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*Welcome to the following businesses and organizations
who have joined the Chamber in August.*

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Belleville, IL 62220

<http://Luxepawsspa.com>

Renewal By Anderson

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Earth City, MI 63044

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24 Hilldale Dr.

Belleville, IL 62223

Little Black Book: Women in Business- St.Clair

County Chapter

925 Malloy Drive

O'fallon, IL 63366

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2622 West Blvd

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<http://johnstonrealtyinc.com>

Hottenrott & Associates LLC

1808 S Illinois St.

Belleville, IL 62220

<http://www.hottenrott.tax>

Moe's Southwest Grill & Cafe Coffe Greens

107 Lincoln Place Ct. Suite 101

Belleville, IL 62221

<https://www.facebook.com/profile>

Allstate: Velvet Noble-Ohlen

4020 Green Mount Crossing Dr.

Shiloh, IL 62269

<http://Allstate.com/vnoble-ohlen>

CHAMBER EVENTS



Oct 1	Laderman Park Improvements & New Story Walk Ribbon Cutting
Oct 8	Health Care & Community Service Agency's Committee Meeting
Oct 9&10	42nd Annual Chili Cook-Off
Oct 10	Chili Chase 5K Run and Kids' Pepper Dash
Oct 12	Chamber Office Closed in Observance of Columbus Day
Oct 13	Coffee Cup Connections with Grimm and Gorly
Oct 14	Leadership Belleville Committee Meeting
Oct 19	Chamber 101
Oct 20	PurpleOne Training
Oct 20	BJC Memorial Belleville - Retail Pharmacy Ribbon Cutting
Oct 28	Spin the Spoon

The Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce
Cordially Invites you to Attend

76TH ANNUAL
BELLE-SCOTT
ENLISTED DINNER

Honoring Scott Air Force Base's Enlisted Corps

Wednesday, November 18, 2026, | 6PM
St. Clair Country Club | Belleville, IL

\$150 | Civilian (includes the dinner of an enlisted service member)
\$75 | Military members of the Belle-Scott Committee

RSVP: Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce | 618.233.2015

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RSVP TODAY!



CONNECTIONS

Tuesday, October 13th 8:30am

with Grimm & Gorly

324 East Main Street Belleville, IL 62220



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www.bellevillechamber.org

**Just click on the event you wish to
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Need help? call 618-233-2015.

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has a members-only event
calendar?***

Submit your event online at
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“Calendar” to see the calendar and
submit your event! All events will be
featured in our Weekly Friday E-blast.



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CHAMBER 101

Learn about your membership benefits, opportunities to get involved, and ways to maximize your Chamber membership. Perfect for both new and longtime members.

Held at Chamber
office
216 E A St.

3rd
Monday of
the month

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

REGISTER NOW



**SIGN UP FOR THE
CHAMBER'S NEWEST
NETWORKING EVENT!**

**WED, OCTOBER 28
11:30AM-12:30PM**

ENJOY NETWORKING WHILE YOU LUNCH!



Saturday, October 10, 2026
 9:00am | Downtown Belleville
 Open to all ages!

Course Briefing - 8:45am

Race - 9:00am

Kids' Pepper Dash will follow after 5K

Race Prices

Chili Chase 5K - \$35

Kids' Pepper Dash* - \$10

Rain or Shine - No refunds

Packet Pick-up: Oct. 7 | 4-7pm
at Copper Fire

New this year!

PRE + POST PARTY

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Kids' Belleville, IL
PEPPER DASH



REGISTER NOW!



Scan QR code to
 register on race
 website or visit
bellevillechili.com

****All kids that participate in the Kids' Pepper Dash will receive
 a medal for participating!***

CHAMBER EVENTS



Ribbon Cuttings

THURSDAY, OCT 1 | 3:30PM

Laderman Park Improvements & New StoryWalk

1105 Mascoutah Avenue
Belleville, IL 62220

WEDNESDAY, OCT 20 | 9AM

BJC Memorial Belleville- Retail Pharmacy Ribbon Cutting

4500 Memorial Drive
Belleville, IL 62226

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2026 Government Officials Reception

The 2026 Government Officials Reception was an amazing success!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our generous sponsors — Lochmueller Group, Gonzalez Engineering, and the Southern Illinois Builders Association — whose support made this event possible. We are also deeply grateful to The Weingarten for hosting the occasion, Roy-El for catering, our volunteers for helping with registration and set up, and to everyone who came out to show their support for our government officials. This event would not have been the success it was without each and every one of you. Thank you!

