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Public/Private Partners Launch Talent Campaign



Gaye Suggett
By Gaye Suggett, 2024 Chamber Chair
Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce

The Workforce Coalition has launched a talent retention and attraction campaign with the goal of growing the working population of the Jefferson City area. We need the help of every Chamber member to help get our message out on a regional basis.

The Workforce Coalition is a joint venture of the Chamber and the Jefferson City Regional Economic Partnership. For the last year, the Coalition's Talent Attraction Team has acquired market research on the campaign's target audience and the benefits of living, working and playing in Jefferson City. Members of the team also stepped up to fund the talent campaign, with partners including the City

of Jefferson, Cole County, Jefferson City Convention and Visitor Bureau, Jefferson City Regional Economic Partnership, Jefferson City Area Board of Realtors, Jefferson City School District and the Chamber.

The campaign "JCMO: Live. Grow. Home." aims to attract a talented workforce and enhance the region's sustainability and growth. The message is designed to bring new individuals and families to our community and to convince past residents to make the community their home again.

Amy Sublett, Executive Director of the Central Workforce Development Board, co-chairs the Workforce Coalition and leads the Talent Attraction Team. "Workforce availability is an important issue impacting many industries and communities," said Sublett. "This is a proactive approach intended to set Jefferson City apart."

In addition to some very dedicated partners, the campaign has benefitted from the creativity of three local marketing firms, including Imagemark Marketing & Advertising, Cosmic Sauce and



High 5 Communications. The consultants, with the feedback and valuable input from stakeholders, developed a robust collection of assets to support the campaign. These assets include a new website, a collection of videos on this area and other digital assets.

Much of the funds for this first phase of the talent campaign was invested in video, a website and market research. A second phase is planned for late 2024 and early 2025

that would partner with public/private sector employers to fund digital advertising and other outreach. The Workforce Coalition can now deploy a consistent marketing message to those seeking employment in the region to retain our current population and grow our talented workforce for years to come.

I urge you to go the website and to "like" what you see on social media. Thanks for your support!

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NETWORKING CALENDAR



- Chamber Connections**
June 20, 2024
3rd Thursday of each month
BarWhiskey
(rotates Chamber Member Restaurants & Bars)
4:00-5:30 pm
 - Friday Coffee**
June 14
2nd Friday each month
9am at Chamber & ZOOM
 - Young Professionals (YP) Monthly Meeting**
July 11
1st Thursday of each month
11:30 am
 - YP Final Friday Coffee**
June 28
7:30 am, Coffee Zone
 - YP 2nd Tuesday Happy Hour**
June 9
4-6 pm, TBD
- Check the Chamber's website for more information:
www.jcchamber.org



Build-A-Bear Founder at Women's Symposium

Maxine Clark, founder of Build-A-Bear (right) with 2024 Chamber Chair Gage Suggett at Women's Symposium March 20.

State of City & County draws over 150



Chamber Chair Gaye Suggett, Ameren, (at podium on right) speaks to more than 150 in attendance at the State of the City & County April 23 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. Panelists included (l-r) Bob Gilbert, Bartlett & West, the Chamber's strategic partner on advocacy; Logan Gratz, Gratz Real Estate & Auctioneering and chair of the Government Relations Committee; Eastern District Commissioner Jeff Hoelscher; Western District Commissioner Harry Otto; Councilman Scott Spencer and Councilman Derrick Spicer. Mayor Ron Fitzwater and Presiding Commissioner Sam Bushman also spoke during the event with a focus on infrastructure, economic development and housing. K.C. DeBoer, president of SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital (shown right), opened the event as the presenting sponsor with an update on the hospital's progress and expanded services. State of the City & County was also sponsored by Hitachi Energy and Unilever.



STATE OF THE CITY & COUNTY

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BBQ is Chamber's Biggest Event of the Year!

On May 9 over 1,000 attended the Chamber BBQ at the Capital Bluffs Event Center. Special thanks to the presenting sponsor, Jefferson City Autoplex, and the other 90 sponsors, attendees and the BBQ Committee volunteers for helping make the 2024 BBQ a huge success!

Partners in Education Announces Award Winners



Congratulations to the Partners in Education Outstanding Youth Leadership Award Recipients. The Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce presented Outstanding Youth Leadership Awards to 31 students from area schools. This award was created to recognize students who display leadership qualities every day – qualities like honesty, integrity, dependability, respectfulness, and compassion.

