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JANUARY, 2009  
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## IMPORTANT JANUARY DATES

- 6 Networking Luncheon
- 8 Chamber Board Meeting
- 8 Business After Hours (Pizza Man)
- 10 New resident packet items due
- 25 February newsletter items due
- 28 Customer Service Training



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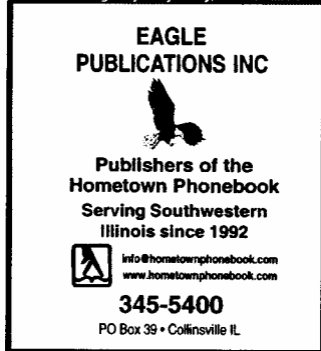
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- ### NETWORKING LUNCHEON DATES
- Cost: \$8 (includes buffet)
- January 6 - Pizza Man in Troy from 12 - 1 p.m.
  - February 3 - Pizza Man in Troy from 12 - 1 p.m.
  - March 3 - Alfonzo's in Maryville from 12 - 1 p.m.
  - April 7 - Pizza Man in Troy from 12 - 1 p.m.
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### CUSTOMER SERVICE TRAINING 103 SET

If you would like to take your service to the next level, consider attending (and sending our staff to) the next Customer Service Training. The event will take place on Wednesday, January 28, from 9:00 a.m.—11:15 a.m. The cost is \$20/person for Chamber members and \$15/person for each addition person for Chamber members.

The class will include the movie "Give 'em the Pickle" and some tips for increasing your level of customer service.

To sign up, please contact the Troy/Maryville Area Chamber of Commerce at 667-8769 or visit [www.troycoc.com](http://www.troycoc.com).

Have a great service day!

### DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY OFFERED AT BETHEL BAPTIST IN TROY, IL

Mark your calendars to attend a Free Preview!

Bethel Baptist Church located at 7775 Collinsville Rd in Troy, Illinois will hold a Free Preview for a Financial Peace University Class, taught by best-selling author and financial counselor Dave Ramsey.

FPU is a 13-week life-changing program that empowers and teaches you how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals and God's plan for your life. The course includes practical lessons on eliminating debt, building wealth, giving like never before, and much, much more!

For your convenience, you can register at the preview. You can attend on January 7, 2009. The first session begins on January 14th. What a great way to help recover for the Christmas Crunch. How would it feel to not have a Credit Card bill waiting for you in the mail the week after Christmas? The program begins at 7:00 pm and will last until 8:00 pm on Wednesday Evenings.

If you are wondering about the Membership Kit, you can buy it through the Church at the discounted price of \$100. This investment breaks down to \$7.69 a week per family. Once you have a Membership Kit you can attend the class again for FREE! Your Membership Kit comes with a 15 Week Subscription to Dave's Total Money Makeover Online.

We are also offering a youth version of Financial Peace during the same hour.

For Families we have Preschool Child Care, and the AWANA program for children 6:00 - 8:00.

Additional Adult Studies are provided from 6:00 - 7:00. If you have questions or know someone who might be interested, please have them contact Larry Toller at (618) 667-7775 or send an email to [larrytoller@bbctroy.org](mailto:larrytoller@bbctroy.org).

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#### **January/February Headlines**

#### **First Baptist Church Maryville Announces New Service Times Beginning January 11, 2009**

8:15, 9:30 & 10:45 a.m. | 6:30 p.m.

To accommodate recent growth and for the convenience of our community, FBCM will offer three Sunday morning Worship Services at 8:15, 9:30 & 10:45 a.m. beginning January 11. Bible study classes for all ages will also be offered at these times. For more information, contact the church (667-8221) or visit our web site ([www.FBMaryville.org](http://www.FBMaryville.org)). FBCM is located at 7110 State Route 162, Maryville.

#### **Life University: Real Help for Christian Living in Today's World**

Classes Begin January 7 @ 7 p.m. | Free & Open to the Public

First Baptist Church Maryville invites you to strengthen your spiritual life through interactive classes designed with you in mind! Life University is an incredible opportunity to seek and learn God's will for your life, no matter how long you have been a believer. Classes are held Wednesday nights @ 7 p.m. at FBCM (7110 State Route 162, Maryville). Pick up a booklet with full class descriptions and other info about Life U on the Resource Wall in our foyer or visit our website: [www.FBMaryville.org](http://www.FBMaryville.org). Winter 2009 Classes: Sharing Jesus Without Fear | Grief Share | Opening the Scriptures: John on Jesus | The Book of Acts, Part Three | Divorce Care | Exploring the Book of Psalms

#### **"Islam & End Times" Conference with Joel Richardson**

February 6-7, 2009 | Free & Open to the Public

Since the inception of the Christian Church, believers have peered into the prophetic Scriptures to better understand the nature of the Last-Days. In recent years, a new End-Time paradigm has begun to emerge which is sweeping the Church. Come and hear Joel Richardson, an expert on Islam and author of "Antichrist: Islam's Awaited Messiah", speak on the premiere role of Islam in the Last-Days. For more information, contact First Baptist Church Maryville (667-8221) or visit our web site ([www.FBMaryville.org](http://www.FBMaryville.org)). FBCM is located at 7110 State Route 162, Maryville.