We would also like to recognize a few of our government officials who were able to attend and share updates on the positive impacts they are making in our region:

Illinois State Representative Katie Stuart, representing the 112th District

Illinois State Representative Kevin Schmidt, representing the 114th District

City of Belleville Mayor Jenny Gain-Meyer

City of Fairview Heights Mayor Mark Kupsky

Village of Swansea Mayor Jeff Parker

You all are so important to making our area as great as it is, and we are so appreciative of you!



Business After Hours at Heartlinks Grief Center



Heartlinks Grief Center welcomed us to Business After Hours at their beautiful new space. We loved getting a tour of the building, catching up with familiar faces, and making new connections. Thank you to @heartlinksgriefcenter for being such wonderful hosts, and to everyone who came out to make it such a great evening.



Heartlinks is located at: 4820 W Main St, Belleville, IL 62226

If you want to look into Heartlinks services check them out at:
<https://myheartlinks.com/>

CHAMBER EVENTS

Coffee Cup Connections with JS and Sons

JS and Sons Construction opened their doors to host Coffee Cup Connections. Great coffee, fresh bagels, meaningful conversation, and well-deserved shout-outs for some important events. A perfect way to kick off the day and bring the community together. Thank you to everyone who came out!

If you would like to check out JS and Sons services you can find there website here: <https://jsandsonsconstruction.com/>



Ribbon Cuttings for Moe's Southwest Grill and Cafe Coffee Greens

We are beyond thrilled to announce that the chamber has had the pleasure of congratulating not one, but two incredible businesses on their grand openings and becoming valued chamber members!

Located at Tinnu's Plaza, we welcomed Moe's Southwest Grill and Cafe Coffee Greens to our wonderful community of Belleville. We would like to congratulate Ajay, his family, and the team members on this outstanding achievement. We are excited to see these businesses flourish and bring new energy to our community!

Address: 107 Lincoln Place Ct Suite 100, Belleville, IL 62221



Ribbon Cutting for The National Children's Cancer Society

What a beautiful morning for a ribbon cutting at The National Children's Cancer Society! This incredible organization goes above and beyond to provide vital, unique services for children battling cancer, their families, and survivors. It was truly inspiring to hear from Jamie Butler and Mark Slocomb, whose passion for the mission shines through in everything they do. A big thank you to Kevin Bouse for helping bring this event together and for introducing the Belleville Ceo class to this wonderful cause!

NCCS is making a real difference in the lives of children and families around the world. To learn more, visit their website at <https://thenccs.org/> or stop by their office at 2900 Frank Scott Parkway in Belleville, IL.

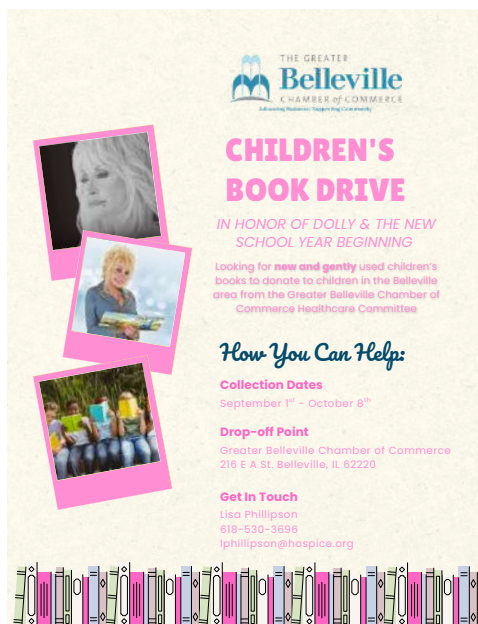


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HEALTHCARE COMMITTEE

The Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce Healthcare Committee is collecting new or gently used books for our Children's Book Drive, celebrating Dolly Parton's lifelong love of reading and the excitement of a fresh school year.