Representatives from their Partners in Education business partner sponsored the student(s) and presented the award at the school's year end assembly. Recipients received a certificate, a

medallion, and a cash prize. Congratulations to these outstanding award recipients:
 Berkley Snitker - Blair Oaks Intermediate School, Sponsor River Region Credit Union; Mia Smith, Maggie Cook and Ella Holtmeyer - Blair Oaks Middle School, Sponsor Mid America Bank; Reece Riley - Callaway Hills Elementary School, Sponsors Mid America Bank & Union Hill Baptist Church; Kendall Brooks, Mahaila Brunner, Juliana Fanning and Kate Hackmann - Calvary Lutheran High School, Sponsor Custom Promotional Branding; Trinity Kretzer - Cedar Hill Elementary School, Sponsor Southridge Baptist Church; Arayah Byers - East Elementary School, Sponsor First Christian Church; Emily Rodriguez - Helias Catholic High School, Sponsor SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital; Landry McKim and Mali Meyr - Lawson Elementary School, Sponsors Hy-Vee Food Stores and Scholastic; Tia Bethards, Lizzy Brooks,

Noah Fowler, Emma Hawkins, Owen Horn, Gunner Johns, Brena Lieth, Malachi McCarty and Clinton Prenger - Lighthouse Preparatory Academy, Sponsor Columbia College – Jefferson City Campus; Jo Ault - Moreau Heights Elementary School; Shelbi Ritter - Nichols Career Center, Sponsor Hitachi Energy; Nevaeh Brummett - North Elementary School, Sponsor Hitachi Energy; Vrishti Mehta - Pioneer Trail Elementary School, Sponsors Central Bank, Jefferson City Autoplex and SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital; Rachel Rybak - River Oak Christian Academy, Sponsor Liberty Family Medicine; Ariba Khan - South Elementary School, Sponsor First Baptist Church; Favour Oluwadare - Thomas Jefferson Middle School, Sponsors Hy-Vee Food Stores and Modine Manufacturing; Kyle Erwin - West Elementary School, Sponsor Jefferson Bank.
 A very special thank you to the Business Partners who sponsored these awards:



Pictured: (l to r) North Elementary School Student and Sponsor Ashley Varner, Hitachi Energy; Sponsor Janet Wear-Enloe, SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital, Pioneer Trail Elementary School Student and Sponsor Clay Broughton, Central Bank; Blair Oaks Middle School Student and Sponsor Michelle Kolb, Mid America Bank.

Congratulations to the Partners in Education Outstanding Partnership Award Recipients

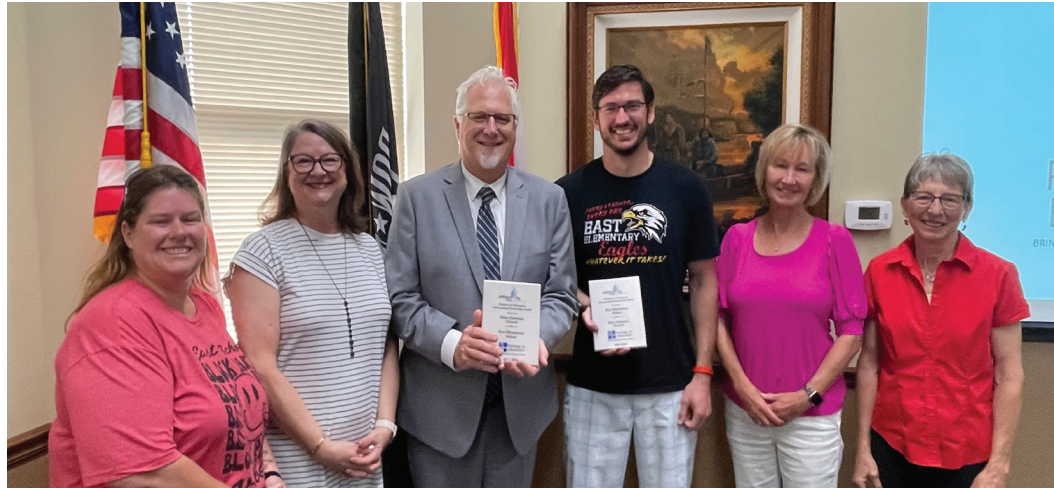
Each year the Partners in Education program recognizes a participating school and their business partner for their outstanding partnership throughout the school year. The Partners in Education Committee had a challenging time selecting the 2023-2024 school year winners as all the nominations highlighted strong partnerships. The Outstanding Partnership Award was presented to East Elementary School

