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CHAMBER TRACKS

Official Newsletter of O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber of Commerce

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

DEBBIE ARELL-MARTINEZ

We've had a busy spring! People often ask me when the Chamber's slow season is, and I always say, "never!" As soon as we wrap up one event, we dive right into planning the next one. Here's what we have coming up this summer:

- **June:** We'll be launching our "Women in Service" social media promotion in honor of **Women Veterans Day on June 12th**. Follow us on social media to see some of our incredible women chamber veterans in action.
- **July:** We're thrilled to partner with *Salvatore Cincotta Photography* to offer professional headshots. I'm very excited about this opportunity and hope to add *more time slots* later in the year.
- **August:** Following the success of last year's **Job Fair at OTHS** for school-year jobs, we're doing it again! If you have positions that can be filled by high school students, this job fair is for you. **Mark your calendars for August 20th** and sign up today!
- **September:** Our **27th Annual Golf Tournament is on September 10th**, and it's shaping up to be better than ever. This event is our sole fundraiser of the year and is crucial to our program's success. It's actually two tournaments in one, so register for sponsorship and teams as soon as possible – spots fill up quickly!

We look forward to seeing you at these exciting events!

I'd like to say a few words about our recent **board changeover at the Salute to Business Awards**. This time of year is always bittersweet for me, as I work very closely with our board members, especially our board officers. Jeff Dossett has been an absolute joy to work with. He has a remarkable ability to run meetings efficiently and handle uncomfortable situations with grace. I deeply appreciate Jeff's dedication and his time as Chair of our Board of Directors.

I am also excited to welcome Nathan Klitzing as our new Chair of the Board of Directors and Kevin Welch as the new Vice Chair. Having worked with Nathan and Kevin over the past few years, I am confident they will be fantastic leaders for our Chamber.

We have an outstanding group of business leaders on our Chamber Board of Directors. The future looks bright.

-Debbie

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MAY NEW MEMBERS

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info@augustthemansion.com
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- Jill Kinsella DMD
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Debbie Arnall-Martinez
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Doris Obernuefemann
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Jonathan Simmons
Marketing &
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Jessica Lotz
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Development Coordinator



Johnnie Hodges
Membership Coordinator



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- Chamber Member Businesses Only
- Must have jobs for high school students
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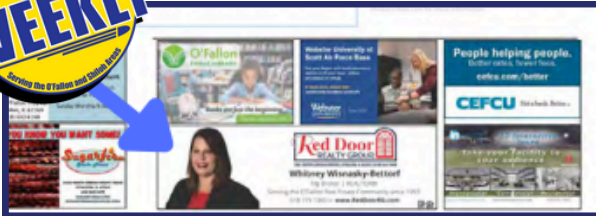
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SHILOH ILLINOIS

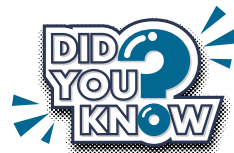
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6:00 PM
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The O'Fallon Police Department puts out a monthly newsletter with great community information.

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27TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2024
FAR OAKS GOLF CLUB
419 OLD COLLINSVILLE RD, CASEYVILLE, IL**

Early Bird Registration Ends: August 5, 2024

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ofallonchamber.com/golf2024

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Come out and support a fellow chamber member at our next Ribbon Cutting! Enjoy light refreshments and networking. You never know who you may meet!

[CHECK OUT MORE](#)





meet the board!

We're wrapping up this section with a look at our final board members!
We hope you've enjoyed getting to know these community leaders who keep the chamber going.



MIKE WILLIAMS
Dealer, Serra Honda

Hometown: Northwood, Ohio

Favorite Part About the Area:

The people and community are awesome. I love the community and love giving back as much as I can.

If you could offer one piece of advice to a local business owner, what would it be?

Get involved with your community. Spend your advertising dollars, make donations, sponsor teams and organizations with the people in your community.



PAT MANDEVILLE
Community Bank President,
Bank of Springfield (BOS)

Hometown: Shiloh, IL

Favorite Part About the Area:

All the amenities locally, along with the proximity to St. Louis.

