



Sauk Valley Area  
chamber of commerce

UNITED STATES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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# Partnering for Success

JULY 2022



Sauk Valley Area  
chamber of commerce

Together with area chambers of commerce,  
SVCC presents

# THE HAWAIIAN SHIRT PARTY

JULY 21 | 5-6:30 PM | SVCC DILLON MALL PATIO

*Hula over for Business After Hours!*

APPETIZERS | DRINKS | DOOR PRIZES

RAINY DAY? THE FESTIVITIES WILL CONTINUE INSIDE! • CDC GUIDELINES WILL BE FOLLOWED

## HERE TO HEAL

Learn more about how we can help heal  
your chronic or non-healing wound.



An outpatient department of CGH Medical Center



[WWW.CGHEMC.COM/WOUND](http://WWW.CGHEMC.COM/WOUND)

## July Meetings

- July 7 Executive Board
- July 12 Education
- July 12 Board
- July 14 Ambassadors
- July 19 Ag
- July 20 PWN
- July 21 HBLC

### Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce Directors & Staff

#### Executive Committee

President: Dr. Jon Mandrell  
First Vice President: Pam Fluck  
Second Vice President: Tim Determan  
Treasurer: Sheila Martinez  
Past President: Lance Buser

#### ***Term Ends January 31, 2023***

Mike Loos, Edward Jones Investments  
Sheila Martinez, U.S. Bank  
Rick Turnroth, Turnroth Sign Company  
Pam Fluck, Sauk Valley Bank

#### ***Term Ends January 31, 2024***

Dave Knie, Knie Appliance & TV  
Tim Determan, Pinney Printing  
Steve Munson, Retired, The Medicine Shoppe  
Lance Buser, Wal-Mart DC #7024  
Ryan Olson, Ward Murray Pace & Johnson

#### ***Term Ends January 31, 2025***

Alejandro Rivera, RE/MAX Sauk Valley  
Geoff Wright, CGH Medical Center  
Josh Johnson, Whiteside Area Career Center  
Dr. Jon Mandrell, SVCC  
Rebecca Munoz-Ripley, YWCA

#### Staff

Executive Director—Kris Noble  
Marketing Coordinator— Dallas Knack  
Financial Specialist/Office Manager—Bailey Dorner

## A Message from the Director

The year is already half over - how did that happen? It really seems like it was just January and I was complaining about the cold, wind, and snow. Yet, here it is 90 and sunny (which I much prefer!)

As I reflect on the first part of this year, I am full of gratitude to our members and this community. Even though we have continued to navigate a lot of uncertainty (COVID, the economy, the divisiveness of politics, etc.) so many good things have happened.

The Annual Dinner in March brought together over 250 folks to celebrate our members; while employers and the education sector worked together to impact students through essential skills training. The CEO Trade show drew hundreds to Northland Mall in April. The annual Golf Outing in June had a record number of teams, all of which was to support scholarships and workforce development efforts. New businesses are starting up; local companies continue growing, hiring, and giving back to the community. So much good stuff!

We know there will always be challenges in one form or another but we, as a chamber, and the collective of you, our members, will continue to work through or around these challenges. We will continue to do good things; continue to believe in each other; and continue to work to help the Sauk Valley thrive!

Have a fabulous 4th of July,



# Investor Update July 2022

## NEW INVESTORS

JH Technology LLC  
815-305-9220

ServPro of Sterling  
815-400-9122

Plotner Insurance Consultants  
815-288-6800  
3917 East Lincolnway Suite A Sterling

Comcast  
800-934-6489  
6244 Mulford Village Dr Rockford IL

## INVESTOR RENEWALS

4-D Farms  
Amazing Grace  
Bargain Exterminators  
Castor Home Nursing Inc  
Educators of Beauty  
Esthetics by Darla White  
First Baptist Church of Sterling

Hola America Media Group  
McDonald's  
Northern IL Cancer Treatment Center  
Poolside Pools & Spas  
Radio Ranch, Inc.  
Sherwin Williams Company  
Winter Design, Inc.