and First Christian Church. Principal Jesse Oswald, East Elementary School and Pastor Michael Dunn, First Christian Church were recognized at the Chamber's Board of Director's meeting May 21. First Christian Church has partnered with East Elementary School for over 10 years. The partnership has grown over the years allowing them to establish a wonderful relationship of

trust and collaboration with the staff and families. They have various programs throughout the year to support students, staff, and families. If your business is interested in becoming a business partner with a local school or if you're interested in more information about the Partners in Education program, contact Ashley Temme, ashleytemme@jcchamber.org or call 573-638-3590.



East Elementary School & First Christian Church



Pictured (l to r): Missy Mann - East Elementary School, Dawn Dunn - First Christian Church, Pastor Michael Dunn - First Christian Church, Principal Jesse Oswald - East Elementary School, Chamber Chair Gaye Suggett - Ameren Missouri and Robin Grumm - First Christian Church.

Chamber holds first Women's Symposium



Nearly 150 women plus an additional handful of men gathered at Capital Bluffs Event Center on March 20 for the Chamber's first all day Women's Symposium. The event was presented by Ameren Missouri, partnered by SBDC at Lincoln University and sponsored by Capital Region Medical Center – MU Health Care, Hitachi Energy, Modern Litho, SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital, Hy-Vee Food Stores, Central Bank,

Jefferson Bank, KRCG, Mediacom, Zimmer Communications and Jefferson City News Tribune. Thank you to all of our speakers and panelists: Keynote Speaker - Jennifer Bardot, Owing Your G.R.I.T.; Mental Health Expert - Dr. Deborah Frost, Compass Health; Successful Women Panel - Jackie Coleman, Coleman & Associates; Dr. Deanne Fisher, Jefferson City High School; Dr. Kayla Hahn, Missouri Public Ser-



vice Commission; Chief Master Sergeant Jessica Settle, Missouri Air National Guard; Fireside Chat: Maxine Clark, Build-A-Bear & Delmar DevINE; Women in Small Business Panel - Zola Finch, RMI Business Finance; Missy McFerron, Jefferson City Magazine, Campus Coworking Space & Dogwood Social; Nicci Rexroat, A Place to Grow; Inspirational Speaker - Kyerra Johnson, We Speak Foundation. Co-Emcees - Gaye Suggett, 2024 Chamber Chair, Ameren Missouri & Lauren Carter, SBDC at Lincoln University.

9th Annual Battle of the Brews August 24 at Fairgrounds

Sip, sip, hooray! On Saturday, August 24, the Leadership Jefferson City class will once again host the Battle of the Brews. Back on tap for its ninth year, the brewing competition will raise funds for two amazing organizations in our community: Special Learning Center

and The Sneaker Project. This year's Battle of the Brews will be held at the Jefferson City Jaycees Fairgrounds from 12 - 4 p.m. Eventgoers will have the opportunity to sample different craft beers from local commercial and home brewers and taste some of

Jefferson City's finest food truck fare from vendors that will be on site. Sponsorships and ticket registration will be coming soon. Follow Battle of the Brews on Facebook for additional information and event updates.

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BATTLE of the Brews

AUGUST 24, 2024

12 PM - 4 PM

JEFFERSON CITY JAYCEES FAIRGROUNDS



Leadership Jefferson City Arts & Recreation Session

Members of Leadership Jefferson City's class of 2024 enjoyed a full day learning about arts and recreation within the community. The session was sponsored by Jefferson Bank and JC Parks.



Collaboration on Talent Initiative is Great to Witness



By Gary Plummer, President & CEO
Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce

"Do you think Jefferson City really wants to grow?" Those nine words were a huge motivation to me personally and eventually led to a talent retention and attraction campaign described by Gaye Suggett in her column on page one of this edition of Chamber Today. They were uttered a few months back by Greg Callahan, factory manager of Hitachi Energy, who is the Chamber's strategic partner when it comes to talent and workforce development. I want to talk about some additional people who I personally credit for their behind-the-scenes efforts to make this collaborative effort a reality. The commitment to address a workforce shortage came out of the Workforce Coalition, a joint

venture of the Chamber and the Jefferson City Regional Economic Partnership. Coalition Co-Chairs are Paula Benne, C & S Employment Solutions, and Amy Sublett, Central Region Workforce Development Board. Sublett also chaired a Talent Attraction Team that worked for over a year on campaign development. We have worked with three great consulting firms to build "JCMOLiveGrowHome." The work started with market research gathered by Darren Heckman at High 5 Communications. Some fantastic video footage and photography was compiled by Johnny Eaker and Seth Phillips of Cosmic Sauce. The marketing plan, website and other digital assets were created by Aaron DeBuhr and his team at Imagemark Marketing & Advertising. In addition to these professional consultants, the project benefitted from members of the Talent Attraction Team who rolled up their sleeves and brought their expertise to the table over the past year. Team members included Sublett plus Mayor Ron Fitzwater, City of Jefferson; Presiding Commissioner Sam Bushman, Cole County; Diane Gillespie and Alexandra Bobbitt, Jefferson City Convention & Visitors Bureau; Luke Holtschneider, Jefferson City Regional Economic Partnership;

Donna Stone, Jefferson City Area Board of Realtors; Ryan Burns, Jefferson City School District; and Michelle Varcho, formally with Central Bank. In addition, the campaign wouldn't have been possible without other volunteers who lent their support. A group of major employers participated in a focus group to help identify community needs and campaign objectives. About 20 "transplants" to Jefferson City who now work for a variety of area employers were interviewed to help identify the campaign message. And dozens of volunteers, many of which were recruited from the Young Professionals network, gave their time and talents for the video production. Now is your opportunity to also make a contribution. Go the website and check out the campaign on social media. Your feedback would be greatly appreciated!

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YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@JCMOLiveGrowHome>
LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/jcmolivegrow-home>

Community Updates and Networking at Friday Coffee

Whether you attend in person or by zoom, you will learn a lot at Friday Coffee. Friday Coffee is a wonderful opportunity to introduce yourself and your business to other Chamber Members. It's also an opportunity for your business to gain exposure as a sponsor. Friday Coffee is held on the second Friday every month at 9 am, so join us!



Friday Coffee was held Friday, April 12 at the Chamber and on Zoom. Friday Coffee participants heard a presentation on State Technical College of Missouri from President Dr. Shawn Strong.

Pictured: Dr. Shawn Strong presenting to Friday Coffee participants.



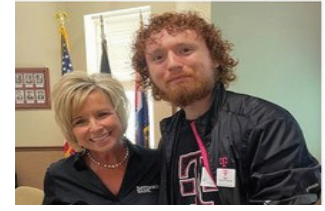
Friday Coffee was held Friday, May 10 at the Chamber and on Zoom. Friday Coffee participants heard about River Oak Christian Academy's New Facility Campaign from Travis Reynders, Director of Development for River Oak.

Pictured: Travis Reynders presenting to Friday Coffee participants.



Thank you to our Friday Coffee sponsor: Covenant Pediatric Wellness Center.

Pictured right: Sponsor Dr. Sonia McGowin - Covenant Pediatric Wellness Center, Door Prize Winner Ray Jetton - J.GALT and Sponsor Dr. Kayla Neeper, Covenant Pediatric Wellness Center.



Thank you to our Friday Coffee sponsor: Jefferson Bank.

Pictured right: Sponsor Renee Duenckel, Jefferson Bank and Door Prize Winner Jade Lowrimore, Sam's Club; Sponsor Renee Duenckel, Jefferson Bank and Door Prize Winner Ian Trowbridge, T-Mobile.



Member News Briefs

New Office Open

Hello Jefferson city, My name is Nicole Davis and I am a real estate agent under Keller Williams Realty and I just opened my own office in Fulton Mo. So we now have an office in Fulton Mo also to help all of you with you real estate needs.

YMCA Staff Receive Awards

YMCA staff recently attended the 2024 MO/KS YMCA Leadership Assembly and not only learned a lot to advance the mission of the YMCA, but also brought home some well-deserved awards. Craig Lammers, CEO, was named Advocate of the Year. Faryn Griffin, Administrative Director, received the Program Excellence Award and Cole Berhorst, Sports Director, was named Rookie of the Year.

Dogwood Vintiques Marks Five-Year Milestone

Jefferson City's own Dogwood Vintiques, located at 1415 Missouri Blvd, recently celebrated a remarkable five years of business with an anniversary bash hosted at the Canterbury Hill Restaurant and Winery. Founded in 2019 by Cheri and Scott Willett, Dogwood Vintiques has become a fixture in the local community, offering a unique retail experience with over 150 vendors showcasing their wares, including new and vintage items, gifts, antiques, clothing boutique, collectibles, and more.