#### **Maryville Christian School Open House February 12, 2009**

Maryville Christian School is pleased to announce its Winter Open House scheduled for February 12, 6 - 8 p.m. This open house will kick off Open Enrollment for the 2009-2010 school year. We invite you to come meet the teachers, view the curriculum and tour the facilities! For questions or directions, visit our website @ [www.GO-MCS.org](http://www.GO-MCS.org) or call the school office at 667-8221 x122. Maryville Christian School was established in 2004. Small class sizes and professional faculty create a safe and personal environment for students to learn. MCS is committed to a quality Christian education with a desire to strive to meet our students' educational needs with excellence. Maryville Christian School will be offering Grades K-7 for the 2009-2010 school year. MCS is located on the campus of First Baptist Church Maryville at 7110 State Route 162.

#### **"Christ in the Passover" Presentation**

#### **Featuring David Brickner, Executive Director of Jews for Jesus**

February 22, 2009 | 6:30 p.m. | Free & Open to the Public

David Brickner leads the best known Jewish Evangelism agency in the world, Jews for Jesus. With branches in eleven countries including Israel, Jews for Jesus is known for its forthright evangelistic approach in major Jewish population centers around the world. A Jewish believer in Jesus himself, David has been in ministry for over thirty years and has appeared many times on secular television and radio programs, including the internationally-syndicated program Larry King Live, to make the case for Jews believing in Jesus. Biblically conservative, as well as contemporary and engaging, he is a sought after speaker for major pulpits and conferences. He is the author of numerous published articles as well as four books including his latest, "Christ in the Feast of Pentecost." For more information, contact First Baptist Church Maryville (667-8221) or visit our web site ([www.FBMaryville.org](http://www.FBMaryville.org)). FBCM is located at 7110 State Route 162, Maryville.

#### **Maryville Christian School "Paradise Island" Dinner Auction Fundraiser**

March 14, 2009 | 6 p.m. | Donations Now Being Accepted | Tickets on Sale Now!

Maryville Christian School is pleased to present our annual auction fundraiser, "Paradise Island." Cruise with us on March 14 at 6 p.m. and enjoy delicious food, live entertainment by the Bethel Beach Boys, and fabulous finds at both silent and live auctions! Tickets are only \$20/person and can be purchased Sunday mornings at First Baptist Church Maryville or by calling Corie Eckstrom at (618) 346-7514 through March 8. Tax deductible donations are being accepted from both local businesses and private individuals. To donate items, please contact Michelle Wood at 667-0579. Thank you for supporting MCS!

## SCOTT CREDIT UNION DONATES \$500 TO LOCAL FISHER HOUSE PROJECT

*House Will Provide Lodging For Injured Veteran's Family Members*

Employees of Scott Credit Union recently raised \$500 during a fund-drive to support the effort to build a Fisher House in St. Louis to provide free lodging for injured veteran's family members while the soldier receives medical treatment.

The Fisher House, which will be built at the VA Medical Center at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis, will be available to military members who are wounded or injured and are undergoing extensive medical treatment. It will provide warm, caring, comfortable, and convenient lodging for family members at no charge. This allows each family constant access to their loved one to help in the healing process, according to Fisher House in St. Louis Director Kenneth Schieler.

Locally, Scott Credit Union Community Relations Supervisor Ashleigh Deatherage presented the \$500 to Schieler.

"We were excited about the opportunity to help with the effort to provide housing for injured soldiers and their families during their time of need," Deatherage said. "They broke ground for the Fisher House on Veterans Day and I was happy that we could play a small role in this very important project."

"Credit unions are really about helping people and this is a perfect way for us to take that even a step further," she added. "We encourage others to aid Fisher House in their efforts to raise the money to build this facility."

Hundreds of veterans and others celebrated Veterans Day by witnessing the groundbreaking ceremonies for the house where family members of veterans being treated for catastrophic injuries and medical conditions can stay.

The St. Louis VA Medical Center has been designated as a "Polytrauma Center" for treating Veterans wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Center provides treatment for Veterans suffering from single or multiple traumas and specialized care for traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, advanced prosthetics, and mental health.

Family members want to stay with their loved ones during treatment, but few can afford extended stays in commercial lodgings, Schieler added. That's when Fisher House will provide free housing for the family members.