We would like to give special recognition to the following groups who provide extra support to the Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce. This extra effort and support is truly appreciated. If you have the opportunity to express your sincere appreciation to these members, please do so!

### Over \$1000 Invested

CGH Medical Center  
Community State Bank  
Farmers National Bank - Morrison  
Midland States Bank  
Sauk Valley Bank  
Select Employees Credit Union  
Sterling Federal Bank  
US Bank  
Wahl Clipper Corp.  
Wal-Mart DC #7024  
Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson

### 150% Club

Allstate Insurance Agency  
Altran Magnetics  
Amazing Grace of Sterling  
Green Bee Energy Efficiency  
Happy Tails Humane Society  
Helm Civil  
Hill's Electric Motor Service, Inc.  
Illinois American Water  
James S Ferris, DDS, PC  
Lance's Plumbing  
Lee Ogle Transportation System  
LK Design Source

Loescher HVAC  
Mattox Insurance Agency  
Moore Monument & Granite Co  
Rock River Hospice & Home  
Roy Dern State Farm Insurance  
St. Vincent DePaul Society  
Sawdust N Dreamz  
Select Employees Credit Union  
Smoked on 3rd  
Sterling Rock Falls Child Care  
Sterling Township  
The Spa At Central Park  
T-Mobile  
United Craftsmen, Ltd.

### 110% Club

1st Gateway Credit Union  
Astec Mobile Screens Inc  
Bardier & Ramirez Real Estate  
Bargain Exterminators  
Bollman Auto Center  
Candlelight Inn  
Cassens Drainage  
Central Heating & Cooling  
Compeer Financial  
Dennis Electric of Tampico  
Farmer's National Bank  
Folsom's Bakery

Hawkins-Cassens Insurance  
Imprintable Memories  
Jim Prescott's BBQ Shop  
Johnson Oil Company  
Kelly's Restaurant  
Kiwanis Club of Sterling  
Marv Lofgren & Sons Contractors  
Mertes & Mertes  
New Millenium Directories  
Reitzel Roofing Company  
Rock River Lumber & Grain  
Rock River Ready Mix

Rosemeyer Management Group  
Sauk Valley Food Bank  
Scholl Insurance Agency  
Sedona Staffing  
Servicemaster  
Shelly Dambman CPA  
Sherwin Williams Company  
Showplace Antiques & Treasures  
St. Mary's School  
St. Vincent DePaul  
Stahr Media  
Sterling Chevrolet

Sterling Commercial Roofing  
Sterling Napa Auto Parts  
Sterling Optimist Club  
Steve Munson  
The Cornerstone Agency  
Vintage Cousins Emporium  
Wendler Engineering Services,  
Willy's Restaurant  
Winter Construction

## Chamber Ambassadors

Allie Johnston – University of Illinois Extension  
Angie Delhotal— Sauk Valley College Foundation  
Brook Burlack – T-Mobile  
Cassandra Salmon – Sauk Valley Bank  
Chandra Meyer – Re/Max Sauk Valley  
Christina Bystry — House in the Country  
Janell Loos — Heritage Woods  
Jennifer Alvarez — Surf Broadband  
Justin Wiggins — Wiggins Computing, LLC  
Karen Voss – Morningside of Sterling

Mary White – Community State Bank  
Melissa Ryan—Rock River Hospice & Home  
Nicole Bollman - CGH Medical Center  
Pam Fluck – Sauk Valley Bank  
Roy Dern – State Farm  
Sheila Martinez – U.S. Bank  
Sherry DeWalt – CGH Health Foundation  
Skip Dettman—LSSI  
Tygen Bausman—Sterling Federal Bank

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### Ambassador Spotlight — Nicole Bollman, CGH Medical Center

Nicole Bollman is a Marketing Specialist for CGH Medical Center. Since 2010, she has worked with the Marketing team at CGH on various marketing projects.