Special Learning Center selects Prost Builders for their new school project

The Special Learning Center has chosen Prost Builders, Inc. as General Contractor to build their new facility at 905 Weathered Rock in Jefferson City. The Groundbreaking Ceremony will be Tuesday, June 4th, 2024, at 3pm.

State Fair Community College expands Commercial Driving Academy to Cole County and surrounding area

State Fair Community College is offering NO-COST Class A CDL training to individuals interested in training and achieving their Class A CDL license. Training cost of \$5210 is no-cost for individuals who reside in a qualifying county including Cole, Moniteau, Miller, Morgan and other surrounding counties. Training is held in Jefferson City, Boonville, Sedalia or Osage Beach. Limited seats available. Must be at least 18 years old. Training includes theory, simulator, range and road training. Call 660-530-5822 for more information.

C&S Employment Solutions and Central Workforce Development Region Announce Partnership to Boost Workforce Opportunities

C&S Employment Solutions and the Central Workforce Development Region are pleased to announce a strategic partnership aimed at maximizing workforce opportunities in the central Missouri area. This collaboration brings together the expertise of C&S, a leading employment service, and the Central Workforce Region, which oversees public workforce development services in Central Missouri, to enhance worker availability for businesses and connect job seekers to viable career options. The Central Workforce Development Region's mission is to strengthen communities through workforce development efforts, and this partnership with C&S Employment Solutions aligns perfectly with that goal. C&S Employment Solutions, located at 1731 Southridge Drive in Jefferson City, serves as an Access Point for Job Center services in Jefferson City, with staff available on-site on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to offer a range of services. Job seekers can benefit from on-the-job training, work experience training for youth and young adults, tuition assistance, and more, while employers can access services such as apprenticeship training, on-the-job training with partial wage reimbursement, NCRC testing, and federal bonding for those working with justice-involved individuals. Paula Benne, President of C&S Employment Solutions, expressed excitement about the partnership, stating, "C&S is excited to be able to offer our applicants and employees additional resources for success, and we feel this pilot partnership will not only help our employees but also our client employers."

JCESBA Awards Scholarships to Six Area Students

"The Jefferson City East Side Business Association (JCESBA) recently awarded six \$1,000 scholarships to area students. Local students attending a university, college or trade school in the fall of 2024 who meet the criteria set by JCESBA were eligible to apply for the \$1,000 scholarships. Recipients of \$1,000 scholarships from the Jefferson City East Side Business Association include: Kally Bruce (Blair Oaks High School), Ezekiel Duren (Jefferson City High School), Nathan Kever (Helias Catholic High School), Karoline Klebba (Helias Catholic High School), Annika Powers (Jefferson City High School) and Cayley Rackers (Blair Oaks High School). Stephanie Lehmen, Jefferson City East Side Business Association president stated, "JCESBA is proud to award \$6,000

in scholarships this year and help support our member businesses, residents and potential future JCESBA members."

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Spyder Technologies now offers Boost Infinite (post paid) phone plans with no contract or commitment. Price starting at only \$25 per line for life, with unlimited talk text and data, no minimum number of lines required. Add up to 5 lines per account. Coverage area using three major nationwide carriers. Need a new phone every year? \$60 per month with no trade in required and also get unlimited talk, text, and data. Call Spyder Technologies at 573-644-7200 to learn more about these great offers!

McMichael Named New Central Bank Branch Manager in Holts Summit



McMichael

Jefferson City, Mo. – Central Bank is delighted to announce Holts Summit native, Aaron McMichael, has been hired as the new Branch Manager of our Holts Summit location. McMichael's experience in the banking industry ranges from retail to real estate and lending. In addition, he has worked in local businesses and is the sole proprietor of his own small business. He is excited to serve his hometown with their financial needs.

"We are excited to have Aaron as the branch manager in Holts Summit, the community he is passionate about," said Ginger Kolb, Central Bank's Vice President of Retail Banking. "He already knows many people in the community and is looking forward to meeting new people and assist in supporting the whole area."

McMichael is a graduate of Lincoln University where he earned his bachelor's degree in business administration in 2022. He believes in giving back to the community and is especially excited about helping to improve the place he calls home. He looks forward to serving local organizations like Central Bank's Partner in Education in Holts Summit, North Elementary School.