Please consider donating and drop off at the Chamber office before October 8th!



For more information, call the Chamber at 618-233-2015.



SPIN THE SPOON - NEW EVENT!



What a great time networking with these amazing professionals at Spin the Spoon #4! Today we visited Mac's On Main Belleville, Moes Southwest Grill, and The Roundabout Bar & Grill.

Thank you to everyone who took time out of their day to do this – here's to the next Spin the Spoon!

The next Spin the Spoon will be Wednesday, October 28th. We can't wait to see you all there!

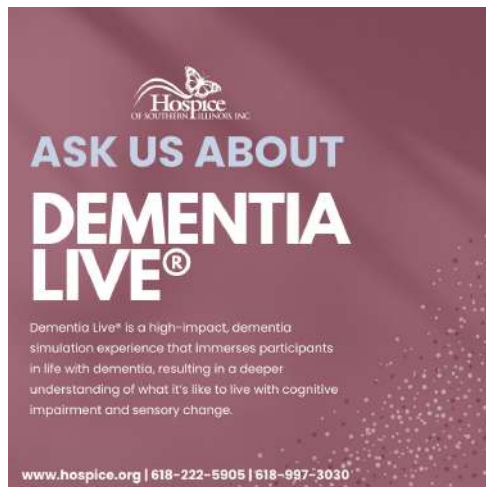
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Dementia Live

Bring Dementia Live® to your staff or local group! Dementia Live is a unique opportunity to gain empathy for the loved ones in our life dealing with dementia. If your group is interested in participating give us a call at 618-222-5905!



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Wishlist by Amazon makes it easy to give back to Hospice of Southern Illinois with the click of a "Add to Cart" button. Head to <https://www.amazon.com> to donate essential items to our patients today.



Need Presenters?

Hospice of Southern Illinois can provide no-cost education and presentations for healthcare professionals, civic groups, and organizations regarding end-of-life care, advance care planning, grief support, and more.

Contact Lisa Phillipson at 618-222-5905 or go to our website www.hospice.org/community/educational-programs/



CE You Online

Tuesday, September 15th | 12-1 PM via Zoom

Healthy Brain Aging with Memory Home Care Solutions

Sign-ups are available now on www.hospice.org/events

MEMBER EVENTS

Hospice of Southern Illinois and Eckert's to Co-Host "Fall into Wellness: Senior and Aging Fair"

Hospice of Southern Illinois and Eckert's will co-host Fall into Wellness: A Senior and Aging Fair on Wednesday, September 30, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Eckert's Cider Shed, 951 South Green Mount Road in Belleville.

The free community event will bring together local organizations and professionals to share resources, education and activities focused on health, wellness and aging. Attendees can connect with community resources, hear from featured speakers, enjoy music and take part in fall fun at Eckert's.

Featured speakers and activities will include:

- Lisa Phillipson, Hospice of Southern Illinois - "Hospice 101" - An overview of hospice care, including what hospice is, who is eligible and the support available to patients and families.
- Paula Harry, SIVNA - "Get Moving with Paula" - An interactive movement and balance session highlighting how staying active can support healthy aging, independence and aging in place.
- Kim Burgess, Comforting Transitions - An overview of how geriatric care management can help older adults and families navigate healthcare decisions and life transitions through guidance, advocacy and care coordination.
- Christina and Cindy Hardin-Weiss, Illinois Assistive Technology Program - "Aging Safely at Home" - A look at assistive technology and practical tools that can help older adults maintain independence, safety and quality of life.
- Sara Saric, Saric Consulting - Information on navigating the Illinois Medicaid process for nursing home and supportive living care, including Medicaid requirements, necessary documentation and the application process.

"Fall into Wellness is an opportunity for older adults, caregivers and families to learn more about the resources available right here in our community," said Lisa Phillipson of Hospice of Southern Illinois. "We hope attendees leave with helpful information, new connections and a better understanding of the services and support available to them."

The event is free to attend and open to the community. For more information or questions about Fall into Wellness, contact Lisa Phillipson at 618310-7020 or lphillipson@hospice.org.



