

# HSHS St. Elizabeth’s UrgiCare in O’Fallon again seeing patients

On June 17, HSHS St. Elizabeth’s Hospital reopened its UrgiCare services at 1512 North Green Mount Road in O’Fallon, Ill. Hours of operation will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week. This service has been closed since April 2 due to the coronavirus.

“We understand people have many health-care needs outside of COVID-19 and we never want anyone forgo or delay seeking medical care. We are excited to open St. Elizabeth’s UrgiCare and offer those in need of medical care another convenient, accessible and safe location,” said Regina Peterson, DNP, RN, chief nursing officer at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital.

X-ray and CT scans are also available within UrgiCare, but walk-in labs are still unavailable.

For the safety of all, the hospital continues to take numerous safety precautions. Patient temperatures will be taken at the door and each person will be asked additional COVID-19 related screening questions. All patients and visitors will also be required to wear a mask upon entering the building and are asked to social distance while in the waiting room.

Visitor guidelines will be the same as at the hospital for similar outpatient services. UrgiCare patients are encouraged to come alone whenever possible or have support persons wait outside until services are complete. Exceptions will be made for pediatric patients or those with a developmental disability.

Emergency Department and UrgiCare Manager Erin Hazen, RN, also recommends patients utilize the “Save My Spot” program which allows patients to further decrease time sitting in the waiting room. “Through this online reservation and



appointment scheduling system, patients can reserve a specific time to be seen by our staff. We implemented “Save My Spot” well before the current COVID-19 crisis but now it has become an even greater patient safety tool and satisfying piece of technology,” Hazen added.

To use Save My Spot, visit [steliz.org/savemyspot](http://steliz.org/savemyspot) and select Reserve My Time.

St. Elizabeth’s does request that patients arrive 15 minutes before the appointment time and follow all the other safety processes in place, as noted above, but cautions those individuals with chest pain or major trauma from delaying care. If you are experiencing these symptoms you should call 911 immediately.

UrgiCare provides high-quality care for unexpected illnesses, accidents and work-related injuries and is staffed by emergency-trained providers and registered nurses. The UrgiCare is an extension of St. Elizabeth’s emergency department, and services provided at this location are billed as Emergency Room services. As with all health-care services, it is recommended that patients understand benefit plans and coverage.

The hospital strongly encourages the community to continue to comply with all CDC directives to help the community and its health-care professionals remain healthy.



From left, Bank of Belleville team members Andrew Butts, Paul Abert and Jennifer Warren.

## Bank taps Edwardsville native Abert as new market president

Bank of Belleville, a locally owned and controlled, independent community bank located in Belleville, is making plans to open a new banking center in Edwardsville. Paul Abert, an Edwardsville native and longtime Edwardsville area banker, has been hired to serve as the market president for Madison County.

Abert, who most recently was community bank president for Town and Country Bank in Edwardsville and previously was a vice president with First Mid Illinois Bank & Trust and Bank of Edwardsville, has more than 35 years of local banking experience in the community. He has demonstrated success in retail operations, branch management and commercial banking. Abert started in banking in 1983 and worked his way up, adding he learned from some of the best community bankers in the Metro East along the way.

“As a lifelong Edwardsville resident, I know that this is a place that highly values community banking which supports the local economy,” said Abert. “The opportunity to work for a true community bank like Bank of Belleville, which exemplifies those same values and offers Metro East control and knowledge, is very exciting. Their expertise of the economic intricacies of our region will bring a solid choice to Madison County.”

Abert is active in the community as a member and past president of the Goshen Rotary Club; Board Vice President of the Edwardsville YMCA and SIUE School of Pharmacy Advisory Board and member of the First Presbyterian Church Edwardsville, where he serves on the finance committee.

Abert will be joining other local, community-focused Bank of Belleville employees, Jennifer Warren and Andrew Butts.

Warren, Bank of Belleville’s chief operations officer, has 23 years of banking

experience and serves on several boards including Watershed Nature Center and Nickel Plate Station in addition to Edwardsville Rotary.

Andrew Butts is Bank of Belleville’s assistant vice president of Bank Operations, with 10 years of community banking experience. He serves as the vice president of the Edwardsville Arts Center and as vice chair for the Future Leaders Alliance Board.

Bank of Belleville, which recently eclipsed \$240 million in total assets, specializes in business and personal loans. Since its inception in 2005, Bank of Belleville has also committed itself to supporting the local community.

Bank of Belleville President and Chief Executive Officer, Ron Stephens, said additional details will be released soon regarding the exact location and opening date for the Madison County location yet, but the decision to open a banking center was based on the area’s shared commitment to community.

“Our tagline, ‘Smaller Bank, Bigger Service, Stronger Community,’ is at the forefront of everything we do,” said Stephens. “While our bank embraces the newest technologies; services like check scanners, electronic banking, and mobile banking, we take pride in our ‘throwback’ approach to banking, meaning we want our clients to have the ability to speak directly with decision-makers and promptly meet every client’s needs.”

Bank of Belleville operates from its headquarters at 215 S. Illinois St. in Belleville. The fifteen-year-old bank, which is approaching a quarter of a billion dollars in assets, serves individual and business clients throughout the Metro East. The bank currently has 49 full and part-time team members. For more information about Bank of Belleville, go to [www.bankofbelleville.com](http://www.bankofbelleville.com).

## First Mid Bank & Trust names two to vice president/retail loan positions

First Mid Bank & Trust recently announced the promotions of Scott Gruber and Patty Wooff to vice president, retail loan officer in Metro East locations.

Gruber has been in the mortgage industry since 1991 and has been serving customers in the Metro East and St. Louis areas since 1998. He has a vast amount of knowledge in mortgage financing — including FHA, VA, USDA, conventional and home equity loans — and specializes in helping first-time homebuyers with the mortgage process.

Gruber currently works out of First Mid’s Edwardsville Goshen banking center, located at 6814 Goshen Road.

Wooff has been in the mortgage industry since 1988. She specializes in home loan lending for purchase transactions, construction lending, refinancing and home equity lines of credit. Her lending scope includes a wide range of programs, including community



Gruber



Wooff

down payment assistance.

Wooff currently works out of First Mid’s Edwardsville 157 and Wood River banking centers, located at 2143 South State Route 157 and 1046 E. Madison Ave., respectively.

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