CGH primary care physicians are encouraging patients to get back to a regular health care routine. If you have been putting off your doctor’s visit, now is a good time to call and schedule your check-up. If you need a primary care provider for you or a loved one, contact our CGH new patient coordinator at 815-632-5325 or visit [cghmc.com/newpatient](http://cghmc.com/newpatient).

Nicole enjoys being a Chamber Ambassador has been actively involved since 2006. She is co-chair of the Professional Women’s Network committee and loves planning events to provide professional women in the area the opportunity to meet, network, and learn useful skills to benefit their lives.

Nicole and her husband Jeremy, have two active boys, Jeremiah, 11, and Jadon, 5. They recently rented a farmhouse on a longhorn/logging ranch, #365daysonthefarm. She loves being outdoors with her boys, campfire cooking, and making amazing gourmet coffee.

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### Ambassador Spotlight — Skip Dettman, LSSI

I moved here 5 years ago from Daytona Beach, Florida after being away since the age of 18. I am the program director for the Behavioral Health Services program at Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, and I am currently working on finishing my PhD.



My favorite organization is the YMCA and their after-school and summer camp programs. I think that seeing young adults supporting the children of our community and promoting positive interactions is so great. The YMCA provides scholarships for families in need of assistance so kids can attend summer camp and this is so important for families.

## Business After Hours | June

Thank you to Hope of Home for hosting the June Business After Hours. It was a wonderful summer evening of networking and gathering,

Please join us for the July BAH on Thursday, July 21 at Sauk Valley Community College.



## SBAC Your Voice Matters

Thank you to Elliot Richardson, SBAC (Small Business Advocacy Center), for joining our chamber members for conversations regarding how to support small businesses. By working together, we can take ideas and turn them into action through advocacy at the state level. The SVACC works to keep our members informed and engaged in business issues that impact them.

## 56th Annual Golf Outing

Thank you to every SVACC member who supported the 56th Annual Golf Outing. This event supports the Charles Farnham Business Scholarship and Workforce Development Initiatives (connecting education and business). It was a great day, a little rain, but so much fun and great golf! Congratulations to our winners:

- 1st Place: Sterling Chevrolet
- 2nd Place: Smeltzer Insurance
- 3rd Place: CGH Medical Center.

A very BIG thank you to Deer Valley Golf—an incredible place to host a golf outing.



Thank you for supporting the 56th Annual SVACC Golf Event



**Congratulations to  
Sherwin Williams Paint Store  
for receiving the  
Customer Service Award!**

We are proud to have you as a member.  
Visit the store at 3205 E. Lincolnway, Sterling  
or call 815-625-0081 for more information.



CSA Sponsored by:



*Ribbon Cuttings*

The Wellspring Medical Spa  
New Dixon Location  
735 N Galena Ave Suite 110  
815-249-1025



JH Technology  
815-305-9220  
Jhtechnologyllc.com

Megan Thacker of  
Waterstone Mortgage  
815-718-5378



WACC and Surf Broadband partnership  
For Surf call: (888) 274-6381  
WACC: (815) 626-5810

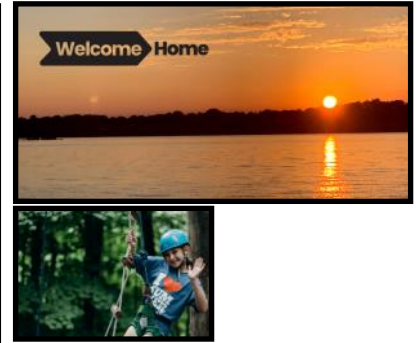
NAMI Sauk Area  
815-761-7654



# Get Involved!

[Welcome Home Sauk Valley](#) is a collaborative initiative between Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce, Sterling Main Street, and Sauk Valley Community College to remind past residents why the Sauk Valley area is a great place to call home with the goal of enticing individuals to come home to the Sauk Valley community. Click [here](#) to visit the website and view the full initiative, area events, job openings, and more.

The partnership is creating a taskforce of individuals to work on making this goal a reality. Individuals interested in getting involved are asked to contact Kris at [knoble@saukvalleyareachamber.com](mailto:knoble@saukvalleyareachamber.com).