Founded by New York City real estate developer Zachary Fisher, Fisher House is a nationwide private-public program that makes homes available to military families. The 16,000-square-foot St. Louis Fisher House will be constructed on the Jefferson Barracks VA Medical Center campus in south St. Louis. The house will feature 20 bedroom suites and be able to accommodate 42 guests at a time.

Although the VA will donate the site, government funds cannot be used for construction. The \$5 million cost of construction will be shared by the national Fisher House Foundation and the local Fisher House in St. Louis corporation. So far, the Fisher House in St. Louis Foundation has raised about \$1.3 million.

Once constructed, the Fisher House Foundation will then donate the building to the VA. From that point forward, the VA will staff and maintain the Fisher House for patient's families.

For more information about Fisher House in St. Louis, or to donate, visit [www.fisherhouseinstl.org](http://www.fisherhouseinstl.org).

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For details on opening accounts at Scott Credit Union, visit [www.scu.org](http://www.scu.org), call 1-800-888-4728, or stop by any of the credit union's branches.

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## LOCAL BLOOD DRIVES BY CICBC

Date	County	Blood Drive/Sponsor	Address	City	Zip	Time
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1-5	Madison	Illinois Dept. of Human Resources	608 West St. Louis Avenue	East Alton	62024	2:00pm-7:00pm
1-6	St. Clair	Memorial Hospital	4500 Memorial Drive	Belleville	62226	10:00am-12:00pm (employees) 12:00pm-4:00pm (open to public)
1-6	Madison	Troy Fire Department	116 West Clay	Troy	62294	3:00pm-7:00pm
1-7	St. Clair	Central Christian Church	1420 Illini	O'Fallon	62269	4:00pm-7:00pm
1-12	Madison	Imaging Center	#3 Professional Drive Suite A	Alton	62002	3:00pm-7:00pm
1-12	Madison	Imaging Center	12 Wolf Creek Drive Suite 300	Swansea	62220	3:00pm-7:00pm
1-13	Madison	Madison High School	600 Farrish	Madison	62060	9:00am-2:00pm
1-13	St. Clair	Family Community Resource Center	1220 Centreville	Belleville	62226	3:00pm-7:00pm
1-15	Bond	Bradford Community Building	1111 North 1 <sup>st</sup> Street	Greenville	62246	11:00am-4:00pm
1-17	St. Clair	Golden Corral	3360 Green Mount Crossing Road	Shiloh	62269	11:00am-3:00pm
1-19	Madison	Church of the Nazarene	1800 West Delmar Avenue	Godfrey	62035	3:00pm-7:00pm
1-19	Madison	Main Street United Methodist Church	1400 Main Street	Alton	62002	3:00pm-7:00pm
1-20	Madison	SIUE	Rte. 157	Edwardsville	62025	10:00am-3:00pm
1-20	Madison	Highland Hope United Methodist Church	Hwy. 160 & Daiber Road	Highland	62249	3:00pm-7:00pm
1-21	Madison	Saint Anthony's Health Center	#1 St. Anthony's Way	Alton	62002	9:00am-3:30pm
1-21	Madison	SIUE	Rte. 157	Edwardsville	62025	10:00am-3:00pm
1-21	Madison	Knight's of Columbus Hall	7132 North Marine Road	Edwardsville	62025	3:00pm-7:00pm
1-23	St. Clair	Belleville West High School	4063 Frank Scott Pkwy West	Belleville	62223	7:30am-3:00pm
1-26	Madison	St. Jacob's UCC/Lion's Club	207 West Main	St. Jacob	62281	3:00pm-7:00pm
1-26	St. Clair	Illinois Dept. of Human Services	225 North 9 <sup>th</sup> Street	East St. Louis	62201	9:00am-2:00pm
1-29	Bond	Greenville Regional Hospital	200 Healthcare Drive	Greenville	62246	12:00pm-5:00pm

### TWM PREPARES ONE OF FIRST EPA-APPROVED LONG TERM CONTROL PLANS IN ILLINOIS

*Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen, Inc. (TWM), a local civil engineering firm, recently completed a Long Term Control Plan for the City of Belleville, Illinois. The plan prepared by TWM was one of the first approved in the State of Illinois and remains one of few within Illinois outside of the Chicagoland area that has received both U.S. EPA and Illinois EPA sign-off.*

*The EPA now requires all communities with combined sanitary and storm sewers to develop and submit Long Term Control Plans detailing the municipality's efforts to reduce overflow issues with those sewers.*

