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Thursday, October 25

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Guiding Principles

Chambers of Commerce honor and respect **capitalism** and **well-informed private sector job creators** as a central and foundational element of regional and national prosperity. Chambers of Commerce actively facilitate collaboration and open discussion between business and public officials through **education, business advocacy** and **leadership**.

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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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Meet the Candidates & Elected Officials: 4:30–6:30pm Thursday, October 25

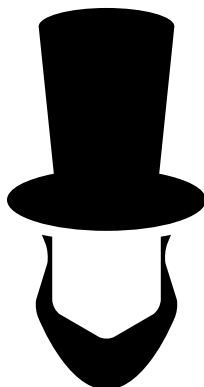
October 25, 2018, the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce, along with the attorneys of Sandberg, Phoenix & von Gontard, PC, will host a 'Meet the Candidates & Elected Officials' event. The event will be hosted at the Mannie Jackson Center for the Humanities in Edwardsville. Cost to attend is \$29 per person for Ed/Glen Chamber members; \$39 for guests. This is a unique opportunity to mingle with local, state and federal elected officials and political candidates in a casual setting during this exciting election cycle. See page 5 for the registration form. RSVP online to pay via credit card.



halloween parade

In honor of the Illinois Bicentennial celebration, the 2018 Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce Halloween Parade theme is: **Celebrating Illinois History**. The parade will begin promptly at **6:30pm Wednesday, October 31**. Download registration, rules and regulations forms, along with sponsorship information at www.edglenchamber.com. #IllinoisProud

Registration deadline is Tuesday, October 9.



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9/11 Tue 12-1pm
nexus@noon: Hug Your Haters
 Edison's Entertainment Complex
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9/20 Thu 5-7pm
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10/11 Thu 8-9:30am
Annual SIUE Day
Community Breakfast
 Science East Building
 SIUE Campus
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10/18 Thu 5-7pm
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10/31 Wed 6:30pm
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Business After 5
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11/28 Wed 8-9am
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11/30 Fri 10-11:30am
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Networking Breakfast

Thursday, Oct. 11

8-9:30 a.m.

Science East Building

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- 8:15 a.m. Welcome and Emcee – Rachel Stack, Vice Chancellor for Advancement and CEO, SIUE Foundation
- 8:20 a.m. Dr. Randall Pembroke, '78, '79, '80, Chancellor, SIUE
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome Video – Dr. Theresa Schwartz, FACS, BS '99, MS '00
 Breast Surgical Oncologist
 SSM Health Saint Louis University Hospital
 Associate Professor of Surgery
 Saint Louis University
- 8:45 a.m. Gregory Budzban, PhD, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
- 9-9:30 a.m. SIUE Day Networking Opportunity and Science East Building Tours

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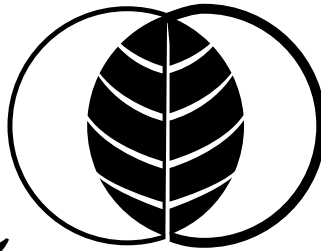
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business of the month

COMPANY HISTORY: Founded in 2002 by Mark Hinrichs, IMPACT Strategies operates out of offices in Fairview Heights, IL, and St. Louis, MO. The principals of IMPACT Strategies, Inc. bring together more than 100 years of combined experience in the construction industry with a keen focus on providing an intense level of professionalism and leadership to meet the needs of our clients. The firm's growth in becoming recognized as one of the premier builders in St. Louis and Southwestern Illinois is rooted in the strength and skills of its people. They are today represented by a local team of 31 construction professionals with expertise in business, finance, engineering, architecture and skilled craftsmen. IMPACT's service model – predicated on complete accountability – is comprehensive and strategic in its focus on delivering first class facility solutions to clients that exceed the expectations of all stakeholders in the process – from inception to occupancy. IMPACT serves clients as a construction expert in the healthcare, senior care, multifamily, office, retail, education, and religious markets.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT: Local community involvement include Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce membership, Ed/Glen Chamber Mayors' Legislative Breakfast sponsorship, United Way donations, and contributions to SIUE. In addition, IMPACT Strategies is a proud member of several professional organizations including U.S. Green Building Council, Associated General Contractors of Missouri, Southern Illinois Builders Association, American Society for Healthcare Engineering, St. Louis Regional Chamber & Growth Association, Construction Financial Management Association, Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois and Missouri Growth Association.