Wed, Sept. 30 • 8:30-11:30am



*Come out to learn about community resources,
hear presentations on topics related to aging,
and enjoy music and fall fun at Eckert's!*

Please contact
Lisa Phillipson with any questions:
lphillipson@hospice.org,
618-310-7020

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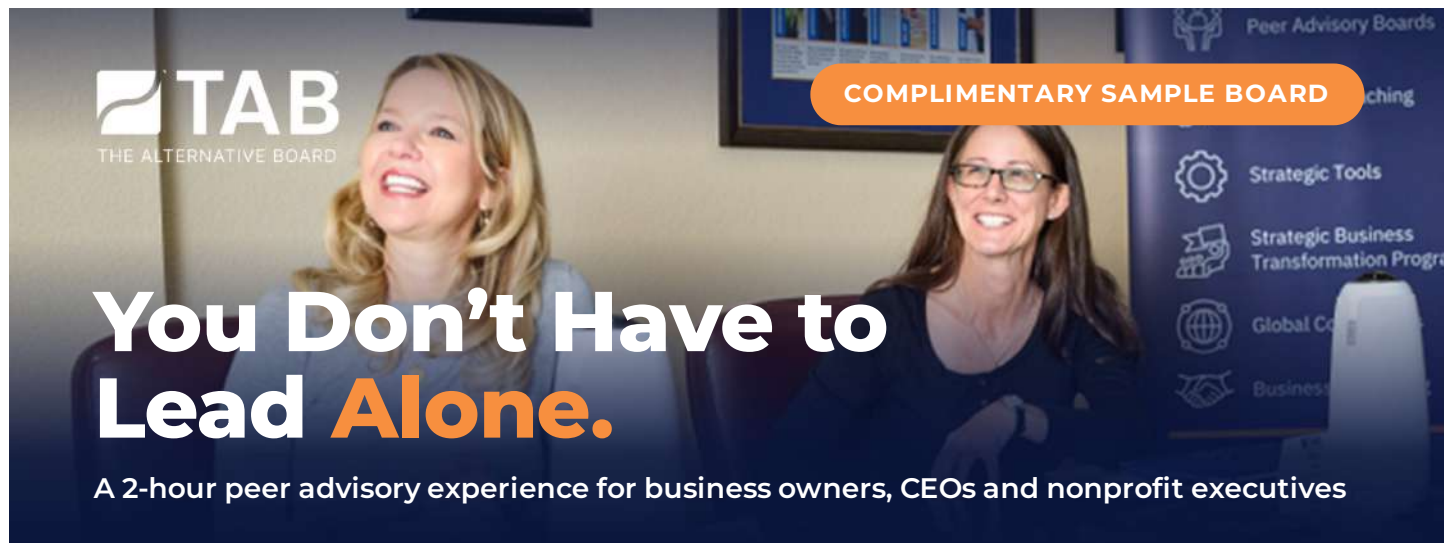
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-  **Action you can use right away**
Leave with practical strategies you can put to work the next day.
-  **New connections**
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EVENT DETAILS

-  **Wednesday**
October 21, 2026
-  **1:00 – 3:00 PM**
-  **Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce**
216 East A Street
Belleville, IL 62220

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- Owners and CEOs of privately held companies
- Nonprofit executive directors and leaders
- Leaders who want an outside view on growth, people or strategy



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New Family Medicine Physician Brings Whole-Person Care to O'fallon



HSHS Medical Group welcomes Ruth Turkson, MD, a board-certified family medicine physician, to HSHS Medical Group Family Medicine - O'Fallon at 1512 N. Green Mount Road, Suite 108.

Dr. Turkson provides comprehensive family medical care from children to older adults. She helps patients stay healthy through preventive visits and wellness screenings, supports those managing chronic conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure, and provides care for weight management, anxiety, depression and women's health concerns. Her training in both inpatient and outpatient settings gives her a broad perspective on caring for the whole person.

Patients can expect clear communication, plain-language explanations and involvement in decisions about their care. Dr. Turkson's goal is to build lasting relationships so she can help individuals and families stay well through every stage of life.