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Jan 8	<b>Gateway Bridal Show</b>	5pm-9pm	\$5 Adult Admission Brides are FREE
Jan 16-18	<b>ACS Home Show</b>	Fri: 11am-8pm Sat: 10am-8pm Sun: 10am-6pm	\$7 Adult Admission 16 & Under Free
Jan 24	<b>Winterfest-Ham Radio Swap Meet</b>	8am-12pm	\$7 Adult Admission 12 & Under Free
Jan 25	<b>Midwest Bicycle Expo and Swap Meet</b>	9am-3pm	\$8 Adult Admission 15 & Under Free Members of STL Regional Bicycle Foundation- Free Admission Registration Required
Jan 29	<b>U of I Horseradish Growers School</b>	8am-5pm	
Feb 6-8	<b>St. Louis Woodworking Show</b>	Fri: 12pm-6pm Sat: 10am-6pm Sun: 10am-4pm	For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.thewoodworkingshows.com">www.thewoodworkingshows.com</a>
Feb 13-15	<b>St. Louis Deer Classic</b>	Fri: 3pm-10pm Sat: 9am-6pm Sun: 10am-4pm	For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.deer-expo.com">www.deer-expo.com</a>
Feb 18	<b>Belleville News Democrat Career Expo</b>	10am-3pm	Free Admission
Feb 20	<b>CARD Daddy Daughter Dance</b>	6pm-9pm	For more information, please call 618-346-7529
Feb 21	<b>Antique Toy Auctions</b>	7pm-11pm	For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.sumannauctions.com">www.sumannauctions.com</a>
Mar 7-8	<b>American Indian &amp; Ethnographic Show</b>	Sat: 8am-5pm Sun: 8am-2pm	Free Admission
Mar 7-8	<b>Illinois Archaeological Society</b>	Sat: 8am-5pm Sun: 8am-2pm	\$3 Adult Admission \$5 for 2-Day Pass
Mar 7-8	<b>Pegasus Psychic Fair</b>	Sat: 10am-6pm Sun: 10am-6pm	\$7 Adult Admission 12 & Under Free
Mar 20-22	<b>International Gem &amp; Jewelry Show</b>	Fri: 12pm-6pm Sat: 10am-6pm Sun: 11am-5pm	\$7 Adult Admission 12 & Under Free
Apr 3-4	<b>Creating Keepsakes</b>		For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.creatingkeepsakes.com">www.creatingkeepsakes.com</a>

PARKING IS COMPLIMENTARY AT GATEWAY CENTER!

## SWIC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR 2009-10

Looking for a way to help pay for your education? The Southwestern Illinois College Foundation is offering more than 200 scholarships funded by businesses, individuals and organizations for the 2009-10 academic year. Students should submit applications after Jan. 1 and prior to March 1 for the best selection opportunity. Students may complete applications online at [www.swicfoundation.com](http://www.swicfoundation.com).

Scholarships and book awards ranging from \$250 to \$5,000 are available to meet the diverse interests and attributes of SWIC students. Some scholarships are based on academic areas of study, geographic area or sports participation, while others are designated specifically for returning adults, SWIC graduates transferring to a four-year college or university or those meeting a variety of other criteria. Whether you are a full-time student enrolled in 12 semester hours, or attending part-time with six semester hours, there are scholarships to meet your needs.

With a few exceptions, scholarship applicants must reside within Community College District No. 522. A minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale is required, with some scholarships requiring a higher GPA. Students may apply for as many scholarships as they are eligible, but only one Foundation scholarship can be awarded per student.

All scholarships are made possible by the generosity of more than 160 area businesses, organizations, clubs and individuals in the community.

The Foundation is the fundraising arm of the college. It assists the entire college community by securing financial support for scholarships, special educational activities and cultural endeavors.

For more information, contact the SWIC Foundation at 618-235-2700, ext. 5647, toll free at 800-222-5131, ext. 5647, or visit [swicfoundation.com](http://swicfoundation.com).

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We are pleased to announce the promotion of Mr. Daniel Scaggs to 2<sup>nd</sup> DAN Black Belt (Kukkiwon Certified). Mr. Scaggs tested for his new rank, along with several students, on December 6, 2008 at McArther's Tae Kwon Do & Fitness in Collinsville, Illinois. Mr. Scaggs is a resident of Troy, Illinois.

Pictured above: Master Stephen McArther (owner) and Mr. Daniel Scaggs.

Other students testing for new rank: Raegan Holley, Henry Lingafelter, Kevin Brutto Jr., Dustin Choat, Rayna Schexnayder, Austin Schexnayder, DeeAnna Schexnayder, Micheal Schexnayder, Ryan Flock, Cole Proffitt, and Heath Yakstis.

### SANDBERG PHOENIX OFFERS TRAINING TO MINORITY LAW FIRMS

The law firm of Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard P.C. is offering Continuing Legal Education (CLE) opportunities for attorneys and staff members of minority law firms. The firm will extend its CLE program, "Training to New Heights," to other law firms with eight or fewer members in an effort to promote continued learning within the legal community.

"We believe we are the first private law firm to reach out to minority lawyers with CLE programs, which can be difficult to organize or expensive for a small law firm," said Veronica L. Armouti, Co-chair of Sandberg Phoenix's Diversity Committee.