## Government Affairs Update

### IRS increases mileage rate for remainder of 2022

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today announced an increase in the optional standard mileage rate for the final 6 months of 2022. Taxpayers may use the optional standard mileage rates to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business and certain other purposes.

For the final 6 months of 2022, the standard mileage rate for business travel will be 62.5 cents per mile, up 4 cents from the rate effective at the start of the year. The new rate for deductible medical or moving expenses (available for active-duty members of the military) will be 22 cents for the remainder of 2022, up 4 cents from the rate effective at the start of 2022. These new rates become effective July 1, 2022. The IRS provided legal guidance on the new rates in [Announcement 2022-13](#), issued today.

In recognition of recent gasoline price increases, the IRS made this special adjustment for the final months of 2022. The IRS normally updates the mileage rates once a year in the fall for the next calendar year. For travel from January 1 through June 30, 2022, taxpayers should use the rates set forth in [Notice 2022-03](#).

"The IRS is adjusting the standard mileage rates to better reflect the recent increase in fuel prices," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "We are aware a number of unusual factors have come into play involving fuel costs, and we are taking this special step to help taxpayers, businesses and others who use this rate."

While fuel costs are a significant factor in the mileage figure, other items enter into the calculation of mileage rates, such as depreciation and insurance and other fixed and variable costs.

The optional business standard mileage rate is used to compute the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business use in lieu of tracking actual costs. This rate is also used as a benchmark by the federal government and many businesses to reimburse their employees for mileage.

Taxpayers always have the option of calculating the actual costs of using their vehicle rather than using the standard mileage rates.

The 14 cents per mile rate for charitable organizations remains unchanged as it is set by statute.

Midyear increases in the optional mileage rates are rare, the last time the IRS made such an increase was in 2011.

## Guest Editorial

Written by Keri Olson, CEO, United Way of Whiteside County



### United Way Responds to Community Needs

When the community needs a hand, United Way is here to help.

In addition to investing year-round in local nonprofit programs and initiatives, our team at United Way responds to community needs with support when and where it is needed most.

When school is out many children lose access to at least one a meal day. For 21 years, United Way of Whiteside County has been filling that gap with the Feed the Children free summer lunch program.

United Way exists to respond where the need is greatest. Supporting this community is the essence of our mission, and it is what gets us out of bed in the morning.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and volunteers, here is how we combat childhood hunger with the Let's Feed The Children program:

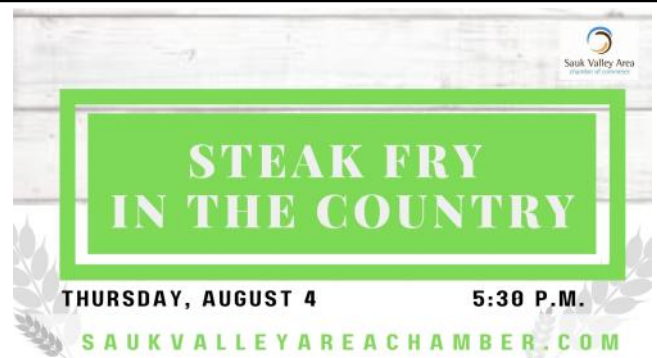
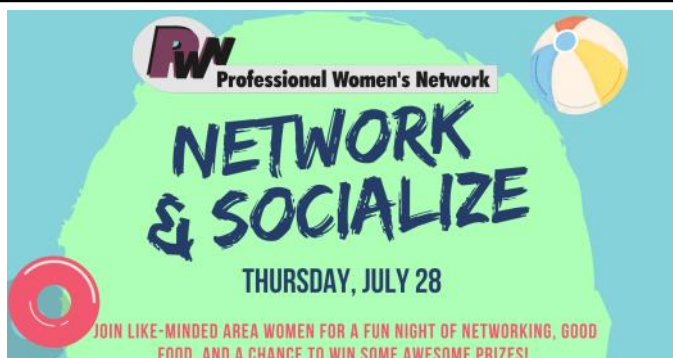
- Provide three free, ready to eat, meals for all children in Whiteside County each week.
- Serve meals at 18 sites throughout the county.
- Prepare more than 1,700 kid-friendly meals each week.
- Organize almost 500 volunteers, countless donors and community partners to work together
- to serve those in need.