If you could offer one piece of advice to a local business owner, what would it be?

Get involved in the community!



CASSIDY HOELSCHER
Chief Executive Officer,
The Rehabilitation Institute of
Southern Illinois

Hometown: Maroa, IL

Favorite Part About the Area:

I love still being able to have the small-town feeling while having the big city perks. I also enjoy all the outdoor venues/sites that this area offers, i.e., bike paths, parks, dining, etc...

If you could offer one piece of advice to a local business owner, what would it be?

If I had to pick one piece of meaningful advice, it would be: "Look at mistakes as learning experiences, not inconveniences." The truth is, we all make mistakes. Instead of letting those instances define who you are in a negative way, use them to grow personally and professionally.



MELISSA FANNING
Vice President,
United Way of Greater St. Louis

Hometown: Vincennes, IN

Favorite Part About the Area:

Small town feel with big city amenities.

If you could offer one piece of advice to a local business owner, what would it be?

Surround yourself with leaders who are aligned with your vision.



meet the ambassadors!

This month, we introduce you to our Chamber Ambassadors!
Ambassadors serve as the face of the Chamber in the community. They help to welcome new members and support events throughout the year.



Hometown: Chatham, IL

What do you enjoy most about being a Chamber Ambassador?

I enjoy welcoming new members into our community and helping to facilitate connections. I'm dedicated to championing local businesses, connecting with fellow members, and actively contributing to our region's ongoing growth and success.

What advice would you offer to newcomers looking to make the most out of their Chamber membership?

To make the most out of your chamber membership, actively engage in chamber events, committees, and networking. Take advantage of the available resources and marketing opportunities. By fully immersing yourself in the chamber community, you can maximize the benefits of your membership and help grow your business.

ALISSA FUHRMANN
*Philanthropic Engagement Officer,
McKendree University*



Hometown: Belleville, IL

What do you enjoy most about being a Chamber Ambassador?

It makes it so much easier to put yourself out there and talk to other members. I really enjoy the ribbon cuttings to get to know the new business owners and make them feel welcomed.

Are there any particular Chamber events or initiatives you're particularly excited about?

I love being involved in the Health & Wellness Committee. We accomplish amazing things each year, and I am especially excited for this year's mission, to make O'Fallon and Shiloh dementia friendly, which will be done by our committee training the first responders and the public.

CINDY HILL
*Home Care Consultant,
Home Instead*



Hometown: Belleville, IL

What advice would you offer to newcomers looking to make the most out of their Chamber membership?

My advice to newcomers would be to make sure you get involved and stay involved. The more that you are present and attending all the events, the more people get to know you and recognize you. If you want to get your name or your business out there, you need to make sure and attend all the great events the Chamber has to offer.

In your opinion, what sets our Chamber apart from others?

I believe what sets the O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber apart from any other chambers in this area is the staff and the members itself. The staff is one of the hardest working staffs out there. I would put them up against any of the other chambers. Also, I do feel that all the members within the chamber are very open and willing to get to know new members and include everyone in their conversation. Some chambers and some events, newer members might feel unwelcomed or isolated from everyone else, but I've never had that feeling with our Chamber.

ERIK HUBER
*Vice President,
Bank of Springfield- BOS*

EVENT TAKEWAYS

Salute to Business Awards

On May 10th, we hosted our annual Salute to Business Awards luncheon, and it was a fantastic event with a great turnout. If you couldn't make it, you missed out on a truly memorable occasion.

The Regency Conference Center's Chef Art amazed us with a delicious Mexican-themed meal, complemented by the lively tunes of a mariachi band. The band even treated one of our attendees to a special birthday serenade! *IYKYK!* A new highlight this year was our bottle pull, which raised **\$1,300 for OTHS's Future Business Leaders of America**—a perfect fit for the Chamber's support.

We had the pleasure of recognizing outstanding businesses, with all recipients present to receive their awards. If you haven't seen the impactful videos by our own Jonathan Simmons, showcasing our awardees, be sure to watch them.