The seminars for attorneys will cover corporate practice, general litigation and specialty areas, such as medical malpractice and product liability. There also will be technology classes, such as Word, Excel and PowerPoint, offered for both attorneys and staff. All classes will be free of charge. Sandberg Phoenix is an accredited CLE sponsor for Missouri.

Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard has 70 attorneys and offers a broad range of legal services, including representation in the areas of health law, products liability defense, business litigation, estate planning, labor and employment law, financial institution law and business transactions and counseling. The firm has offices in St. Louis, Missouri and Edwardsville and Carbondale, Illinois.

### TROY RESIDENTS PLACE NO. 17 IN SALES VOLUME FOR RELIV INTERNATIONAL

Troy residents Linda and Leonard Kraudel placed No. 17 in October sales volume among more than 55,000 U.S. distributors for Reliv International, Inc., a direct selling company that markets nutritional supplements. They earned a \$500 bonus for their accomplishment.

According to Linda, Reliv is dedicated to making complex nutrition simple. The company's scientists integrate the latest nutritional research into its scientifically advanced products. "Linda and Leonard and others like them have shown the energy and dedication needed to build a successful business with Reliv," said Ryan Montgomery, executive vice president of worldwide sales for Reliv. "We are excited to see how Linda and Leonard will continue to contribute to our business and our mission to nourish our world."

For more information about the Reliv International business in the Troy area, contact Linda and Leonard Kraudel at 618-667-4712.

#### **About Reliv**

Since its founding in 1988, Reliv International has dedicated itself to making complex nutrition simple through a proprietary line of nutritional supplements addressing essential nutrition, weight loss and other health-related benefits. Reliv's one-of-a-kind Success System helps its independent distributors around the world improve their lifestyles. Through Reliv products, the business opportunity and the charitable Reliv Kalgiris Foundation, Reliv makes a difference in people's lives.

### GOOD \$ENSE FINANCIAL FREEDOM STUDY

Good \$ense Financial Freedom Study will be offered at the Troy United Methodist Church on Friday, January 9, 2009, 5:30 p.m.-9:30p.m. and Saturday, January 10, 2009 8:00 a.m -1:00 p.m. with Continental Breakfast on Saturday.

Would you like to discover the peace and contentment that comes from managing your financial resources according to God's purposes and principles? Then this is the study for you!!

The registration fee is \$20 for individuals and \$30 for couples. Married couples are highly encouraged to participate together. The fee includes the cost of materials and continental breakfast for each participant. This seminar is open to the public. Child care is provided upon request. To register, please contact the church office by January 4, 2009 at 618-667-6241. Troy United Methodist Church is located at 407 Edwardsville Road (Rte. 162)

**SWIC PSOP TO SPONSOR  
FREE GRIEF SUPPORT SERIES**

If you or someone you know recently has lost a loved one, there are people who would like to help. Southwestern Illinois College's Programs and Services for Older Persons and the St. Clair County Mental Health Board will sponsor a new grief support series for adults.

This weekly support group will begin in January and will run for eight weeks. The group will meet at the PSOP Building, 201 N. Church St. in Belleville. Reservations are required, and space will be limited to ensure everyone can benefit from the information and support.

The grief series is free of charge. Refreshments and a copy of "The New Day Journal" will be provided.

"Grief is an expected and normal part of loss," said PSOP Older Adult Counselor Jodi Gardner. "Grief cannot be successfully avoided; it must be recognized and experienced. It is a journey." For reservations and more information, contact Gardner at 618-234-4410, ext. 7031.

**TRIAD ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB (TABC) TRIVIA NIGHT**

Trivia Night & Silent Auction

Friday, January 16, 2008

One of the biggest parts of the success of our Trivia Night is the income derived from our silent auction items. The continued success of this fundraiser depends heavily on the generosity of the people and businesses in our community...people like YOU, businesses like yours.

No donation is too big or too small. Examples are gift certificates, sporting event tickets, merchandise of EVERY kind. Please consider making a tax deductible donation to TABC for our upcoming Trivia Night

Please contact Robin Sims at 667-4989 or Melanie Eader at 667-2269 with any questions you may have or to make pick-up arrangements. If you prefer you can mail your donation to the address at the top of this letter.

Robin Sims & Melanie Eader, Triad Athletic Booster Club, Trivia Night - Silent Auction

**ON-LINE ORDERING AT PIZZA MAN**

Pizza Man Family Restaurant of Troy IL has ON-LINE Ordering announced today by owner Dennis and Cheryl Chandler. We have been working on this project for about 12 months and now we are ready to roll with it. On-Line ordering is just another service opportunity for us to better serve our customers said, Dennis Chandler.

Today's technology dictates how we move our business forward and to provide more convenience and optimum service for our customers. We are excited about this new way to place orders, and at times just more convenient and better for our customers.