The Central Trust Bank is headquartered in Jefferson City, Missouri, and has served businesses and customers since 1902. The bank is built on a strong foundation of people, community service and technology.

The Central Trust Bank is a \$20 billion Missouri state-chartered trust company with more than 250 locations in 78 communities serving consumers and businesses in Missouri, Kansas, Illinois, Oklahoma, Tennessee, North Carolina, Colorado, Iowa, and Florida. Divisions of The Central Trust Bank include Central Trust Company, Central Investment Advisors, Central Travel, and Central Technology Services. For more information, visit www.centralbank.net. – Strong roots. Endless possibilities. – Member FDIC

Raise Your Glass for Capital City CASA

Mark your calendars to join us on Thursday, October 12th, for an inspiring evening with CASA volunteers and keynote speaker Victoria Rowell. Victoria, who spent her childhood in foster care due to her mother's mental illness, overcame significant challenges with the support and guidance she received. She pursued her passion for dance at the Juilliard School of Music's Dance Extension program under Antony Tudor, became a successful model, and embarked on an acting career in 1987. Victoria gained widespread recognition when she joined the cast of "The Young and the Restless" in 1990 and has since appeared in numerous television shows and movies. Don't miss this opportunity to hear her incredible story!

Gary Wilbers is now a certified Business Made Simple Coach!

With this certification, Gary is equipped with advanced strategies and tools to help business owners improve productivity, drive profitability, and scale their businesses to new heights. Gary's commitment to excellence continues to empower entrepreneurs to achieve transformative results.

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#JCMO QuickFacts

Our Community at a Glance

Unemployment Rates

Geography	April 2024	March 2024	February 2024	April 2023
Cole County	2.6%	3.1%	3.1%	2.1%
Jefferson City MSA	2.7%	3.2%	3.2%	2.1%
Missouri	3.2%	3.7%	4.0%	2.6%
United States	3.5%	3.9%	4.2%	3.1%

Source: MO Department of Economic Development
Jefferson City MSA – Callaway, Cole, Moniteau & Osage Counties

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- Capital City PAC**
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Dennis Stevens
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Restaurants
- Cole County Historical Society**
Rebecca Gordon
3230 Emerald Ln.
Associations
- Courtyard by Marriott-Columbia**
Erin Rogers
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- Easematrics**
Chad Sisson
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- EPIC Real Estate Group - Carrie Spicer**
Carrie Spicer
2810 S. Ten Mile Drive
- First State Insurance Agency**
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- Grow Depot & Sacred Palace**
Megan Mobley
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Florists
- Help at Home, LLC.**
Angela Roark
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Health Organizations
- Help at Home, LLC.**
Angela Roark
1431 Southwest Blvd
Medical-Outpatient/ Home Health
- Ice Cream Factory**
Shannon Imler
302 east north st
Ice Cream/Yogurt/ Dairies
- Jefferson City Animal Hospital**
Elijah Pittman
1250 W Stadium Blvd,
- Keller Williams - James Whitehead**
James Whitehead
109 Horseshoe Bend Parkway
- Laubert's Auto Sales, LLC**
Stacy Laubert
501 Missouri Blvd
- Merry Maids Jefferson City, Missouri**
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520 Ellis BLVD
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- Northwestern Mutual**
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2211 Oakview Drive
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Painting/Wallpaper Contractors
- RE/MAX Jefferson City**
Lyla Stark
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- Roaming Spirits**
Lisa Lueckenotte
205 E. High St.
Restaurants
- Rockin Bod Studio**
Emma Burnett
114 Pierce St.
- Scott's Home Solutions**
Scott Perkins
3556 Hwy Y
Contractors - General
- SpringHealth Behavioral Health and Integrated Care**
Bethany Holterman
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Churches

Member News Briefs

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SSM Health Welcomes new VP

SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital – Jefferson City is pleased to announce Justin Morley as the new Vice President of Operations. Morley has a rich background in health care and leadership and comes to the Mid-Missouri region from the SSM Health System office in St. Louis. St. Mary's Hospital will also be celebrating two upcoming events. St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary will host the 66th annual Ice Cream Social from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19, at St. Joseph Undercroft/Cana Hall, 2215 W. Main Street. The St. Mary's Hospital Foundation will be hosting the Healthy Living Forum on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. The event features topics for retirees like health and wellness, financial and estate planning, travel and more!

