

People in Business

Bank of Madison County market president 'Patron of the Arts'

Paul M. Abert, market president at Bank of Madison County which is part of the Bank of Belleville footprint, was



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recently honored by the Edwardsville Arts Center with its "Patron of the Arts" designation. Serving on the arts center's board for 10 years, Abert helped implement the agreement between the EAC and Edwardsville School District that has allowed EAC to have a space on the high school campus ever since. He was further instrumental in the initiation of the annual Edwardsville Art Fair.

Abert joined the Bank of Madison County in June 2020 in his role as market president. Born, raised, and continuing to reside in Edwardsville where he and his wife have raised their family, Abert got his start in banking in June 1983 as a co-op student at Edwardsville High School. He stayed in his chosen career path through college at SIUE to today. "I've been the beneficiary of time spent with some of the best Community Bankers in our community," Abert noted. "I wouldn't be the banker I am today without their guidance and support."

First Mid announces regional promotions

First Mid Bank & Trust recently announced the promotion of Martha Schultz to Regional Deposit Manager. Schultz will



Schultz

be responsible for overseeing the Alton, Edwardsville, Fairview Heights, Highland, and Wood River banking centers in the Metro region of the First Mid banking footprint.

As a result of Schultz's promotion, Ryan Indermark and Ashley Wasser have each been promoted to the position of Market Manager.

In Indermark's new role, he will be responsible for managing the daily operations of the Fairview Heights and Highland banking centers. In Wasser's new role, she will be responsible for managing the daily operations of the Alton and Wood River banking centers.

Centerstone announces chief quality, patient safety officer

Centerstone, a national leader in behavioral health and addiction services, has promoted Ashley Newton to the newly



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created role of chief quality and patient safety officer. This is the organization's first enterprise-wide quality officer position. Newton, previously chief operating officer for Centerstone's Research Institute, will now direct all quality and patient safety programming to ensure compliance and continued process improvement. She will oversee the implementation of policies and procedures aimed at improving

patient care and quality improvement throughout Centerstone, ensure continued survey readiness, and provide direct management to quality leaders.

New regional engineer named for IDOT districts

Kirk H. Brown was recently named as the new Region 5 engineer for the Illinois Department of Transportation's



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Districts 8 (Collinsville) and 9 (Carbondale). Brown has been with IDOT for more than 30 years, working out of District 8 headquartered in Collinsville. In his role as a regional engineer, he will serve as IDOT's

point of contact for nearly all transportation network issues for the region. Brown is a graduate of Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., and IDOT's Professional Advancement of Career Engineers and Executive Leadership Development Series.

HSHS appoints Breese hospital president/CEO

HSHS recently announced the appointment of Aaron Puchbauer to serve as President and CEO of HSHS St.



Puchbauer

Joseph's Hospital in Breese, Ill. Puchbauer currently serves as president and CEO of HSHS Good Shepherd Hospital in Shelbyville, Ill. He will begin his new role on August 15, 2022. His career with HSHS began in 2009 as an administrative fellow at HSHS St. John's Hospital and the System Services Center in Springfield, Ill. After his fellowship, Puchbauer was appointed as the director of operations at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield, Ill. before serving there as interim president and CEO.

Puchbauer has completed all his higher education at the University of Missouri in Columbia. He has a bachelor's degree in agribusiness management, a bachelor's in business administration—finance and banking, and master's degrees in business administration and health administration.

West Star VP named to NATA Board

West Star Aviation's Chad Farischon, vice president of Strategic Development, has been elected to NATA, the National



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Air Transportation Association Board of Directors. He has more than 30 years of aviation operations and business experience. He earned his B.S. degree in Aviation Management from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale and currently holds a private pilot license. Chad is a member of the National Business Aircraft Association, American Association of Airport Executives and serves as Chair of the NATA Airport Business Committee.

West Star is based at St. Louis Regional Airport in East Alton.

Granite City native promoted at Town and Country Bank

Town and Country Bank has promoted Brenton Cook to AVP, Treasury Management Sales Officer, joining the



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company's growing commercial presence in the Metro East. Cook previously served as the branch manager of the Edwardsville, Ill., Town and Country Bank location for six years. Cook has deep ties to the Metro East area. Originally from Granite City, he attended Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville for his undergraduate degree and MBA. Cook has been a member of the local BNI chapter since 2018 and currently serves as the treasurer.

For more information about the Bank, please visit www.TownandCountryBank.com.

McKendree University welcomes two new trustees

The McKendree University board of trustees recently welcomed its two newest members, Jeff Dosier and Kent Marty.



Dosier



Marty

Dosier, of Belleville, Ill., is the retired superintendent of Belleville Township High School District 201. He is a member of the Illinois Association of School Administrators, and he previously served as the president of the Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce. Dosier took the Pledge of Office as an official member at the board meeting in May. Marty, of Edwardsville, Ill., previously served as the director of commercial operations for Aclara Technologies in St. Louis. He is a past recipient of the McKendree University Loyal Service Award and previously served on the Sports Hall of Fame Committee. Marty will take the Pledge of Office as an official member at the board's retreat on August 13.

1st MidAmerica Credit Union announces regional manager

1st MidAmerica Credit Union announced Michelle Perkins as the new regional manager. Perkins comes to the



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credit union with 20 years of experience in financial services. Through the years, Perkins has held various member-facing positions at financial institutions, including member service and management roles. This experience will make Perkins an excellent addition to the 1st MidAmerica team.

Hernandez promoted to Scott CU executive team as COO

Scott Credit Union has announced the promotion of Joanne Hernandez to Chief Operating Officer. She was the Vice



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President of Consumer Lending prior to taking on her new responsibilities. Hernandez brings more than 30 years of credit union experience. She joined Scott Credit Union from Frontwave Credit Union, where she was Director of Lending. She had the title of Assistant Vice President of Business Development while at Comerica Bank and previously held management roles at Mission Federal Credit Union and San Diego County Credit Union. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Education from San Diego State University.

As Chief Operating Officer, Hernandez will be responsible for the delivery of operational excellence across all business units. In this role, she will oversee the credit union's Operations, Card Services, Collections & Recovery, the Member Contact Center, and the Branch Network of 25 locations. She will also design and develop measurable solutions to member feedback and analyze data to ensure operational excellence.

Scott Credit Union currently has 25 locations, including Southwestern Illinois branches in Belleville (two branches); Breese, Collinsville, Columbia, Edwardsville (two branches), Fairview Heights, Highland, Lebanon, Mascoutah, O'Fallon, Trenton, Troy, Scott Air Force Base, Waterloo, and Wood River.

Centerstone promotes Bean to chief financial officer

Centerstone, a national leader in behavioral health and addiction services, has promoted Carol Bean to chief financial officer effective August 1, 2022.

Bean joined the long-established nonprofit in 2014 and most recently served as



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vice president of finance and assistant treasurer. As chief financial officer, she will manage Centerstone's revenues of more than \$295 million and lead a finance team of 225 professionals, including those working in financial planning and analysis, accounts payable, accounts receivable, procurement, and payroll.

Bean first joined Centerstone as assistant corporate controller then advanced to director and vice president posts. Prior to that, she served as finance manager at Deloitte Services LLP, account specialist at Cigna Government Services, accounting services supervisor at Coventry Healthcare, and regional accounting manager at America Service Group. She holds a Master of Business in administration from University of Phoenix and a Bachelor of Science in business administration, accounting from East Tennessee State University.

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