WORKFORCE COMMITMENT: Continuing education opportunities are both encouraged & financially provided for. These opportunities include safety rewards program, service awards, pillar awards, company/employee transparency, company events, and employee PTO incentives.

EXCELLENCE: IMPACT Strategies exceeds industry best practices by having a NO LIMITS approach to its clients and employees. The team never accepts less than their best, never choose what is easy over what is right, never stop learning, and never settle for the status quo. Clients and employees are treated as family. Recognitions/awards include 2018 St. Louis Business Journal 'Building St. Louis' awards finalist, 2007 & 2008 St. Louis Business Journal 13th and 14th fastest-growing private company in the St. Louis Metro area, and from 2002-2016 have a perfect jobsite safety record. In addition, members of the team hold various designations and certifications including LEED AP Certification, AIA, National Council of Architectural Registration Board, American Institute of Architects, master of business administration degrees, OSHA 30-Hour, Journeyman Certification, StormwaterONE – Qualified Compliance Inspector, and Lead Abatement Certification.

INNOVATION: IMPACT's overriding goal is simple; to deliver outstanding service to our clients, utilizing our talented resources and expertise in construction management to guide a design and construction process. As experts in the design and construction process, the IMPACT team operates best in an environment where there is shared success among the stakeholders in the project. They embrace creation of project success goals as guiding the focus of the mission in the project and team collaboration as the way to maintain shared success of these goals. The structure of the construction management team leads to effective value-engineering implementation from the project team working together to maximize design and functionality while resolving budgetary and schedule concerns.



ECONOMIC IMPACT: Investments and job creation with local vendors and subcontractors during the following projects: Park Plaza, Enclave, Enclave West, Edwardsville Public Safety Building, Cedarhurst of Edwardsville, and Ruth's House of Edwardsville.

LEADERSHIP: IMPACT Strategies President Mark Hinrichs serves as a board member for Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois and Southern Illinois Builders Association (SIBA), is a committee member with the Boy Scouts of Greater St. Louis Area Council, and is active with the American Diabetes Association. IMPACT Strategies team members hold leadership positions with the following organizations: SIUE School of Engineering Construction Leadership Institute, Associated General Contractors of Missouri, SIBA, Home Builders Association of St. Louis, Associated General Contractors of Missouri, Emerging Construction Professionals Council, Design-Build Institute of America, St. Louis Council of Construction Consumers, Construction Management Association of America, Southern Illinois District Council of Carpenters, Carpenters Local 433, Highland-Pierron Fire Protection District, Pierron Improvement Club, Soup Kitchen Program for St. Clare PSR, Society for Human Resource Management, Society for Marketing Professional Services, Construction Financial Management Association, Boy Scouts of America, and Belleville Bicentennial Committee.

CHARACTER: IMPACT Strategies is built on five pillars. Our Company is built on our BE TRUE: We will never misrepresent who we are, never sacrifice our principles, and never fail to meet our commitments. BETTER TOGETHER: The person sitting across from us is the most important person in the world, and solving their problems is as important as solving our own. FLEXIBLE AGILITY: Our business thrives on being flexible and adapting quickly to the needs of our clients and construction partners. We strive to become leaders and innovators in our industry and the communities in which we work. PUSH THE LIMITS: We never accept less than our best, never do what is easy over what is right, never stop learning, and never settle for the status quo. FAMILIAL APPROACH: Once you work with us, you become part of our family, which is why employees and clients have longevity with us. We promise stability, a safe work environment, and strive to treat everyone fairly.