Dr. Turkson earned a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (M.B.Ch.B.) from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) in Kumasi, Ghana. She completed a family medicine residency in O'Fallon where her training included pediatrics, women's health, geriatric care and hospital medicine. She is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine and a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

To schedule an appointment, call 618-624-5510. New HSHS Medical Group patients may call the HSHS Medical Group Patient Advocate at 844-520-8897 to help set up their first appointment.

New Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Provider Now Available in O'Fallon



HSHS Medical Group welcomes Patrick Reardon, MD, an orthopedic surgeon specializing in sports medicine, to HSHS Medical Group Orthopedic & Sports Medicine - O'Fallon at 670 Pierce Blvd., Suite 200.

Dr. Reardon treats patients with knee ligament and meniscus injuries, rotator cuff tears, shoulder conditions and sports-related injuries. He also performs total shoulder replacement for patients with more advanced joint damage. His practice focuses on helping active adults and athletes return to the activities they enjoy.

Dr. Reardon takes a conservative approach to care, exploring all nonsurgical options before recommending a procedure. He takes time to explain each condition clearly, answer questions and involve patients in decisions about their treatment plan.

Dr. Reardon earned his Doctor of Medicine (MD) from the University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences in Toledo, Ohio. He completed his orthopedic surgery residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, followed by an orthopedic sports medicine research fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, and an orthopedic sports medicine fellowship at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. He is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon.

New patients should ask their primary care provider for a referral before scheduling. Current patients, call 618206-2094 for an appointment. For more information about HSHS Medical Group Orthopedic & Sports Medicine, visit hshs.org. New HSHS Medical Group patients may call the HSHS Medical Group Patient Advocate at 844-520-8897 to help set up their first appointment.

New family medicine physician expands access to care in Troy



HSHS Medical Group welcomes Lexi Kremer-Callahan, MD, a family medicine physician, to HSHS Medical Family Medicine-Troy at 7342 State Rt. 162 in Troy, Illinois.

Dr. Kremer-Callahan is a primary care physician specializing in family medicine, caring for patients of all ages. Her scope of practice includes well-child visits, preventive screenings, chronic disease management, women's health and pediatrics. She chose family medicine for the wide variety of care it offers and the opportunity to build long-term relationships with patients.

Patients can expect a provider who listens closely and explains treatment options in clear, practical terms. Dr. Kremer-Callahan values open communication, patient education and shared decision-making, working with each patient to set and reach their health goals.

She earned her medical degree from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield, Illinois, and completed her family medicine residency at Saint Louis University/SSM St. Mary's Family Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in biology, magna cum laude, from Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Illinois.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Kremer-Callahan, call 618-343-3722. New HSHS Medical Group patients may call the HSHS Medical Group Patient Advocate at 844-520-8897 to help set up their first appointment.



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MEMBER NEWS

HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital Auxiliary Awards Four Scholarships to Area Students

The HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital Auxiliary has awarded four \$825 scholarships to local students through its annual scholarship program, supporting the next generation of professionals in the region.

The scholarship is open to St. Elizabeth's Hospital colleagues, volunteers, and their spouses, children and grandchildren. Recipients are selected through a blind review process based on volunteer service hours, resume, letters of recommendation and a personal statement about their career path and goals.

The 2026 scholarship recipients are:

- Caden Klay, student at College of St. Scholastica studying physical therapy.
- Nicole Laskowski, student at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville studying nursing.
- Kinley Lucas, student at Missouri S&T studying mechanical engineering.
- Anna Maxim, student at University of Florida studying biomedical engineering.

"Each year, our volunteers work tirelessly to fund these scholarships, and it's incredibly rewarding to see that dedication translate directly into opportunities for students in our community," said Amy Bray, Auxiliary Volunteer Coordinator at HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital. "We're honored to support their educational journeys and excited to watch them make an impact in healthcare and beyond."

The scholarship program is funded through the Auxiliary Volunteers' fundraising efforts throughout the year.

For more information about HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital, visit steliz.org

HSHS and Prairie Cardiovascular Open New Location at Anderson Hospital

HSHS Prairie Cardiovascular, a specialty service of Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS), opened a new outpatient clinic location on September 11, 2026, at 6810 State Route 162, Suite 20, Maryville, Ill., on the campus of Anderson Hospital.

