

People in Business

Belleville broker gets Realtor honor

Barbara (Barb) Davidson of Belleville was named Realtor of the Year by the Realtor Association of Southwestern Illinois.



Davidson

The award recognizes service and leadership in the community and real estate industry.

Davidson, who is a managing broker with Coldwell Banker Brown Realtors, received the award during a statewide meeting of the Illinois Realtors. Davidson joined the Realtor Association of Southwestern Illinois in 1980 and has been a part of numerous committees and task forces including the Community Involvement Task Force, Awards Task Force, SIR/MLS Board of Governors, and served on the Board of Directors several times.

Becherer practice adds optometrist Holtzman

Dr. Becherer and Associates announced the addition of Dr. Nicholas Holtzman to the practice in Belleville.



Holtzman

Holtzman obtained his Doctorate in Optometry from University of Missouri St. Louis College of Optometry, where he was recipient of the inaugural Dr. Frank D. Fontana Memorial scholarship for emphasizing exceptional clinical skills and compassion.

Holtzman has a personal interest in advanced contact lens fitting, ocular surface disease, disease management, binocularity, and sports vision.

He joined Dr. Becherer and Associates shortly after attending optometry school, and before that worked in cardiac rehabilitation as an exercise specialist at Barnes Jewish Hospital and as a clinical allergy specialist with United Allergy Services.

The doctor holds a Master of Science in Kinesiology from Southern Illinois University Carbondale. While attending graduate school he worked as an instructor for the Strong Survivors Exercise and Nutrition program for cancer survivors and caregivers.

The addition of Holtzman to the practice represents the fourth generation of eye care in the 100-year-old family practice. Holtzman's wife, Courtney, is great-granddaughter of the original founder, Paul William Becherer.

Alton MultiSpecialists adds primary care doctor

Dr. Wendy Frazier has joined the Alton MultiSpecialists and Alton Memorial Hospital medical staff. Alton MultiSpecialists is located at 1 Professional Drive in Alton.



Frazier

Frazier provides primary care for patients of all ages. An Air Force veteran, she earned her medical degree from the Medical University of South Carolina in

2012 and completed a joint Family Medicine residency with the USAF and Saint Louis University in 2015. Prior to joining Alton MultiSpecialists, she provided care for patients at Scott AFB.

Holland Construction promotes Ruehl

Swansea-based Holland Construction Services recently promoted Rob Ruehl to project executive. Ruehl has been



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with Holland since 2017. With more than two decades of experience in the industry, Ruehl has been a part of major projects at Holland including Keystone Place Senior Living, The Villages of Twin Oaks, The Flats at Dorsett Ridge, and Heartland View Apartments.

Ruehl received a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and Construction Management from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Breese hospital names interim president

HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Breese named Chief Nursing Officer Amanda "Mandi" Ennen to the expanded role of interim president and CEO effective May 1.



Ennen

Additionally, Pharmacy Director Joel Tucker will expand his leadership role in the interim to support additional hospital departments. On March 17, HSHS announced the appointment of Chris Klay to serve as president and CEO of HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon, also effective May 1. He had served as president and CEO of HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Breese.

Greater Gateway chooses top Realtors

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Select Properties in Edwardsville was recently honored to see one of its brokers



Massey



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recognized for his hard work and dedication to the industry on a regional and state level.

Mark Massey of The Massey Team was named the 2022 Realtor of the Year by the Greater Gateway Association of Realtors. Massey's accomplishments were celebrated by the Illinois Realtors at a banquet in Springfield, Ill., along with fellow 2022 ROTY award recipients from other local associations throughout the state.

Berkshire Hathaway HomeSer-

vices also recognized Massey and his mother Diana Massey, who makes up The Massey Team, at the annual national convention in Louisville, Ky., in March. The Massey team was awarded the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Chairman's Circle Gold award. Diane Massey received the network's Legend Award for 25 years of service.

Home builder appoints its second president

C.A. Jones Inc., a Metro East home builder, has appointed a new president, only the second in the company's 27th year in business.



Needles

Michael Needles, who has been vice president and worked at the company several years, will take on the role of founder Chris Jones, who is retiring in June.

Needles is a Triad High School and Southern Illinois University alum. This year C.A. Jones Inc. is celebrating a milestone — in May it will have closed on its 900th home in the Metro East.

C.A. Jones Inc. has been active in giving back to the community, from the food pantry at SIUE, to scholarships, to a partnership with the Illinois Center for Autism, whereby the center receives donations from every home Jones sells in the Metro East.

Doctor at Memorial honored for excellence

Dr. Srinivasarao Yaganti, a board-certified internal medicine physician and hospitalist with BJC Medical Group, received the Matthew B. Eisele, M.D. Physician Excellence Award on March 30, during Memorial Hospital's Doctor's Day Recognition.



Yaganti

This award was established in 2007 to recognize a physician on staff who exemplifies dedication to medicine, quality care and commitment to the community. That includes support Memorial in its mission and values; participating on hospital and/or medical staff departmental committees; and setting a positive example.

Yaganti was chosen from among 14 nominations submitted by employees, peers, Auxiliary and board members. He has been a member of Memorial's Medical Staff since 1996 and is past chairman of the medicine department and clinical oversight committee. He also served on the quality improvement, critical care, physician advisory and therapeutics/infection control committees as well as the Medical Staff Executive Committee.

Caseyville resident joins Kwame Building Group



Farnen

John Farnen of Caseyville has joined Kwame Building Group as vice president of Operations.

Farnen is responsible for leading Kwame Build-

ing Group's health care, higher education and corporate divisions. He also develops and maintains strategic partnerships and directs marketing and business development activities.

Farnen has more than 30 years of experience in planning, design and construction, including an extensive background in health-care construction. He was vice president of planning, design and construction for Mercy for 24 years and has managed hundreds of health-care projects worth more than \$1 billion.

Farnen holds a Bachelor of Engineering from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. He is a Certified Healthcare Constructor and a member of the American Society for Healthcare Engineers' Training Certification and Executive Leadership committees.

Farnen has extensive community leadership experience, including as a member of the Advisory Board for Health+Homes, a Board Trustee at Christ Church in Fairview Heights and a board member at Marian Middle School. He also is a member of the St. Louis University High School Disadvantaged Business Partnership, St. Louis Council of Construction Consumers, ASHE and the American Hospital Association.

IMPACT Strategies exec earns top honor

Fairview Heights-based IMPACT Strategies announced that General Superintendent Frank Malone received the



Malone

American Subcontractors Association Midwest Council's GC Field Employee of the Year award at the Council's Neon Awards Gala, held April 9 at the Four Seasons Hotel in St. Louis. ASA members nominated and cast votes for the award. The GC Field Employee of the Year award goes to the field employee that consistently goes above and beyond, fostering strong relationships and creating successful partnerships between subcontractor and general contractor.

Malone was cited for demonstrating excellence through his ability to connect with subcontractors, tradesmen and clients. He is said to have a contagious work ethic that unites his team and demonstrates strong character.

Malone has more than 22 years of experience in the construction industry. He joined IMPACT Strategies in 2016 as a superintendent and has been a valued team member on several of the firm's local projects including Hofbräuhaus St. Louis-Belleville, Ameren Illinois operation centers, Covenant House Missouri, Altair at the Heights in Richmond Heights, and 2200 LaSalle at the Edge in Lafayette Square. Malone was promoted to general superintendent in 2021.

IMPACT was also nominated for 2022 GC of the Year in recognition of its bid ethics practices, equitable contract/purchase order provisions, safety policy and practices, payment practices, jobsite supervision, scheduling coordination, subcontractor/vendor relations, and administrative procedures.

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