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### SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS POLICE ACADEMY TO ADMINISTER INTERN PROGRAM

The Southwestern Illinois Police Academy, located at Southwestern Illinois College, is announcing that the academy is the sole provider for application processing; physical, cognitive and psychological testing; drug screening; and background investigation for the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board's Law Enforcement Intern Training Program.

The Illinois Law Enforcement Intern Training Act allows civilians to be trained and certified as law enforcement officers before they are hired by law enforcement agencies. This is a change from the traditional practice, and creates a new dimension for training of law enforcement candidates, said Academy Director Larry Gilbert.

The Illinois Intern Training Program was designed to meet the needs of both civilians and law enforcement agencies. Now civilians will have the ability to be trained prior to service, while law enforcement agencies have the opportunity to hire academy-trained individuals ready for service.

Training internship applicants pay their own tuition; however, eligible individuals can receive financial assistance through veteran's educational benefits, as well as Illinois state scholarships, and other association scholarships.

The basic requirements to enter the program include: 21 years of age or older, United States citizenship, health insurance, a valid Illinois Firearm Owners Identification Card, and a valid Illinois Driver's License. Felony convictions, and some misdemeanor convictions, will make the applicant ineligible for the program.



**TRIAD HIGH SCHOOL SPONSORS A LIP SYNC EVENT FOR CHARITY:**

On Friday, December 12, 2008, after the boys varsity basketball game three organizations teamed up to host Triad High School's first ever Lip Sync Competition. Members of National Honor Society, Student Council, and Students Against Destructive Decisions worked together to raise over \$1600 for Triad's Adopt a Family Campaign and collected 100 cans for the High School's canned food drive.

With \$4 tickets at the door or \$3 tickets with a canned good, the event was a hit with both students and adults. In keeping with the spirit of giving, 8 additional school organizations donated a collective \$500 to the Adopt a Family Campaign. Special thanks to members and sponsors of Envirothon, Track, Tennis, Wrestling, Skills USA, French Club, Girls Basketball, and Volleyball for the generous donations. Members and sponsors of National Honor Society, Student Council, and Students Against Destructive Decisions deserve recognition for their hard work and effort in planning

**NETWORKING LUNCHEON DATES:**

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- January 6 - Pizza Man in Troy from 12 - 1 p.m.
- February 3 - Pizza Man in Troy from 12 - 1 p.m.
- March 3 - Alfonzo's in Maryville from 12 - 1 p.m.
- April 7 - Pizza Man in Troy from 12 - 1 p.m.
- May 5 - Pizza Man in Troy from 12 - 1 p.m.
- June 2 - Alfonzo's in Maryville from 12 - 1 p.m.
- July 7 - Pizza Man in Troy from 12 - 1 p.m.
- August 4 - Pizza Man in Troy from 12 - 1 p.m.
- September 1 - Alfonzo's in Maryville from 12 - 1 p.m.
- October 6 - Pizza Man in Troy from 12 - 1 p.m.
- November 3 - Pizza Man in Troy from 12 - 1 p.m.
- December 1 - Alfonzo's in Maryville from 12 - 1 p.m.

**AT THE MARYVILLE LIBRARY**

**Storytime**

Join us at Maryville Community Library every Wednesday at 10:30 for Preschool Storytime and Saturday at 10:30 for regular Storytime. Storytime is an interactive program of stories, songs, finger-plays, and fun for you and your child. Regular Storytime is for all ages and Preschool Storytime is for ages 3-6 (siblings welcome). Hope to see you there!

**January Teens @ the Library**

If you would like to read a book and discuss it with the Teens @ the Library at their next meeting, stop by the Maryville Community Library to join and receive a free copy of the next book. On January 17 at 1:00 p.m., the group will discuss *It's Kind of a Funny Story* by Ned Vizzini. For February, the group will read *Born on a Blue Day* by Daniel Tammet. Sign up by visiting the library, calling at 618-288-3801, or e-mailing at [mve@cls.org](mailto:mve@cls.org).

**Friends of the Maryville Library Fundraiser**

The Friends of the Maryville Library have collaborated with "My Books About Me!" This fundraising event allows you to create a personalized child or adult book for many occasions. Please take a moment to visit [www.mybooksaboutme.net](http://www.mybooksaboutme.net) to see these wonderful books. If you wish to participate in this program, the Friends will receive a portion of the proceeds from each book sold. When ordering your book, please remember to select "Friends of the Maryville Library" from the "Organization Name" drop-down box on the ordering page to guarantee that we receive a portion of each sale. Book samples are available at the library for preview.