FUTURE FOCUS: The firm's main focus is to become the trusted experts for construction management needs in our local communities. We do this through our greatest asset, our talented team. Last year the firm expanded by more than fifteen percent, and they aim to continue that growth in the next few years. IMPACT's team is the backbone to each successful project. Their expertise, focus, and dedication to shared success is what builds up local communities, helping them continue to grow and thrive.

2018 ACCELERATE Speaker Schedule

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

Embracing Young Leadership

As businesses learn how to embrace young leadership, it's more important than ever for emerging leaders to focus on what they can do to be taken seriously in today's workforce. Bhavik Patel has been with Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard for 14 years and currently serves as the firm's managing partner.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

Successfully Navigating Change

It's not a matter of *if* something will change in your business, but *when*. Learning how to lead through the changes is vital to successfully navigating them. As CEO of Hortica, a brand of the Sentry Insurance Group, Mona Haberer will share her insights on how she recently led Hortica through some significant changes.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

Business Growth & Expansion Strategies

HireLevel President & CEO Teresa Katubig may have started her business on a credit card and a prayer, but she has developed key strategies for business success and now operates in eight states. Learn what being better, working harder and reaching higher means to her, and how you, too, can grow.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

The Economic Development Process

With years of experience in public- and private-sector economic development, BARBERMurphy Group Broker Cathy Hamilton will discuss investment and development from a regional perspective. Learn about the market-driven nature of development, and factors companies take into consideration when locating.



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Customer Satisfaction Makes All The Difference

Whether you're trying to increase overall revenues, overcome negative stereotypes or increase community support of your business, customer satisfaction is key. As a store manager for more than 25 years, Skip Sponeman will share what he's learned about effective customer service.



Sponeman Photo Credit: Southern Illinois University Marketing and Communications

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Maintaining Integrity While Building A Business

What does integrity have to do with business? Everything. Eric Gowin, president of Contegra Construction Company will share what it's like to build and operate a successful construction business in multiple states that makes integrity so top-of-mind that the word 'integrity' is included in the business name.



Each Session Held From 8-9AM
Comfort Inn in Edwardsville
3080 South IL Route 157

For more information on ACCELERATE, contact the Ed/Glen Chamber at 618.656.7600 or go to edglenchamber.com/accelerate.



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We would like to recognize the many Ed/Glen Chamber investors who are celebrating membership anniversaries in the month of August. This monthly feature spotlights members for their ongoing support of the Ed/Glen Chamber. We offer our sincerest thanks to each of the following business for their continued membership!

40+ YEARS

Oak Brook Golf Club

20-29 YEARS

Elliott Fine Jewelers, Inc.
Wooff Realtors
Allergy & Asthma Care Center
Home Buyers AdvantEDGE Realty
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Mark's Appliance

30-39 YEARS

Travel Express
Kettle River Furniture
YMCA Edwardsville

10-19 YEARS

Metro East Montessori School
Sivia Business & Legal Services, PC
ABRA Auto Body & Glass

5-9 YEARS

Dimond Bros. Insurance, LLC
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What to Wear
Lindenwood University
Castelli's Moonlight Restaurant at 255

Donco Electrical Construction
Gateway Center
Kunkel Commercial Group, Inc.
Strano & Associates

1-4 YEARS

RE/MAX Alliance
The Wooden Nickel Pub & Grill
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Sones Family Dental, LLC
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Korte & Luitjohan Contractors, Inc.
Goshen Theatre Project
Illinois Title & Escrow

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Caritas Family Solutions
Source Juicery
San Gabriel Memory Care
Viviano Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.

Great Rivers & Routes Tourism Bureau
Prosper Advising
St. Mary's Parish & School
Embrich Plumbing Co.
Mallory Rentals, LLC
Farmers Insurance Agency
Where They Roam
RE/MAX Alliance - Julie Fleck

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July 19: First Community Credit Union



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July 24: McDonald's

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First Busey Corporation & The Banc Ed Corp To Merge

First Busey Corporation ("Busey") (NASDAQ:BUSE), the holding company for Busey Bank, and The Banc Ed Corp. ("Banc Ed"), the holding company for TheBANK of Edwardsville ("TheBANK"), today jointly announced the signing of a definitive agreement pursuant to which Busey will combine Banc Ed through a merger transaction. The partnership will enhance Busey's existing deposit, commercial banking and wealth management presence in the greater St. Louis MO-IL Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). Through this transaction, Busey's deposit share ranking improves from #18 to #7 in this MSA.

