

2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

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The former Greater Gateway Association of Realtors includes more than 1,400 Realtor and affiliate members from throughout Bond, Calhoun, Fayette, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Monroe and Montgomery counties.

In November, the Illinois Small Business Development Center (SBDC) for the Metro East at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville announced the winners of its 9th Annual Metro East Startup Challenge (MESCC) at the monthly meeting of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois. Taking top honors was Highland Emporium in Highland, owned by Carol Eckhoff, with the first-place prize of \$10,000. Godspeed Transportation Solutions, also located in Highland and founded by Joseph Phillips, received the second-place prize of \$6,000. JewelRide LLC of Edwardsville, with Tapiwa Muperekiwas as owner, was awarded \$4,000 for its third-place finish. RedBox+ of St. Louis Metro East founders Rachel and Tharon Sperry of Swansea were presented with the \$2,500 fourth-place prize.

SIHF Healthcare and Touchette Regional Hospital broke ground in late November on the site that would become the only Urgent Care offered in the East St. Louis metro region.

BJC Healthcare announced the development of a 14,000-square-foot outpatient care facility, with additional shell space for future expansion, at the corner of Godfrey Road and Celesta Street in Godfrey. The facility was forecasted to be complete by Summer 2023.

The City of Edwardsville broke ground at the end of November on the construction of its new East Fire Station at 7407 Governors Parkway near the I-55 corridor. Its opening was expected to take place by November 2023.

And in December, as the year closed out, supply chain woes continued challenging another holiday gathering and gift-giving season, despite the emergence from the COVID-19 pandemic years we had otherwise experienced in 2022. Materials shortages, low river levels, fuel shortages, labor market issues and higher prices on nearly everything continued being faced by consumers and commerce at nearly all levels.

We also learned that American Healthcare Systems (AHS), headquartered in Los Angeles, Calif., had signed an asset purchase agreement to acquire the 305-bed Gateway Regional Medical Center in Granite City, Ill. The transaction was expected to be finalized on January 31, 2023, pending regulatory approvals.

Chestnut Family Health Center announced plans in December that it would host a mobile medical stop monthly throughout 2023 at the 5th and Missouri MetroLink stop, 199 N. 6th St., East St. Louis, Ill. The mobile unit would be on location on the second Thursday of each month, to see patients for allergies, wellness exams, cholesterol, diabetes, employment physicals, heart disease, high blood pressure, infections, sprains,

strains, thyroid conditions, and for well-child exams. They would also connect individuals to behavioral health resources, provide crisis intervention for those impacted by mental health and/or substance use, and distribute free NARCAN®.

Collinsville-based Louer Facility Planning, Inc. completed the next phase of a multi-year succession plan put in place by founder and CEO, Jane Louer, with her retirement at year's end after a 47-year journey. She was passing the baton on to the capable hands of two long-time employees, Yvette Paris and April Grapperhaus.

First Mid Bank & Trust also announced the retirement of Dennis Terry, ending his 22 years of service with the end of this year as well.

The merger between the Edwardsville-based graphic design firm Inlandesign

and St. Charles County, Mo.-based brand media agency Kolbeco was announced at the beginning of the month. The two firms had collaborated on client projects for many years. The newly merged companies would continue as Kolbeco, with St. Louis-area offices in St. Charles County, Mo., and Edwardsville, Ill. Kolbeco also has an office in La Crosse, Wisc., and team members in Greenville, S.C., and Turkey, N.C. The Inlandesign legacy dated back to 1976 when AIGA design legend John Celuch first established the firm.

Lewis & Clark Community College in Godfrey debuted its "Hiking through the Holidays" lighted trail, free to the public through the holiday season. The college also debuted a new look, revealing its rebranding publicly in mid-December.



Clinton Manor

Clinton Manor: A look back at 2022

Clinton Manor is a five-star Medicare-rated nursing home located in New Baden, Ill., providing long-term care and short-term rehabilitation. Clinton Manor was recently recognized as a 2022-2023 Best Nursing Home in Short Term Rehabilitation by US News & World Report. Only the top 16 percent of homes in the country were recipients.

Throughout 2022, Clinton Manor looked at ways to not only be the best service provider, but also the best employer.

Clinton Manor was proud to have high employee satisfaction survey results during a time when there are labor shortages in the healthcare field. They've managed to maintain and even improve a work environment that employees still enjoy and are satisfied with.

Highlights of Clinton Manor's 2022 Employee Satisfaction Survey Results:

- 100 percent find value in the additional benefits and perks.
- 97 percent feel their values align with the organization and mission.
- 92 percent feel proud to work at Clinton Manor because it gives them purpose and meaning.
- 92 percent believe the organization's executive leadership is positive and supportive.
- 90 percent say their work responsibilities are reasonable.
- 89 percent have job satisfaction.
- 88 percent believe the organization values diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging.

In 2022 Clinton Manor committed to learning more about Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging. They teamed up with the United Front Initiative to provide training to supervisors and managers and will continue the program for more team members in 2023.

Clinton Manor also introduced Core Competencies this year, with plans to fully integrate these into their culture in 2023. Their team will be encouraged to perform their work regularly using the competencies as a guidebook for success.

Clinton Manor is a top-rated provider of long-term care and skilled nursing that accommodates seniors and individuals with high medical needs. Their team delivers person-centered care and offers an excellent in-house rehabilitation department. Their mission is to passionately support each person in living a meaningful and satisfying life!

To learn more about Clinton Manor, visit online at www.clintonmanorlivingcenter.com



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