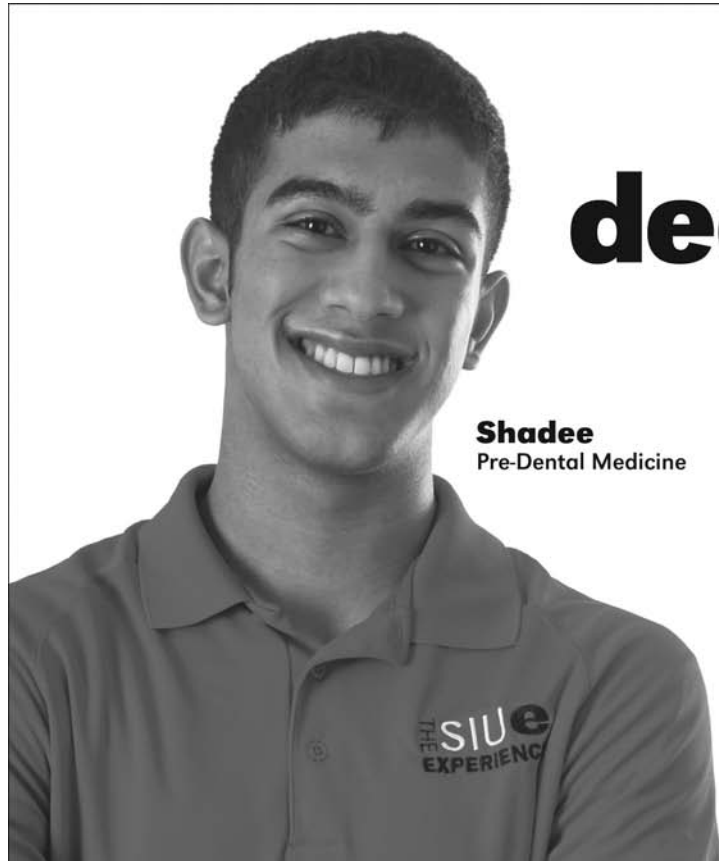
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Anderson Hospital
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Battery Specialists + Golf Cars & Sunset Hills Country Club, October 10



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Visions by Carol Photography, October 24



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ribbon cuttings



USA Mortgage Financial Group, October 1



The Children's Museum Boeing Science Exhibit, October 5



Edwardsville Rotary Playground at Township Park, October 13



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"Carlyle Abstract Company is remaining in the same building, you will still see the same faces every day," explains Mehochko. "Basically, it will be the

same company providing clients the same commitment to customer service and attention to detail. Carlyle Abstract will just be able to expand its reach into new markets."

Sivia says the sale will allow Carlyle Abstract Company to serve Marion, Washington, Clinton, Bond, Madison, Macoupin and Jersey counties. "We aren't interested in changing the structure or focus of Carlyle Abstract," says Sivia. "We simply want to continue moving the company forward and see it grow."

Sivia Business & Legal Services, P.C. is an asset protection law firm and mainly focusing on general business law, real estate, estate planning, probate, and elder law. Sivia Business & Legal Services, P.C. is committed to quality legal representation at affordable prices. The law firm is located at 217 South Main Street in Edwardsville, and 912 North Main Street in Brighton. For more information, go to www.sivialaw.com.

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Studio Gaia Introduces Digital Infrared Scans for a Jump Start on Preventative Health

Studio Gaia, yoga studio and wellness center on 201 Hillsboro Avenue in Edwardsville, has teamed up with Medical Thermography of Metro St. Louis quarterly to host digital infrared thermal imaging (DITI) scans. DITI scans search for inflammation, lymph blockages, and abnormalities in body tissue. DITI can scan any or all areas of male and female bodies, and can be an especially powerful new tool in monitoring breast health and aiding in preventative health efforts.

Prices vary depending on the area of the body; 30 minute breast scans are \$175. Trained technicians administer the procedure, and the results are quickly reported by Duke University trained and certified doctors. The report, along with color images can be sent to your physician of choice to be evaluated and instructed for further care.

With Studio Gaia focusing more on overall breast health, this method of earlier detection is a crucial service to offer. A change in daily routines at the first sight of abnormalities can reverse growth and reduce inflammation before aggressive tumors would ever be seen on other diagnostic tests.

Certified DITI Technician, Kelly Bringle says "the scans are completely risk free and can detect changes and growth within two to four years, as opposed to mammograms which usually cannot show growths before 6-10 years of existence." Satisfied participant, Rennae, left the scan room saying "it was painless, effective and easy."

Studio Gaia emphasizes the daily care of the body through regular physical movement, mental wellness activities, raw or mildly cooked plant based nutrition, the use of natural oils, and the periodic use of DITI scans to detect abnormalities and promote overall health.

There are a limited number of time slots available for DITI on scan days. This month's event was fully booked. Participants are urged to schedule appointments for the next quarterly visit; Wednesday, January 15, 2014, as soon as possible.

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Bruce A. Capelle, AIA, has joined Korte & Luitjohan Contractors, Inc., as project manager. Bruce's unique, 25-year architectural perspective will be a valuable addition to assist in meeting clients' needs with designs and specifications and to the continued development of the firm's design/build program. Korte & Luitjohan is excited to welcome Bruce to our team, as the firm continues its mission of "building a higher standard."