In addition to Let's Feed The Children, United Way also supports children and families during the summer months in even more ways:

- Fund back to school supplies for all public school districts in Whiteside County
- Provide the 2-1-1 helpline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to connect those in need to the local services that can help.
- Fund the Literacy Is Fun for Everyone program that partners with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to give a free book every month to all children ages birth to age five.
- Distribute almost \$40,000 in grant funding for Emergency Food and Shelter Programs in Whiteside County

In addition to these needs during the summer months, our team at United Way is prepared to meet community needs year-round. United Way makes our communities stronger by funding over 20 local nonprofit organizations. We make kids better students with our Born Learning Academy. We make households more financially capable by providing free tax preparation tools. We make access to life saving medications easier with our pharmacy program. With our partner agencies, we make better, more equitable access for everyone to the things that make our lives, our neighborhoods, and our communities safer and healthier. Simply put, we make the community more vibrant for all.

To bring people and resources together and strengthen our community, we must all Live United. Thank you to all who donate, advocate, and volunteer with us; we cannot have the impact we do -- and the ability to respond to the needs of our community -- without you.





# Let's Feed our Children

## FREE MEALS FOR KIDS & TEENS

**Grab and go meals are provided free of charge to all kids and teens.**

- No registration or paperwork needed.
- Three kid friendly, ready to eat lunches will be handed out to each person.

### DATES & TIME

Every Wednesday, June 1 - August 10. Meals are served 12-12:30pm

### LOCATIONS

#### ERIE

Near Margaret Park

#### FULTON

First Reformed Church

#### LYNDON

Richmond Park

#### MILLEDGEVILLE

Public Library

#### MORRISON

Comm. Center (Market St)

#### PROPHETSTOWN

Eclipse Square

#### ROCK FALLS

Coloma Homes (Near Main Office)

Merrill School (Front Door)

Rock Falls Public Library (Lobby)

Wallingford Park (Shelter)

#### STERLING

Broadway Methodist

Latin American Social Club

Salvation Army

Scheid Park (Shelter)

St. Paul Lutheran

Sterling Public Library (Back Lot)

Ster-Lynn Apartments

#### TAMPICO

Community Building



#### Questions?

Contact United Way of Whiteside County  
815.625.7973 | [uwwhiteside.org](http://uwwhiteside.org)



# SAUK VALLEY COMMUNITY L.E.A.D.E.R.S.H.I.P. PROGRAM

## READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

The Sauk Valley Community Leadership Program will build on your existing leadership skills, broaden your knowledge of our local region, and unlock your potential as an effective leader for our Sauk Valley communities.

Visit [svleadership.org](http://svleadership.org) for complete program information and to apply online.



# SAUK VALLEY COMMUNITY L.E.A.D.E.R.S.H.I.P. PROGRAM

### **How long is the program?**

Your program will run from August through May.

### **What topics does the curriculum include?**

Direct experience with Community topics like economic development and local and state government; Leadership topics like public speaking and strategic planning; and a Volunteer project, working with fellow participants to achieve a common goal.

### **When are classes?**

Either twice a month on the first and third Wednesday from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or once a month on the second Wednesday from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### **How much is tuition?**

Program tuition is \$700 and covers all program costs. To learn about scholarship opportunities and to ask questions, email [svleadership@svcc.edu](mailto:svleadership@svcc.edu).

*Sauk Valley Community College is dedicated to teaching and scholarship while engaging the community in lifelong learning, public service, and economic development.*





# Jaycees Golf Outing Sponsorship Application

Dear Community Member,

On Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, The **Sterling-Rock Falls Jaycees** will host our **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser Golf Outing at Deer Valley Golf Club**. This event is designed to raise funds for the Jaycee's numerous community service projects, such as, **July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks** and most importantly **Jaycees Christmas for Kids**. The past years have been a great success! We have only businesses like you to thank! Your ongoing support will allow us to continue with our many important community projects.