Under the terms of the merger agreement, Banc Ed stockholders will have the right to receive 8.2067 shares of common stock of First Busey and \$111.53 in cash for each share of common stock of Banc Ed, with total consideration to consist of approximately 70% stock and 30% cash. Based upon Busey's closing share price of \$31.89 on August 21, 2018, the implied per share purchase price is \$373.24 with an aggregate transaction value of approximately \$304.9 million. The transaction is expected to close in Q4 2018 or early Q1 2019, subject to customary closing conditions and required approvals.

It is anticipated that TheBANK will be merged with and into Busey's bank subsidiary, Busey Bank, at a date following the completion of the holding company merger. At the time of the bank merger, TheBANK banking centers will become branches of Busey Bank. The combined pro forma franchise would serve customers through 82 full-service locations, including 62 branches across Illinois, as well as 14 in Missouri, five in Florida and one in Indiana and will have combined assets of \$9.6B, \$6.4B in gross loans, \$7.7B in deposits and over \$8.6B in assets under management.

Like Busey, TheBANK was founded in 1868 and operates as a privately held, locally owned and operated commercial bank headquartered in Edwardsville, Illinois. TheBANK currently employs more than 360 associates, with 19 branch locations and one loan production office in the St. Louis area.

River. The company is dedicated to its founding principles by being actively involved in the communities it serves and providing exceptional personal service delivered by experienced local professionals.

Busey President and Chief Executive Officer Van A. Dukeman said, "Being a strong, local community bank for the communities we serve is important to both Busey and TheBANK. Combining our like-minded, 150-year organizations

together as one will allow us to build upon and further strengthen our shared beliefs, community focus and commitment to service excellence. Further, this business combination supports our strategic intention of increasing market share through partnerships with organizations whom have strong core deposit funding, solid commercial banking and credit practices, and a tradition of serving wealth management clients for generations."

Mark Shashek, Chairman of Banc Ed's board, and R.L. Plummer, Chairman of TheBANK's board on behalf of both boards of directors said, "The senior leadership of TheBANK and Busey have admired each other's institutions for decades. Each of us have very talented associates for which we are very grateful. While Banc Ed was not actively seeking a partnership, when Busey CEO Van Dukeman approached us about a possible business combination we listened on behalf of our employees, customers, communities and shareholders. Our admiration of the Busey team and franchise has only grown as we learned more about them during this process; we are confident our fellow stakeholders will agree as they learn more about the many benefits of this partnership."

TheBANK President and Chief Executive Officer Kevin Powers added, "Thanks to talented employees, both organizations have demonstrated success in providing premiere customer service; building and maintaining strong relationships; and providing countless hours of human, social and financial capital to meet the needs of the communities we serve. We are excited TheBANK customers will continue to experience service excellence through the same bankers they know and trust, while benefitting from expanded access points across Illinois, Missouri, Indiana and SW Florida."

Both companies support and value an engaged and empowered workforce, and are committed to building a premier, service-oriented, community brand experience. Busey has been named among American Banker's 'Best Banks to Work For' since 2016; voted as one of the 'Best Places to Work in Illinois' by associates since 2016; recognized as one of the 2018 'Top Workplaces in St. Louis'; among the 'Best Companies to Work For in Florida'; as well as listed among the 2018 'Best-InState Banks' for Illinois – a first ever recognition by Forbes – in addition to various wellness, training and development, philanthropic and other workplace awards.