[Check out the video recap and photos here!](#)



Looking ahead, we will open nominations for the 2025 Salute to Business Awards this summer. If you know a deserving business, don't hesitate to nominate them! We value your feedback on how to enhance our events, from the day and time to the type of food served to whatever you want to share with me. Please share your thoughts to Debbie at director@ofallonchamber.com.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S AWARD RECIPIENTS!



Rotary Community Service Award | O'Fallon Woman's Club



Heritage Award | Schildknecht Funeral Home



Transformation Award | Boarding House Bistro



Transformation Award | Aufferberg Dealer Group



Economic Impact | Beltone Alliance



Ambassador Impact Award | Delisa Richardson



EVENT TAKEAWAYS

Military Spouse Appreciation Day

May 10th proved to be a busy and impactful day all around! Our Military Affairs Committee attended the annual Military Spouse Appreciation event at Scott Air Force Base. We had the privilege of handing out gift cards and other goodies to celebrate the amazing 130+ spouses in attendance.




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HSHS MEDICAL GROUP PHYSICIAN
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UNITED HERO AWARD



HSHS Medical Group family medicine physician Dr. Gregory Climaco and his staff recently were honored with the UnitedHealthcare (UHC) 2023 United Hero Award. Dr. Climaco is one of three providers to receive the United Hero Award in the UHC service area that includes HSHS Medical Group and over 1,200 health care providers.

Each year, UnitedHealthcare awards the United Hero Award to providers who achieve high-rating thresholds on the patient satisfaction survey for all four quarters of the year. Dr. Climaco received the award for providing exceptional patient experience in the survey areas of getting needed care, care coordination, and doctor-patient conversation.

Dr. Climaco is affiliated with HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital and practices family medicine at HSHS Medical Group Family Medicine in O'Fallon with his medical assistants Grace Thompson and Tauisha Lattin.

For an appointment with Dr. Climaco or other providers at HSHS Medical Group in O'Fallon, call 618-624-5510 or visit HSHSMedicalGroup.org.

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BUSINESS TRACK INSIGHTS

7 Reasons to Become an LLC Instead of an S-Corporation*

by Gene Marks | The Hartford

When you're forming a new business, you've got a lot of choices on how to structure it. The most popular is the sole proprietorship, which entails using the Schedule C form on your personal tax return to report profits.

But a sole proprietorship doesn't protect business owners assets and has other drawbacks. That's why many small businesses consider forming S corporations (S corps) and Limited Liability Companies (LLCs). Both of these structures allow earnings to be "passed through" to your personal tax return.

However, I always recommend forming an LLC over an S corp. Here are seven reasons to choose an LLC for your business structure.

1. LLCs are taxed the same as S corps.

When you form an LLC, you'll have the choice of being taxed just like any other "pass-through" business, including:

- S corps
- Partnerships
- Sole proprietorships

Assuming you choose an LLC, you'll likely file the IRS Form 1065-Partnerships. Your profits will not be taxed at the company level and instead will "pass through" to your individual return. You will likely be able to take advantage of the Section 199A Qualified Business Income Deduction, which means that as much as 20% of your company's income may not be subject to taxes.

2. LLCs are flexible and less expensive to operate

S corps are subject to corporate rules because they're corporations. This means that if you form an S corp you will need to have a formal set of bylaws. You will also need a board of directors that will be required to regularly meet and produce written minutes. You don't need these things with an LLC.

Instead, you're only required to have an "operating agreement," which can be as flexible as you need it to be.

3. You can have unlimited owners with an LLC.

An S corp can only have up to 100 shareholders, and they must be U.S. citizens or residents. An LLC can have as many "members" as you'd like and there's no restrictions on nationality.

An LLC can be owned by other S corps, C Corporations, LLCs, business partnerships, or sole proprietorships, but an S corp cannot.

4. LLCs offer the same liability protection as S corps.

For both LLCs and S corps, your personal assets are protected. There's no difference between the two. Of course, a skillful lawyer may find a way to pierce the veil, but the risk is the same with either type of organization.