The Maryville Community Library is located at 8 Schiber Court off Vadalabene Road. Established in 2006 as a member of the Lewis and Clark Library System, the library offers a schedule of activities including story hour, summer reading programs, a teen book club, and adult programs on a variety of topics. More information about these programs and other library services can be found at the library's web site [www.maryville.lib.il.us](http://www.maryville.lib.il.us) or by calling 288-3801.

## HAWTHORNE ANNOUNCES NEW ADDITION



Hawthorne Animal Hospital is excited to announce that Dr. Cari Conklin from Parkview Veterinary Center in Shiloh has joined the Hawthorne family! Beginning Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Conklin will be available for appointments at our Adair Gardens Pet Hospital location in Belleville. To schedule your appointment please call 618-235-2744.



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## CARD'S WINTER/SPRING 2009 PROGRAM GUIDE IS OUT ON JANUARY 4, 2009

What's the best way to find out what's happening at the Collinsville Area Recreation District (CARD)? With your copy of the Winter/Spring 2009 Program Guide!

The Guide has all the information you need to learn about special events, programs, classes, trips and what's happening at CARD facilities.

This season's Guide includes some new and exciting programs, like:

- **Teen Ballet/Jazz Combo** - Wednesday evenings, Jan. 28 through March 18 at the CARD Activity Center. Teens 13 years old and up get a sampling of dance fundamentals of ballet and jazz.
- **Adult Dodgeball League** - Thursday nights, Feb. 5-April 2 at Dorris Intermediate School on Route 159 in Collinsville. For ages 16 and up. Teams of six (including two female players) battle in an intense version of the old children's game.
- **Daddy Daughter Date Night** - Friday, Feb. 20 from 6-9 pm at the Gateway Center. Girls ages 5-16 spend the evening dining, dancing, play games and enjoying a memorable night with the special father, grandfather, uncle or guardian in their life. Everyone dresses their finest and will get to meet Miss Illinois 2008 Katie Lorenz.
- **Feathered Friends** - Saturday, Feb. 21 from 9-11 am at Willoughby Heritage Farm. Children 12 and under learn about the birds that stay in this area during the winter and how they survive.
- **Crazy for Cupcakes** - Saturday, March 7 from 9-11 am or Monday, March 16 from 5:30-7:30 pm at the CARD Activity Center. Children 6 years and up learn to decorate cupcakes like a pro.
- **Breakfast with Bunny** - Saturday, April 4 from 9-10:30 am at the Arlington Greens Golf Course Banquet Facility. Children of all ages and their families enjoy a delicious breakfast while mingling with the Easter Bunny. Each child also receives a special gift.
- **Lunchbag Theatre** - Saturday, April 18 from 11:30 am - 1 pm at the CARD Activity Center. For ages 4-6. Children and their families bring their lunch and enjoy a live, interactive performance of Goldilocks and the three bears.
- **Totally Tots Nature Explorers** - Wednesday mornings, May 6 - 20. Children ages 1-4 and their parent or guardian explore the wonders of Willoughby Heritage Farm during this hands-on adventure.

That's just a taste of what CARD is offering this season. Be sure to watch for your copy of the Program Guide in the Sunday, January 4 edition of the Collinsville Herald Journal.

Program Guides are also available at the CARD Activity Center, Collinsville City Hall, Maryville Village Hall, Collinsville and Troy chambers of commerce, Collinsville Memorial Public Library Center, and at area banks.

All of the new information will also be available online at [www.CollinsvilleRec.com](http://www.CollinsvilleRec.com) after January 4. Remember, to receive the resident rate on CARD programs and at CARD facilities, you must present your Benefits ID card. The resident rate only applies to those who reside in the Park District limits. To obtain your Benefits ID card, bring a copy of your property tax bill or voter registration card to the CARD Activity Center, 10 Gateway Drive in Collinsville from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday or 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. For more information, contact CARD at 618-346-7529.



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January is National blood donor month, National hobby month, National soup month and African American Heritage month... Stop by Tri-Township to select books that will be on display.

Chinese New Year will be celebrated on January 27th 6:30 with a Family Reading Night Stories will be read, there will be crafts and refreshments served. Please come to learn all about "The Year of the Ox". For more information please call the Library at 667-2133.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN MARYVILLE HOSTS PACO'S**

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**APEX PHYSICAL THERAPIST, ERIC WESSEL, CONTINUES EDUCATION**

Eric Wessel, Physical Therapist for Apex Physical Therapy, recently attended a two day course in St. Louis offered by the University of St. Augustine, in Florida. The course entitled, "Functional Analysis & Management of the Lumbar- Pelvic- Hip Complex" was held November 22-23, 2008. This course is a requirement for the manual therapy certification Eric is pursuing.

Eric brings a greater understanding of assessment and treatment of pelvic girdle dysfunction back to his workplace at Apex Physical Therapy in Maryville, IL. For more information on Apex's locations and services, call 618-288-4677 or visit [www.apexpt.us](http://www.apexpt.us).