There are several sponsorship opportunities available through this event as outlined below. Your sponsorship will have a positive effect on many community projects while at the same time promoting your own services to the community. The levels of sponsorships are as follows:

### Eagle Sponsor \$200

- Company name advertised on Tee/Green sign on the golf course
- Company name advertised on Scoreboard
- Company name listed in the Sponsor Information Sheet

### Birdie Sponsor \$100

- Company name advertised on Tee/Green sign on the golf course
- Company name listed in the Sponsor Information Sheet

All levels of sponsorship allow your business the opportunity to have a representative on the golf course networking and marketing your business/organization. In addition to the sponsorships listed above, we would certainly accept merchandise, gift certificates, etc. to be used for raffle and door prizes. I have also enclosed a team sign-up sheet if you would like to join us for a day of fun and golf.

If you need further information regarding sponsorships, prize donations or other general questions, please do not hesitate to call (815) 564-8711 or email [srfjaycees@gmail.com](mailto:srfjaycees@gmail.com)

**Thank you in advance for your support.**

Sincerely,  
Jaycees Golf Chairman  
Dylan Devers

### EAGLE Sponsor ~ \$200

- Company name advertised on Tee/Green sign on the golf course
- Company name advertised on Scoreboard
- Company name listed in the Sponsor Information Sheet

### BIRDIE Sponsor ~ \$100

- Company name advertised on Tee/Green sign on the golf course
- Company name listed in the Sponsor Information Sheet

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, we would like to help by being an EAGLE sponsor at the Golf Outing – Enclosed is our check for \$200

Yes, we would like to help being a BIRDIE sponsor – Enclosed is our check for \$100

Please make checks payable to: Sterling-Rock Falls Jaycees

Mail to: SRF Jaycees  
PO Box 705  
Sterling, IL 61081

Email questions or requests for golfer registrations to us [srfjaycees@gmail.com](mailto:srfjaycees@gmail.com)

**Thank you in advance for your support!!!**

## 15th Annual STERLING-ROCK FALLS JAYCEES GOLF OUTING

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
DEER VALLEY GOLF CLUB**

**12:30 SHOTGUN START**

**Cost is: \$55.00 per player (\$220 Per Foursome)**  
(Includes golf w/cart and lunch before golf)

**ALSO INCLUDED.....\$10,000 HOLE IN ONE CONTEST**  
(Sponsored by: Tom Myers and Smeltzer Insurance)

The event is a 4-Person Scramble. There will be Hole-In-One Prizes, Flag Event Prizes, 50/50 Raffle, Team Fireball Challenge (additional charge), Team Mulligans (additional charge).

NAME OF GOLFER	PHONE	ADDRESS
1.		
2.		
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**All Proceeds Benefit the STERLING-ROCK FALLS JAYCEES Programs**  
Jaycees Kids Christmas, Fireworks and other Jaycees Events!

Dylan Devers (815) 564-8711 or E-Mail: [srfjaycees@gmail.com](mailto:srfjaycees@gmail.com)

If you would like to participate in the golf event please send in this flier with the player's names and the full amount of \$220.00 with cash or check to: PO Box 705, Sterling, IL 61081. Please make checks to: Sterling-Rock Falls Jaycees.

## Back to School DISCO Light



**Who: Any kids entering Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade**  
(supervised by parent/guardian for the event)

Come DRESSED in your best DISCO 70's attire for bonus prizes for top 3 best dressed!

**What: Kids Bingo open to the public- play to win various school supplies- FREE TO PLAY!**

Drinks and Food will be available for purchase during BINGO or come early for the Moose Legion breakfast starting at 9 am in front entrance of building!

**When: July 17<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 10 am- Games begin at 11 am and will end about 1 pm.**

**Where: Sterling Moose Lodge-** Enter in South or West door entrances

**Why: Our Moose Lodge would like to give back to the community in a fun way to support our kids!**