5. It's easy to raise money as an LLC.

There is this myth that it's easier to get financing if you're an S corp versus an LLC. Maybe that was the case years ago, but I don't see it anymore.

If you're a profitable small business with a reliable forecasted debt maintenance plan, you'll get the same interest from a bank regardless of your corporate structure. Most of the time banks will still require personal guarantees, too. If you're seeking outside investors that want a more "corporate" structure, such as having a board, bylaws and other required documentation, that can be part of your LLC's operating agreement.

6. Converting to a corporation isn't difficult.

If an investor prefers that your company be an "Inc." instead of an "LLC", that's doable.

Converting an LLC generally requires you to file a certificate of conversion. You'll need to submit other documents both to the IRS and your state. There's also a filing fee. While you may incur some accounting and legal fees, you won't have to form a whole new entity or dissolve your existing LLC.

7. Having "Inc." after your business's title isn't as important as it used to be.

Back in the day, having a company with an "Inc." after its name had some sway. But in 2023, it's now common to run into all-virtual companies or companies with a ".io" web address. It's also common to see companies that identify themselves as LLC instead of Inc.

Some of this information may be different for your state, so please review my suggestions with an experienced accountant. Regardless, my recommendation is to use an LLC over an S corp for your business. To me, it makes sense to go the LLC route. It gives you the most flexibility and protection. And if you want to go all-corporate someday, it's easy to do so.

**This article is a high level comparison of these two types of corporate organizations that doesn't take into consideration local requirements and the specifics of individual businesses. If you're considering a change in structure you should work closely with your legal and financial advisors.*

Next steps: [Want more small business tips? Sign up for the Small Biz Ahead newsletter today.](#)



THREE SPRINGS BULLETIN

The Village of Shiloh is now offering newsletters published quarterly (March, June, September, & December) to inform residents about everything happening in Shiloh.

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AD FORMAT: JPG, PDF OR PNG

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2. Can I purchase more than one ad spot? Yes! you can purchase as many as you want.
3. How often can I change out my ad copy? Ad copy can be changed out every quarter.
4. Can someone help me design my ad? We would be happy to design your ad for \$100.
5. Are there other advertisers on the billboard? Yes, there will be advertisers paying full price as well as chamber member advertisers.
6. How do I know my ad is running? You can request a "proof of play" report from us at any time which will show the dates your ad has been running.

MONTHLY CALENDAR



- 5.....● [Healthcare and Wellness Committee Meeting](#)
8:15 a.m. | The Rehabilitation Institute of Southern Illinois
- 11.....● [Military Affairs Committee Meeting](#)
3:30 p.m. | VFW Post 805 223 W. 1st Street, O'Fallon
- 12.....● [Downtown District Meeting](#)
8:45 a.m. | City Hall Council Chambers
- 12.....● [Ambassador Meeting](#)
11:15 a.m. | Southern Illinois Builders Association
- 13.....● [Ribbon Cutting - Seasons of Spice](#)
11:00 a.m. | 121 East State Street, O'Fallon
- 13.....● [Restaurant Roulette](#)
11:30 a.m. | Various locations
- 18.....● [Business After Hours - Addington Place of Shiloh](#)
5:00 p.m. | 429 S. Main, Shiloh
- 20.....● [Ribbon Cutting - The Roofing Guys](#)
11:30 a.m. | 1392 Frontage Road, Ste 10, O'Fallon
- 20.....● [Golf Committee](#)
8:15 a.m. | Bank of Springfield
- 24.....● [Executive Board Meeting](#)
1:15 p.m. | Chamber Depot
- 24.....● [Member Engagement Committee \(MEC\)](#)
2:30 p.m. | Chamber Depot
- 27.....● [Board of Directors Meeting](#)
8:15 a.m. | City Hall Council Chambers
- 28.....● [Business Over Breakfast \(BOB\)](#)
8:00 a.m. | Public Safety Building
- 28.....● [UnitedHealthcare - Chamber Roadshow](#)
9:15 a.m. | Public Safety Building



upcoming
events

JUNE

6.13 | Restaurant Roulette

Sign up to join us for lunch on the appointed date/time. We'll use our virtual roulette wheel to determine where you eat and who you eat with!