Korte & Luitjohan Contractors, Inc., established in 1958, is a family owned, full service general contractor located in Highland, with a portfolio extending into commercial building, heavy infrastructure, and utility construction services markets. Korte & Luitjohan accommodates clients' needs through various delivery methods which include design/build and general contracting.

TheBANK of Supports Early Childhood Reading

TheBANK of Edwardsville is proud to support Ready Readers and Riverbend Head Start & Family Services as they join forces to expand their early childhood reading initiative at five centers located in Alton, Edwardsville, Granite City and Collinsville. Ready Readers inspires preschool children from low-income households to become readers by reading aloud to them, increasing their exposure to quality books and providing reading-related activities. Ready Readers is a perfect match for Riverbend Head Start & Family Services, which is a non-profit organization on a mission to enable children and families in Madison County to develop positive skills to meet life's challenges. With the partnership and expansion throughout Madison County, volunteer readers are needed now. Volunteers will read to children in Riverbend Head Start classrooms for 30 minutes per week. They will also help build a child's at-home library by presenting each child with at least six new books each school year, as well as information for parents explaining how the child can best use the books at home.

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Scott Credit Union Continues Support of Edwardsville Orchestra Boosters

Scott Credit Union recently presented a \$7,500 check to a representative from the Edwardsville Orchestra Boosters for its continued support of the organization. SCU has committed to support the EOB with \$30,000 over a four-year period.

Scott Credit Union Community Relations Representative Lauren Hoefert presented the \$7,500 check to Orchestra Boosters Past President Lisa Browner at the organization's recent Tour de Strings event held at Miner Park in Glen Carbon.

The Edwardsville Orchestra Boosters' mission is to support the orchestra music program through fund raising, scholarship, and volunteerism. The EOB provides support for instrument replacement and repairs, concert refreshments, costume rental, field trips, and sponsorship of participation in regional and national competitions.

"We are very proud to support local students with our contribution to the Edwardsville Orchestra Boosters," Hoefert said. "This is another great opportunity for us to support our community and the people who live here. Credit unions are really about helping people and this is a perfect way for us to take that even a step further," she added.

Scott Credit Union has made giving back to its communities a major priority. The local credit union contributed about \$275,000 and its employees volunteered over 2,300 hours to a variety of local civic efforts throughout the region in 2012. SCU had volunteers on hand to help with the Tour de Strings fund-raiser and donated a bike that was raffled off at the event.

"We realize that without our members and the communities in which we serve, we would not exist as a financial alternative," Hoefert noted. "Supporting our communities is very important to us."

The credit union has increased its community involvement in the past few years while also increasing its efforts to educate consumers of the value of doing their financial business with a not-for-profit credit union.



"We really want people in the area to know more about the value of doing business with a credit union," she added. "That is why we have really focused our time on educating area residents about Scott Credit Union. One of the big ways we've done that is through our community involvement."

"In times like these, people are really looking for ways to reduce expenses and save money," Hoefert noted. "We are a great alternative that helps them to do that. It is also a tough time for schools and we are happy to help support programs like these when they need it most."

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Gateway Regional Medical Center has been named as one of the nation's *Top Performers on Key Quality Measures®* by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of U.S. health care organizations. Gateway Regional was recognized for exemplary performance in using evidence-based clinical processes that are shown to improve care for certain conditions. These conditions include heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgical care, children's asthma, stroke and venous thrombo embolism, as well as inpatient psychiatric services.

Gateway Regional is one of 1,099 hospitals nationwide and one of 35 hospitals in Illinois earning the distinction of Top Performer on Key Quality Measures® for attaining and sustaining excellence in the following measure set(s): heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, and surgical care. The ratings are based on an aggregation of accountability measure data reported to The Joint Commission during the 2012 calendar year.

This is the third year in a row that Gateway Regional is being recognized as a Top Performer. Previously, Gateway Regional was recognized by The Joint Commission for its achievement on the following measure sets heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, and surgical care in both 2010 and 2011. Gateway Regional is one out of 182 hospitals nationwide to have been recognized for the third year in a row.

"Gateway Regional's first priority is providing patients with high quality, safe and effective care through proven practices that improve outcomes and the patient experience. We are proud to be named to The Joint Commission's list of Top Performers. The credit goes to our medical staff, employees and volunteers whose hard work every day makes this possible," said Ed Cunningham, CEO, Gateway Regional.

"The clinicians at Gateway Regional are dedicated to treating patients with established protocols to give them the best possible outcomes," said Michael Adams, M.D., chief of staff, Gateway Regional. "It's an honor to have the standard of care we provide here recognized on a national level."

"Gateway Regional and all the Top Performer hospitals have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to quality improvement and they should be proud of their achievement," says Mark R. Chassin, M.D., FACP, M.P.P., M.P.H., president and chief executive officer, The Joint Commission. "We have much to celebrate this year. Nearly half of our accredited hospitals have attained or nearly attained the Top Performer distinction. This truly shows that we are approaching a tipping point in hospital quality performance that will directly contribute to better health outcomes for patients."



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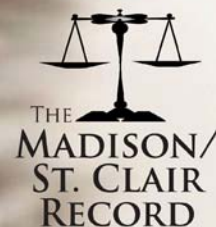
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