GQT MOVIES, HEALTHY BLUE, TO BRING FREE MOVIES TO JEFFERSON CITY Summer Family Flicks Series to run for ten weeks this summer

GQT Movies and Healthy Blue are excited to announce the 2024 Summer Family Flicks Series at the Capital 8. At 10 a.m. every Wednesday and Thursday for the next ten weeks the theater will host showings of family-friendly movies for the community at no admission charge. Featuring movies like Minions: The Rise of Gru, Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse, Sing 2, and Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile, this free movie series has something to offer for every member of the family. "Our Summer Family Flicks Series is a fantastic opportunity for us to engage the community and bring families together for a zero-cost movie-going experience. Our series would not be possible if it weren't for Healthy Blue's partnership and generous support." Explains Jake McSparin, Vice President of Operations for GQT Movies. While admission to the films is free, seating is limited to one auditorium, so guests are encouraged to arrive early. Doors will open at 9:30 am for the 10:00 am showing. Seating is allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, with tickets issued at the box office. Reservations cannot be made online. To maximize the viewing opportunity for the most guests, large groups and organizations are respectfully discouraged from attendance. Concessions will be available for purchase at our everyday low prices. The address for the Capital 8 is 3550 County Club Dr., Jefferson City, Mo, 65109. The Summer Family Flicks lineup as well as general showtimes, pricing, and other promotions can be found online at gqtmovies.com. Opportunities for private rentals of Summer Family Flicks movies for large groups and organizations are available. Please contact sales@gqtmovies.com or 765-543-3751 for more information

Congratulations to Cindy Wood, Animal Medical Center of Jefferson City

Dr. Greg Boyer, Dr. Kayla Terry, and the staff of Animal Medical Center of Jefferson City congratulates Veterinary Assistant Cindy Wood on being inducted into the Missouri Veterinary Medical Association Practice Staff Honor Roll! Cindy will be celebrating 35 years with Animal Medical Center (formerly Howard Veterinary Hospital) in September 2024. Cindy is a support pillar of the practice providing a countless number of pets with quality health care over the years.

Mid America Bank Promotes Boyce and Luebbert



Luebbert



Boyce

Jefferson City, MO – Mid America Bank has announced the promotion of Michael Boyce, Jr. and Tyler Luebbert to AVP, Loan Officer. Michael Boyce, Jr. has been in banking for over 15 years, and enjoys being a part of client's financial futures. Boyce earned a bachelor's degree in business/finance from Westminster. He resides in Holts Summit with his wife and three daughters. Boyce is a member of several organizations including Holts Summit Optimist Club and Holts Summit Community Betterment Association, as well as an active attendee of First Assembly of God in Jefferson City. Tyler Luebbert has over 10 years of banking experience and has been with Mid America Bank since 2019. He is a graduate of Fatima High School and earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri - Columbia. Luebbert resides in Loose Creek with his wife and three sons. Luebbert serves on the Fund Allocation Committee of the United Way of Central Missouri and is a member of Immaculate Conception Parish in Loose Creek.

Mid America Bank would like to extend its congratulations to Michael & Tyler on their promotions.

Ice Cream Thursday, June 13th!

Stop by Ice Cream Factory on Thursday, June 13 to enjoy some ice cream! 10% of all sales will be donated to Council for Drug Free Youth (CDFY)! Support for a brighter, drug free tomorrow.

Kickoff some fun at Hollon Family Chiropractic's Patient Appreciation Day

All Fans Welcome, Saturday, June 22, 10am – 2pm. Call and schedule your FREE adjustment! Must be a current patient seen within the last 3 months. New Patients get started on your journey to wellness with a comprehensive spinal exam, x-ray, and consultation with the doctor for only \$40. Free Food, Free Prizes, Free Limited Edition T-shirt, Free Spinal Screenings and much more!! Come see us at 751 W. Stadium Blvd., Jefferson City, MO.

YP Meeting features Non-Profit Roundtable Discussions



YP members got to learn more about 6 area non-profits that participated in the Non-Profit Roundtable held at the YP Membership in April. Pictured Audrey Kauffman from Stop Human Trafficking. The other non-profit participants were: Boys & Girls Club; Boy Scouts of America, CDFY, First Chance for Children, RACS, River City Habitat for Humanity.