"We are excited to expand our expert cardiovascular services to this new location in Madison County," said Mitch Rogers, MBA, BSN, RN, Director of Operations HSHS Prairie Cardiovascular. "HSHS and Prairie have been delivering localized and accessible heart care in convenient locations for our patients throughout Illinois for decades and we appreciate the opportunity to further expand locations to continue to deliver exceptional care."

Four cardiologists, Dr. Thomas Cahill, Dr. Prasad Kandula, Dr. Vinaya Mulkareddy and Dr. Frederick Ochieng', will be accepting new patients at the HSHS Prairie Cardiovascular - Maryville clinic and can treat many heart-related issues, including:

- Coronary Artery Disease
- General and Preventive Cardiology
- Heart Failure
- Heart Rhythm Disorders
- Structural Heart Disease
- Vascular Disease

HSHS Prairie Cardiovascular is nationally recognized for its cardiovascular innovation and research paired with personalized care. With over 100 board-certified physicians and advanced practice clinicians, Prairie is the Midwest's largest heart and vascular services provider caring for patients in Illinois and beyond.

To request an appointment, patients can call 618-233-6044 or use the ACCESS Prairie program (www.hshs.org/heart/patient-resources) to connect and receive personal assistance in making an appointment matching specific heart care needs to a specialist.

As of September 4, the current outreach days at HSHS Prairie Cardiovascular - Edwardsville, 1188 S. State Rte. 157, and HSHS Prairie Cardiovascular - Maryville, 2401 South Center St., will shift to the new location at Anderson Hospital.

To learn more about the doctors of Prairie, visit Prairieheart.org.

Scott Credit Union donates \$250K to HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital Foundation

PHOTO CAPTION: From left: David Garriss, Market Director of HSHS Southern Illinois Foundations, Frank Padak, President and CEO of Scott Credit Union, and Chris Klay, HSHS Southern Illinois Market President and CEO, celebrate Scott Credit Union's \$250,000 donation to HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital capital campaign which is underway to support the expansion and technology upgrades of the campus in O'Fallon, Ill.



HSHS St. Elizabeth's Foundation recognizes and thanks Scott Credit Union for a donation of \$250,000 to support access expansion and additional technology and equipment for HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital. This donation is part of a multi-million-dollar capital campaign.

Frank Padak, President and Chief Executive Officer of Scott Credit Union, said, "We believe investment in our community health institutions benefits all and proudly support St. Elizabeth's commitment to growing services and access. This donation is an impactful way Scott Credit Union can give back to the community as well as ensure the latest and greatest technologies are available to them."

St. Elizabeth's is currently in the midst of a \$116 million expansion project that was announced in September 2025. This expansion of multiple service areas will enhance access to care, attract new physicians, and most importantly, keep health care local.

David Garriss, Market Director of HSHS Southern Illinois Foundations, said the organization is grateful for the trust Scott Credit Union places in its mission and for the care the colleagues of St. Elizabeth's delivers.

"Scott Credit Union's generosity exemplifies their longstanding commitment to our region and the important role local businesses can play in keeping our healthy and vibrant," Garriss said. "Donations to our capital campaign are what allow us to go above and beyond to bring in technology that changes outcomes, fund programs that support families and our community, and invest in the people who deliver care."

Construction progresses throughout St. Elizabeth's campus. The project includes the addition of 32 inpatient rooms on the fifth floor, 8 new treatment rooms and expanded space in the Emergency Department, a new kitchen and cafeteria on the 1st floor, plus the recently relocated and opened Registration, lab draw, and surgical home area just inside the outpatient entrance.

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A new medical office, outpatient surgery and diagnostic center are also underway that include four operating suites and two procedure rooms for minor outpatient, same-day surgeries and procedures, along with clinical space for physician offices and expanded diagnostic services such as x-ray, CT scan, open MRI, bone density (DEXA) scan and mammography.

“This is more than a generous financial contribution,” HSHS Southern Illinois Market President and CEO Chris Klay said of the donation. “It is a recognition of the superior care provided by our physicians, nurses and clinical specialists in O’Fallon and the region and will ensure our mission of providing compassionate, leading-edge care for all people, especially those who are most vulnerable remains strong for decades to come.”