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Chapman Named Chairman Of of United Way's Southwest IL Division 2018 Fundraising Campaign

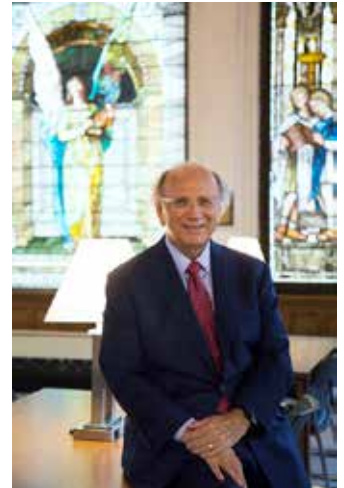
Dr. Dale Chapman, president of Lewis and Clark Community College, has been named campaign chair for the Southwest Illinois Division of United Way of Greater St. Louis.

"It is very rewarding to see people throughout our communities – individuals, corporations, trade associations – work shoulder-to-shoulder toward the goal of helping our neighbors in need," said Dr. Chapman. "United Way and its member agencies provide social support services to many Lewis and Clark students and their families, creating an economic support net that enables our students to graduate and achieve a sustainable, improved quality of life."

Prior to his tenure with Lewis and Clark College, Dr. Chapman served in administrative positions with Finlandia University, Kentucky Council on Higher Education, University of Kentucky and Jefferson Community College. During his nearly three-decade tenure as the president of Lewis and Clark, the college's enrollment has more than quadrupled, reaching annual enrollment of more than 15,000 students. Dr. Chapman has overseen the construction of major capital projects totaling more than \$200 million.

In addition to his role as president, Dr. Chapman is the executive director of the Lewis and Clark College Foundation and is treasurer of the Mannie Jackson Center for the Humanities Foundation.

United Way's Southwest Illinois Division serves the counties of Madison, Macoupin, Jersey, Greene and Calhoun counties, helping nearly 200,000 people within this area each year. Dr. Mark S. Wrighton, chancellor of Washington University, and Jeff Fox, chairman and CEO of Harbour Group, will serve as co-chairs of the 2018 United Way of Greater St. Louis campaign.



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Cork Tree Creative, Inc. Receives Multiple Awards For Metro-East Marketing Initiative & Design

Cork Tree Creative, Inc., an integrated marketing and public relations firm located in downtown Edwardsville, recently announced it was awarded two Communicator Awards of Distinction for an integrated campaign and outdoor advertising and an APEX Award of Excellence in the special purpose campaigns, programs and plans category. The awards were given for the firm's work on the Get to Know m.e. campaign, a regional initiative aimed at raising awareness of the Metro-East.

The Communicator Awards honor creative excellence among communications professionals and agencies. The yearly competition receives submissions each year from across the globe and is judged by the Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts.

APEX stands for the Annual Awards for Publication Excellence. The competition recognizes excellence and is sponsored by Communications Concepts, Inc. – a consulting and education agency for communications professionals.

"A lot has changed over the years, but our commitment to our clients certainly has not. We are proud to be recognized for our work on the Get to Know m.e. campaign," shared Jan Carpenter, co-owner of Cork Tree Creative. "We are lucky to work with a campaign that improves the perception of the Metro East. We all know how amazing this area is so it is rewarding to be a part of something that helps shine a spotlight on the Metro-East and all it has to offer families and businesses."

A woman with blonde hair is shown from the chest up, wearing a white shirt and a thick orange and grey knitted scarf. She is holding a white tissue to her nose and mouth, appearing to be coughing or sneezing. In front of her is a laptop computer. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

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Scheffel Boyle Announces 17 Promotions, Names Two New Principals

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Forbes Names Scott Credit Union Among Top Three Credit Unions In State

Scott Credit Union was recently named one of the top credit unions in the State of Illinois in a *Forbes* 'Best-In-State' ranking. *Forbes*, in partnership with market research firm Statista, ranked Scott Credit Union third in the state based on surveys of credit union members on their overall satisfaction. The survey also measured trust, terms and conditions, branch services, digital services, and financial advice, according to Scott Credit Union President & CEO Frank Padak.

