

# Scott E. Bland elected to the Board of the Illinois Bankers Association

The Illinois Bankers Association (IBA) announced that Scott E. Bland has been elected to the IBA's Board of Directors. The election was held on August 12 during the organization's virtual Annual Conference.

Bland is the Senior Vice President of Operations at First Neighbor Bank, N.A. a \$550 million Community Bank with headquarters in Toledo, IL. He is responsible for managing the Operations activities for the bank's nine offices located in Toledo, Greenup, Neoga, Casey, Mattoon, Charleston, Tuscola, Newman and Paris,

Illinois. He began his career with First Neighbor Bank formally known as The First National Bank in Toledo in 1985 as a computer operator. He has held many positions within First Neighbor Bank over the past 36 years.

Bland is a Graduate of Cumberland High School. He graduated from the Illinois Bankers Association Bank School in 1992. He is currently serving Cumberland County as the Chairman of the Emergency Telephone System Board (E-911). He is an Advisory Board member for the Neal Center YMCA and also an Advisory



Board member for First Neighbor Bank. Bland is currently serving on the Illinois Banker's Association Annual Conference Committee.

Bland has volunteered and served in leadership roles for several community organizations. He has been a Board Member and Past Chairman of the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center Foundation Board, and a Board Member for the Village of Greenup to name a few. Bland has also been a licensed Emergency Medical Technician / Paramedic for both the Greenup and Toledo communities for over 30 years.

"The IBA is pleased and honored to have Scott serve as a member of our Board," said 2021-2022 IBA Chair Michelle Gross, State Bank of Bement. "He will be a great asset to the association's Board of Directors."

*The Illinois Bankers Association is a full-service trade association dedicated to creating a positive business climate that benefits the entire banking industry and the communities they serve. Founded in 1891, the IBA brings together state and national banks and savings banks of all sizes.*

# Horizon Health Cardiology adds Nurse Practitioner Melissa Thomas

Melissa Thomas, certified family nurse practitioner, has joined Dr. Ron Oren and the cardiology team at Horizon Health.

"With the addition of Melissa and Dr. Oren, our patients won't have to travel to receive comprehensive cardiology services," said Ollie Smith, Horizon Health president & CEO. "They will continue to build our cardiology program and strengthen our existing services, which include cardiac rehabilitation and a congestive heart failure clinic."

Melissa has more than 20 years of nursing ex-

perience, nine of them as a nurse practitioner. Her background includes convenient care clinics and intensive care units.

"To me, healthcare is about quality not quantity," she said. "I like to sit and talk with my patients. I feel I can take better care of them by not rushing them through the process."

Prior to Horizon Health, Melissa worked in various nursing roles in Terre Haute.

"Being here is refreshing," she said. "Paris may be a small town, but it offers big city services when it comes to healthcare."



Dr. Oren joined Horizon Health in July to develop and lead the cardiology program. Together, he and Melissa diagnose and treat a variety of conditions, including congestive heart failure (CHF), chest pain, arrhythmias (irregular heart beat), and high blood pressure. They offer cardiac testing (echocardiogram), stress testing, and heart rhythm monitoring. They also provide medication management and patient education.

Melissa earned her master's degree and bachelor's degree in nursing at Indiana Wesleyan Univer-

sity. She also completed nursing education at Lincoln Trail College and Ivy Tech Community College.

Melissa was born and raised in Terre Haute. She resides in Brazil, Indiana with her husband, Andrew. They have four children and two grandchildren. In her free time, Melissa enjoys crafting, gardening, fishing, traveling, and spending time with family.

A medical referral is not required to see Melissa. For an appointment, call 217-466-4096.

# Horizon Health announces athletic trainers for new sports season

Two graduate students from Eastern Illinois University are helping ensure local athletes stay in the game this season.

Horizon Health has provided funding for athletic trainers at area schools for the past several years. Through a partnership agreement with EIU, graduate students – who are certified athletic trainers – help young players prevent and recover from injuries. Athletic trainers assess, manage, treat, rehabilitate, and recondition athletic injuries. They also provide emergency care and implement concussion protocols to ensure player safety.

The athletic trainers work with athletes participating in football, basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, cheerleading, and other sports. The new athletic trainers for the 2021-

2022 season are:

### Paris Sports

Madissen Davis is the athletic trainer for Paris high school, working alongside Alli Antkiewicz, full-time athletic trainer at Horizon Health. Madissen has a bachelor's degree in athletic training from Louisiana State University. Originally from Fort Worth, Texas, Madissen is pursuing a master's degree in sports administration at EIU. Her goal is to become a high school or collegiate athletic trainer, with a long-term ambition of working in professional sports.

"After tearing a hamstring in high school, I became interested in body anatomy," Madissen said. "I shadowed an athletic trainer and loved it."

### Tri-County Sports

Huntur Orwick, of Villa Grove, Illinois, is the ath-



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letic trainer for Tri-County sports. He has a bachelor's degree in athletic training from EIU and is pursuing a master's degree in sports administration. His goal is to become a full-time, high

school athletic trainer with a degree in elementary education.

"I always loved sports. My uncle was an EMT and I liked what he did. Athletic training is a perfect mix



Madissen Davis

of sports and the medical profession," he said.

Horizon Health also provides an athletic trainer for Chrisman, Martinsville, and Paris Youth Football. The Horizon

Health athletic training team includes full-time athletic trainers Alli Antkiewicz, Clinton Schlosser, and Lisa Smittkamp, rehab coordinator and program manager.

# THEATRE

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as big as their bouffants! As we learn about their lives and loves, the girls serenade us with over 30 classic '50's and '60's hits,

including Lollipop, Dream Lover, Stupid Cupid and Lipstick on Your Collar. The Marvelous Wonderettes will keep you smiling in this musical trip down memory lane!

Closing out the fall season will be The Little Theatre's musical extravaganza,

We Need A "Little" Christmas. A celebration of the season, "We Need A Little" Christmas will feature favorite holiday tunes as well as some not so familiar songs encompassing all the "feels" of the most wonderful time of the year. Come spend a few hours with your 'Little' family and leave with a song in your heart and a 'Little' pep in your step!

Tickets for The King & Marilyn, The Marvelous Wonderettes and We Need A "Little" Christmas are \$37.50 for adults under 62 years old, \$35.40 for senior

citizens over 62 years of age and \$21.75 for students under 21 years of age. Tickets can be purchased by calling The Little Theatre box office at 217-728-7375 or online at thelittletheatre.org. Current box office hours are 9:00 to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Little Theatre On The Square is a professional not-for-profit theatre. Located on the historic square in Sullivan, IL, The Little Theatre has been producing quality professional theatre for all ages since 1957.

# Help celebrate Norma Dolan's 95th birthday with a card shower



Norma Dolan will be celebrating her 95th birthday on September 30, 2021! She loves to get mail, so her daughters, Nancy Kuhns, Eudora Drollinger, and Melissa Dolan, are hosting a card shower to help her celebrate this special occasion. Norma taught in the Arthur and Sullivan school districts and served as dietician at the Illinois Masonic Home for many years. She was a 4-H club leader, active in Moultrie County Home Extension, Jonathan Creek Christian Church, Decatur Quilt Guild, and First Christian Church of Sullivan. If you know Norma from any of these places, or other parts of her life, she will love hearing from her family and friends! Thanks for helping make this birthday extra special!

Cards may be mailed to: Norma Dolan at 12 Chad Avenue in Sullivan, IL 61951.

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