Over the past decade, the Foundation has raised more than \$16 million in support of the hospital’s mission. For more information about HSHS St. Elizabeth’s Hospital Foundation capital campaign or to make a donation, visit our “Giving” page. For more information about HSHS St. Elizabeth’s Hospital’s current construction project, visit steliz.org/growth.

Oates Associates Welcomes Stacey Hesselbein, PE, as Associate Project Manager

Collinsville, IL (August 25, 2026) - Oates Associates, Inc., a 100% employee-owned civil and structural engineering and surveying firm, proudly welcomes Stacey Hesselbein, PE, to its team as an Associate Project Manager. Her engineering experience and technical expertise will strengthen the firm’s building structural engineering team.

Hesselbein brings over 10 years of engineering experience to her role in the firm’s St. Louis office. Throughout her career, she has contributed to complex technical projects requiring careful analysis, sound engineering judgment, and attention to detail. Her background also includes training employees on software programs and processes, bringing valuable technical knowledge and a collaborative approach to the team.



The addition of Hesselbein expands the firm’s structural engineering capabilities and adds experienced technical expertise and project management support. As an employee-owner, she joins a group committed to making a meaningful impact for clients and communities throughout the region.

Oates Associates is a 100% employee-owned multi-disciplined design firm with offices in Collinsville and Belleville, Illinois and St. Louis and St. Charles, Missouri. Oates provides engineering and surveying services for transportation and building projects. Specifically, this includes transportation and traffic engineering, ADA transition planning, stormwater management, site design, building and bridge structural design and inspections, surveying, and drone operations. For more information, visit www.oatesassociates.com or call 618.345.2200.

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The Violence Prevention Center is hosting a free Purpleone Training at the Chamber office on October 20th from 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM.

HELP US PAINT THE TOWN PURPLE!

THIS OCTOBER, LOCAL BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE VIOLENCE PREVENTION CENTER OF SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS IN RECOGNIZING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH.

Participation can be as simple or creative as you would like.
Your business might:

- Tie purple ribbons inside or outside
- Display purple yard signs
- Place brochures, signs, or resources in a lobby or common area
- Create a Domestic Violence Awareness Month book display
- Offer a purple product or drink
- Arrange a purple window display
- Find another creative way to display purple or raise awareness

Interested businesses can complete the short participation form below:
Paint the Town Purple Participation Form

Businesses can also request materials or support from VPC, including ribbons, signs, brochures, resource cards, or ideas for a display. After the form is submitted, our team will follow up with resources and next steps.

Together, we can raise awareness, connect people with help, and show survivors throughout our communities that they are not alone.

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Sheri Gibbons is a window treatment design professional with more than 20 years of experience in drapery design and a passion for creating distinctive, timeless spaces through color, pattern, and thoughtful details. She enjoys transforming ordinary rooms into beautiful, personalized spaces that reflect each client's style while balancing elegance and functionality. Sheri's creative vision blends classic design with a contemporary, inviting approach, and she takes pride in serving the STL metropolitan area she grew up in.



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Downtown Belleville Gingerbread Committee

The Downtown Belleville Gingerbread Committee is vigorously working on planning our 37th annual Gingerbread Contest. With some new ideas and some reorganization, this year's contest will have more entrants, more prizes, and more holiday cheer than ever before. We'd love to get more of our Belleville businesses and organizations involved. Please consider participating in one or both of the following opportunities.

CREATE

We've changed our prize categories to reflect ability levels rather than themes, so even people who have never made a gingerbread creation can feel confident and eager to enter. Perhaps you'd like to work together to create an entry that reflects your business or your organization's mission. There is NO COST to enter the contest.

OR

CONSIDER BECOMING A GINGERBREAD CONTEST SPONSOR

Sponsorships begin at \$250. Sponsorship includes, but is not limited to, all media publications and downtown exposure during the holidays on each creation. Sponsors are given voting rights for your favorite creation and are invited to present the award at our Annual Preview Party at the Nichols Center on Sunday November 22.

This beloved holiday event brings in bakers and visitors from near and far and is unlike holiday events in neighboring communities. Please consider becoming a part of this Belleville Tradition. Please visit our webpage for more contest information, rules and recipes.

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