"We were very pleased and honored to be in the top three in the state," Padak added. "The scores given by Statista ranged from 40 to 95.4. We scored 82.09 based on their criteria. We are always focused on doing the right thing for our members. The score tells us we are on the right track."

Statista surveyed more than 25,000 consumers throughout the country for their opinions on their current and former relationships with financial institutions. Nationwide, 145 credit unions made the final list of the best credit unions in their state. The average score among credit unions was 80, Padak added.

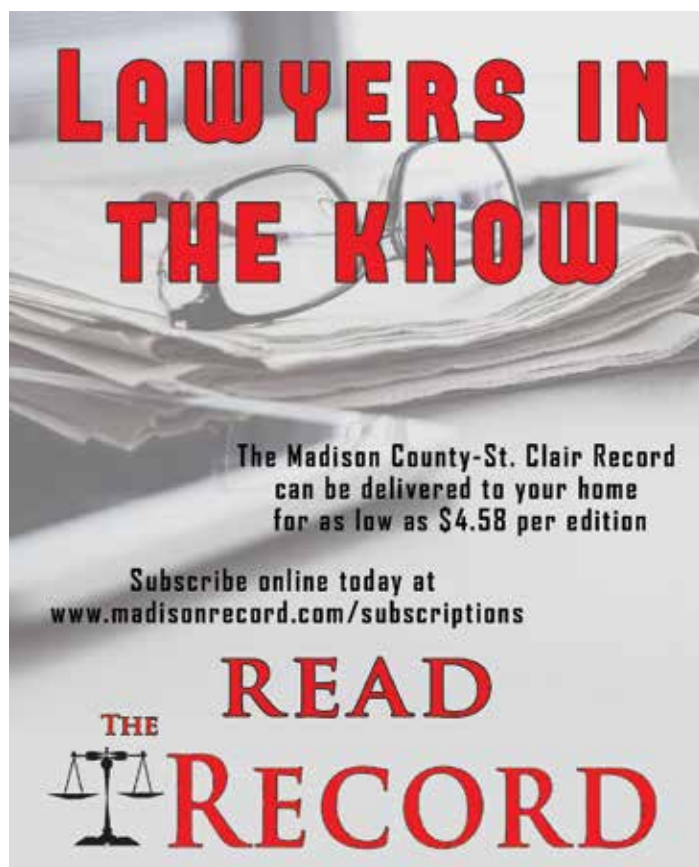
Scott Credit Union was also recently one of 50 mid-size companies recognized as a *St. Louis Post Dispatch* 'Top Workplace' annual competition.

"It is an honor to receive that recognition seven straight years," Padak said. "We understand that having employees that enjoy their workplace translates to better service to our members."

This year was the first-ever *Forbes* 'Best-In-State Banks & Credit Unions' ranking.

In a service industry, Padak understands the importance of having positive and satisfied employees. He believes the effort to be a top workplace led to SCU being a top tier credit union in the *Forbes* study.

"We serve members every day. It is really important that our people enjoy working here and can pass their positive attitude along to our members in the experience that they provide them," he said.



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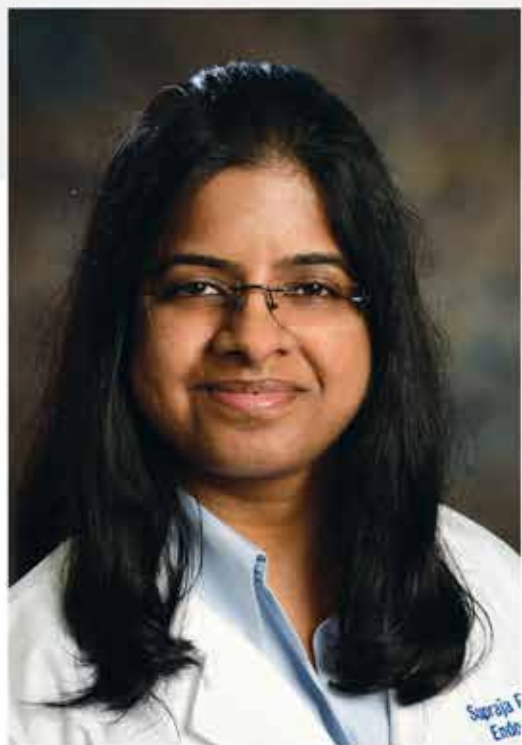


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From The Illinois Chamber of Commerce: Governor Rauner Takes Action On Bills

This was published by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce in an August 2018 'Government Affairs Report' email.