You'll find out who your lunch partners are (3-5 other chamber members) when you show up to eat.

This is a way to support local restaurants and get a chance to network!

[▶ REGISTER NOW](#)

6.18 | Business After Hours (BAH)

Business After Hours (BAH) is a social time from 5-6:30 p.m. held six times each year. It is hosted by various Chamber members. There are no speakers or programs and food and beverages are offered. Come for 15 minutes or come for the full 1.5 hours.

June's event will be held at **Addington Place of Shiloh!**

It's a great way to meet new business contacts – we average 75+ in attendance each BAH. Bring plenty of business cards! chance to network!

[▶ REGISTER NOW](#)

6.28 | Business Over Breakfast (BOB)

Business Over Breakfast is a great way to start the day. Members mix and mingle while enjoying a free, casual breakfast. Typically breakfast is pastries, bagels, juice, and coffee. The event starts at 8:00 a.m. and is typically held at the O'Fallon Public Safety Building.

If you would like to schedule a "Business Intro" presentation, contact the Chamber by email or by calling 618-632-3377.

Visitors are welcome to come and check us out. Please call the Chamber to let us know you plan to attend.

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6.28 | UnitedHealthcare - Chamber Roadshow

You're invited to join UnitedHealthcare representatives for a special event designed for small to mid-size business owners. We understand the challenges that Illinois small business owners face in finding quality health benefits that are affordable and align with employee needs. We're excited to share our health plan offerings to meet those needs.

The event will cover the following topics:

- *Essential health insurance updates*
- *Updates to the UnitedHealthcare Level Funded product*
- *Community Chamber Healthcare Program*
- *Mineral HR and Compliance*
- *Employee Navigator Benefit Administration solution*
- *Benefitter quoting tool for brokers*

Please mark your calendars for June 28th to learn more. Chamber members, business owners, and insurance brokers are all welcome to attend this informative session.

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Side by side for a better health plan

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Health insurance is the No. 1 benefit employees request most.¹ But as many Illinois small business owners know, it isn't easy to find quality health benefits your employees want at a price that fits your budget.

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¹ U.S. Chamber of Commerce. "The Best Employee Benefits for Keeping Workers Happy." Accessed Jan 8, 2024. uschamber.com/co/run/human-resources/top-employee-benefits.

² 25% savings based on Q2 2023 UnitedHealthcare internal analysis for average price comparison between UnitedHealthcare plans in Illinois. Savings are not a guarantee.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTENDANCE PRIZE DRAWINGS ARE AT 6 P.M.



301 South Lincoln Avenue, O'Fallon
Tuesday, September 24 • 5:00–6:30 p.m.



618 Business and Event Center
Fairview Heights
Tuesday, November 19 • 5:00–6:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to 618-632-3377 or chamber@ofallonchamber.com

RESTAURANT ROULETTE

Thursday, August 8 11:30 a.m.
Thursday, October 10 11:30 a.m.

Have an exceptional networking lunch with 3 to 7 other chamber members!

Location at various member restaurants

You RSVP; we tell you the day before where you're going for lunch; you find out who you're having lunch with when you arrive at your table!

SPEED NETWORKING

Thursday, October 3 9:00 a.m.

Location: The Hett • 400 N Alton Street, Lebanon

Speed Networking with Mckendree University Business Students

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Friday, August 23 8:00 a.m.



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ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Tuesday, Sep 10 ♦ Far Oaks • AM & PM Sessions

MAXIMIZE YOUR BENEFITS

Tuesday, October 29 • 8:30 a.m.

Chamber Depot ♦ 116 East First Street, O'Fallon

MEET THE MUNICIPALITIES

Annual Luncheon

Thursday, November 7 • 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Klucker Hall ♦ 14 Park Drive, Shiloh



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