

***Journal Notes:***

# A regional roundup of developments and briefs for December 2022

Harvested from the Southwestern Illinois and Metro East 'grapevine'

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The Illinois Business Journal has launched this monthly “Journal Notes” feature to share business-related briefs from all over the Metro East and Southwestern Illinois region.

New establishments, ribbon cuttings, development updates, what's coming, and other verified tidbits being talked about, but maybe not ready for a full news story, can be shared here.

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**Madison County Transit** recently donated several RECON Interceptor Power Bicycles to the **City of Venice Police Department**. The new ruggedized bikes will allow officers to patrol both the streets

and neighborhoods of Venice as well as the MCT Trails. Since police officers in uniform ride MCT fixed-route buses for free, and all MCT buses are equipped with bike racks, officers can take advantage of the bike & bus program to travel throughout the community as well. In the last five years, MCT has donated patrol bicycles to police departments in Alton, East Alton, Edwardsville, Granite City, Maryville, Highland, Troy, and South Roxana.

Mission partners (employees) at **OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony's Health Center** in Alton marked the Great American Smokeout on Nov. 17 by learning about a new way to quit. They also reviewed myths about smoking cessation, such as the use of laser therapy, acupuncture and hypnosis.

The new "Courage to Quit" program from the Respiratory Health Association is a free, evidence-based three-session program where participants will understand why they smoke, smoking cessation methods, smoking triggers, relapse

prevention, social support and more.

**Lewis and Clark Community College** has debuted a free, lighted holiday trail at its main campus, 5800 Godfrey Road, Godfrey. Helping to get everyone into the spirit of the season, the college invites the public to enjoy “Hiking Through the Holidays” along the ¼-mile trail beginning behind the Andy Simpson Tennis Complex and running along the back of the campus.

Open from 5 to 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays through Dec. 23, this event is part of L&C's efforts to build and support a transparent and inclusive campus culture and to build community partnerships throughout the district.

Due to uneven terrain, the trail is not wheelchair accessible. Visitors are advised to wear sturdy footwear and use caution on the path. Should the trail be closed for inclement weather any time during the season, updates will be posted to the college's Facebook page and website at [www.lc.edu/hiking](http://www.lc.edu/hiking).

**BJC Healthcare** is developing a 14,000-square-foot outpatient care facility in Godfrey, with additional shell space for future expansion, at the corner of Godfrey Road and Celesta Street. The new BJC Outpatient Center will offer care for patients of all ages, with space for primary and specialty care, laboratory and radiology services.

Additionally, **BJC Medical Group** will relocate its Alton Memorial Convenient Care to this new Godfrey Road location. The building is within the **Alton Memorial Hospital** EMS coverage area, and an ambulance post will be established at the location.

**SCOUT Capital Group** of St. Louis, Mo., is the developer. **IMPACT Strategies** is collaborating with SCOUT and BJC on construction and buildout. The facility is forecasted for completion by Summer 2023.

**The Southern Illinois Builders Association** recently held its Fall Industry Reception and Annual Meeting. In conjunction with this event, the Southern Illinois Builders Association's Leadership

Development Council held a toy drive with all donations and proceeds to benefit **Caritas Family Solutions** in Belleville.

Donors received a ticket for each \$1 donated and for each donation of a toy, donors received 20 tickets for a chance to win one of the five baskets that were available. The basket themes included a Sunset Hills Golf Basket; a Far Oaks & Stonewolf Golf Basket; St. Louis Cardinals Basket; a Booze Basket and a Lotto Scratch Off Tree.

Fifty toys were collected along with \$1,650 in donations, which were presented to Caritas Family Solutions at the Southern Illinois Builders Association office, located at 1468 N Green Mt Rd, O'Fallon, Ill.

The Southern Illinois Builders Association is a trade association of contractors representing approximately 500 commercial and industrial building, highway and utility construction contractors throughout Southern Illinois.

**SIHF Healthcare and Touchette Regional Hospital** broke ground in late November at the site that will soon be the only Urgent Care offered in the East. St. Louis metro region. As a part of the LifeBridge campaign, it will be a 5,000-square-foot addition to an existing SIHF Healthcare health center at 2001 State Street, East St. Louis. The addition will include four exam rooms and one procedure room plus lab and radiology services. This is a \$2.8 million investment, partially funded by the State of Illinois.

The LifeBridge campaign is the umbrella name specific to the Transformation project that will co-exist with SIHF Healthcare, Touchette Regional Hospital, and their partners. In addition to the construction of this Urgent Care addition, the Transformation project also includes community health workers, a community health hub, affordable and supportive housing, improved access to specialty care, and a new electronic health record system at Touchette. Updates are made public online at [lifebridgebetterhealth.com](http://lifebridgebetterhealth.com).



S. M. Wilson & Co.'s Wilson Women hosted a Women Business Bazaar on Nov. 3. The bazaar, held at the company's corporate headquarters, featured nine local women-owned businesses selling goods and a light sip-and-shop atmosphere. Wilson Women was formed in 2019 to "bring together the women of our company for relationship building, community service, mentorship, networking and learning opportunities," noted Chief Marketing Officer Amanda Bohnert. The multi-faceted program meets quarterly and hosts a variety of events including external speakers, internal discussions and team-building activities. Wilson Women also supports external endeavors including professional development opportunities and networking events. (Submitted photo)

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