The legislature remains in summer recess and the Illinois State Fair wraps up on Sunday. Several bills of importance to the Illinois Chamber await either signature or veto by the Governor. For many bills outstanding, the final deadline is fast approaching. Expect action on several bills in the next 10 days. For now, here are two bills that received Governor's action this week.

Gov. Vetoes Expansion of Employment Discrimination Law:

Demonstrating again the importance of having checks and balances in our state government, Governor Rauner at the urging of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and other business groups vetoed HB 4572. The legislation amends the Illinois Human Rights Act to redefine "employer" to include any person employing one (currently 15) or more employees within Illinois during 20 or more calendar weeks within the calendar year of or preceding the alleged violation.

In his veto message the Governor noted, "The Illinois Human Rights Act prohibits unlawful discrimination in employment in Illinois, and, in most instances, applies to employers with 15 or more employees. This 15-employee threshold mirrors the federal definition of employer in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and other anti-discrimination statutes enforced by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. This longstanding and well-reasoned threshold balances the need to foster fair, equitable and harassment-free workplaces across the State with the lopsided burden that discrimination claims impose upon small businesses and startups, in comparison to large organizations with in-house compliance, human resources, risk management, and litigation defense functions."

He added in his message, "Moving away from federal best practices and Illinois' own current practices will discourage business creation, while maintaining greater consistency with this standard provides small businesses with predictability in their compliance efforts, and recognizes the distinct challenges that liability may pose for them."

The veto now moves to the Illinois House for consideration during the November veto session. The vote in the House earlier this year for HB 4572 was seven votes shy of the seventy-one needed for an override. The sponsor, Rep. Guzzardi, has indicated he and the civil rights advocates will be pressuring Republican legislators to support an override, especially lame duck lawmakers.

Rauner Signs Systems Viability Act: This week Governor Rauner signed a very important piece of legislation, HB 4508 which extends the Systems Viability Act (SVA). This law provides the option for municipalities to recover market value for their water or wastewater assets when partnering with a Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) regulated utility.

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce was part of a broad coalition that supported this legislation, joining labor and business groups across the state to help navigate and ensure passage. This is another tool that will help address Illinois' over \$35 billion in clean water and wastewater needs over the next 25 years. It is important to note that while this is a good option, its ability is limited without a sustainable, predictable, and robust infrastructure investment program. Not all water systems are in a position to take advantage of this option, and not all municipalities will take advantage of it. However, Illinois needs to provide safe reliable water systems to all of its citizens if we want to attract new businesses and residents to the state.

CHAMBER HAPPENINGS

September. 20: Annual Luncheon – Mark September 20, 2018 in your calendar to join us at the Hilton Chicago for the 2018 Illinois Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting. This fall Lance Fritz, the chairman, president, and chief executive officer of Union Pacific will keynote this exciting event. Union Pacific Railroad is one of two western-U.S. railroads that connects Illinois agriculture and industry to the West Coast and international markets. In addition, their heritage traces back to Abraham Lincoln, who signed the Pacific Railway Act of 1862, setting the wheels in motion that eventually connected the Pacific to the Mississippi River by rail—a fitting story for Illinois' bicentennial celebration!

October 24: Workers' Compensation & Safety Conference – The Illinois Chamber strives to provide the Illinois business community with timely information to ensure employers are up-to-date in all realms of business. Workers' Compensation is no different. This confusing and oft-abused statute is one employers and their employees need to be familiar with to in order to stay in compliance. This conference is designed not only to inform, educate and assist employers on how to be in compliance, but also to show employers how to reduce their workers' comp costs in the process.



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