Special Olympics Missouri benefits from YP Wine Competition

The Young Professionals group held a successful Wine Competition on April 11 benefiting Special Olympics Missouri with over 200 attendees at Special Olympics Missouri. The YP Wine Competition was lead by YP Service Co-Chairs Rebecca Stoehr, CED-Philips & Company and Lindsay Welch, ABC17 & FOX22. Special thanks to the YP Committee and everyone that assisted with making this event such a success!



Over 200 participated in the YP Wine Competition benefiting Special Olympics Missouri at Special Olympics Missouri. YP shares proceeds from the YP Wine Competition with the Special Olympics Missouri.

Special thanks to the YP Committee lead by YP Service Co-Chairs Rebecca Stoehr, CED-Philips & Company and Lindsay Welch, ABC17 & FOX22 and everyone that assisted with making this event such a success!



Pictured above (l to r): YP Service Co-Chair Lindsay Welch - ABC17 & FOX22, Alex Jones - Special Olympics Missouri, Grace Davis - Special Olympics Missouri, Service Chair Rebecca Stoehr.



Members Enjoy Great Barbeque, Networking and Fun at Chamber BBQ May 9

Over 1,000 attended the Chamber BBQ presented by Jefferson City Autoplex at the Capital Bluffs Event Center on May 9. With over 90 sponsors, the BBQ is the Chamber's biggest networking event of the year! Participants enjoyed great food from Capital Bluffs Event Center, a margarita bar featuring 8 member restaurants and bars, bourbon tasting, tequila tasting and a beer garden and live music from David Baker Duo. Special thanks to the BBQ Committee Co-Chairs Krysten Hofmann, Monarch Title Company and Andrew Brunnert, JC Parks and the entire committee on an outstanding event. Susan Neill Dawdy, Chamber Director of Membership and Special Events added "The Chamber BBQ is such a successful event because of our awesome sponsors, volunteers and members!"

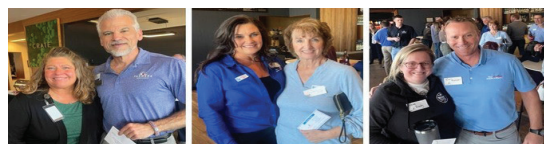


Network at Chamber Connections



Pictured (l to r): Sponsors Lisa Lehman, Jeff Hoelscher and Rachel Andrews, Home Builders Association of Central Missouri and Door Prize Winners Christopher Scott, Farmers Insurance, Myia Griggs, Home Sweet Mo. Cleaning Co., Scott Perkins, Scott's Home Solutions, Tim Allen, The Otko Group, Leslie Tanner, Central Bank; Chamber Buddies Winners Cecile Landrum, Gratz Real Estate & Auctioneering and Jackie Coleman, Coleman & Associates; Sponsor Sean Veit, Veit's Pub & Grill and Door Prize Winner Jessica Kempker, The Blue Diamond.

Chamber Connections was held Thursday, April 18. Chamber members networked and enjoyed the fun atmosphere at Veit's Pub & Grill. Thank you to our sponsors: Home Builders Association of Central Missouri and Veit's Pub & Grill.



Pictured above: Sponsor Michele Braun, Courtyard by Marriott and Door Prize Winner Christopher Scott, Farmers Insurance - Scott Agency; Chamber Buddies Winners Shelly Schwartz, Mid America Bank and Talva Grundstrom; Door Prize Winner Kara Ready, Ready Popped and Sponsor Carl Sweezer, Mid America Bank.

Chamber Connections was held Thursday, March 21. Chamber members networked and enjoyed the food and hospitality at Courtyard by Marriott. Thank you to our sponsors: Mid America Bank & Courtyard by Marriott.



Pictured above (l to r): Door Prize Winner Beth Uthrecht - Midwest Independent BankersBank, Sponsor Erin Hart, KAT Country, Sponsor Steve Whitener, Prison Brews and Sponsor Kevin Hilley - KAT Country; Chamber Buddies Winner Grace Teddy, Mediacom, Sponsors Erin Hart and Kevin Hilley, KAT Country and Chamber Buddies Winner Jack Hitt, First Mid Bank & Trust; Sponsor Rick Prather, Vogel Insurance Group and Door Prize Winner Bill Grant, Gratz Real Estate & Auctioneering.

Chamber Connections was held Thursday, May 16. Chamber members networked and enjoyed the great food on the patio at Prison Brews. Thank you to our sponsors: Vogel Insurance Group and Prison Brews.



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