### **SANTA ARRIVES IN STYLE**

Santa arrived in style via a Troy Fire Truck. This year Santa saw a record number of children at his new Santa's Village inside the Tri-Township Park. It took a village to put this event together — the staff at the Tri-Township Park, the Tri-Township Park Board, students from Triad, local businesses, Santa volunteers, many elf volunteers and the Troy/Maryville Area Chamber of Commerce. Our thanks to everyone involved. We are already planning for next year!

### **REGISTER TODAY FOR THE ESPW 7TH ANNUAL GALA**

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**The Adventure Begins!! Friday, January 23, 2009 Ameristar Casino - St. Charles, MO**

You walk into the beautiful Ameristar Casino and enter the foyer of the ballroom area where you start an Adventure of Exploration and hidden treasures. You come to a table decorated as a ship to set sail on your voyage for the evening. You are surrounded by activities that allow you to hunt for buried treasures and mingle with your fellow mates as Party Express DJ Entertainment plays some smooth music to set the mood. Then the ballroom doors opens with lights beaming and more activity tables to be explored. Drinks are being poured while you enjoy a scrumptious dinner and decadent desserts.

Following dinner and engaging conversation with your table mates, our award winning speaker, Christine Buck, will challenge you to explore your fullest potential and live on the edge a little. And while you're still all dressed up - lookin' fabulous might I add - and nowhere else to go .... Why not stick around for some music and dancing with your friends? What are you waiting for? ... Get your dancing shoes on, come hang with old friends, meet some new ones and let's explore our next adventure together on January 23, 2009!

***Win fabulous prizes including:***

- A two day weekend get away at the NEW Yacht and Resort club in the Lake of the Ozarks all suite proerty.
- A full spa make-over and fashion show!
- Silent and Oral Auction
- Diamonds & Jewelry
- Fashion show presented by Salon Kashmr Fashions for every size and every budget....
- Goody Bags and much, much more ...

***Menu:***

Chicken Marsala with wild mushroom sauce served with grilled herb polenta cake with a salad, fresh seasonal vegetables, rolls and dessert.

*Vegetarian option:* Penne pasta with roasted vegetables and sundried tomatoes topped with parmesan cheese.

**Register today by contacting [alivingangeltravel@yahoo.com](mailto:alivingangeltravel@yahoo.com).**

## SWIC OFFERS NEW COURSES, SERVICES IN SPRING 2009

Southwestern Illinois College will offer new courses, technology and Learning Communities for the Spring 2009 Semester. Classes, which are offered at the Belleville, Red Bud and Sam Wolf Granite City campuses, and more than 20 off-campus sites, begin Saturday, Jan. 17.

### **Learning Communities:**

Be a part of the new Learning Communities at Southwestern Illinois College. Students enroll in two or more courses together, connecting to fellow students and teachers in a supportive and stimulating environment. Students involved in learning communities may take field trips, see films, listen to speakers, engage in service learning opportunities, and work on a publication of Learning Community projects.

**Several Learning Communities are being offered for the spring semester, including:**

#### **Murder, Mystery & Mayhem**

English 091-001, English 092-002, English 095-001 and English 095-002, Belleville Campus

#### **Do Numbers Lie?**

English 102-025 and Math 191-HY1 or Business 205-HY1, Belleville Campus

#### **Moving the Mountain: How People Change the World**

Sociology 153-007 and English 102-010, Belleville Campus

#### **Questions & Controversies: Ethics and the Social World**

Philosophy 152-080 and Psychology 295-080, Red Bud Campus

#### **Rumble Rumble Boom Boom: Groundbreaking Ideas of People and Planet**

Philosophy 150-060 and Earth Science 101-060, Sam Wolf Granite City Campus

### **WHAT'S NEW FOR SPRING-ADD ONE**

#### **New Liberal Arts Courses:**

ART 232 and 233 Graphic Communications I and II.  
ECE 299-001 Experiences in Math for Young Children.  
ECE 299-002 Understanding and Guiding Behavior of Children.  
ED 267 Diversity in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools.  
ED 280 Introduction to Teaching Reading  
ENG 91-IN1 Basic Reading(online).  
ENG/SRV 200 Service Learning.  
ENG 299-001 & 002 Documentary movie making.  
ENG 299-003 Films of David Cronenberg.  
GEOG 202-IN1 Economic Geography (online)  
HIST 152-IN1 European Civilization II (online)  
LIT 299-001 Introduction to Poetry  
MUS 299-060 Jazz Combo (offered at Sam Wolf Granite City Campus)  
PHIL 299-001 Aesthetics  
POLS 299-001 Political Impact of War Films  
PSYC 299-001 Social Activism  
SPCH 299-001 Voice Acting

For more information, contact the Liberal Arts Division at 800-222-5131, ext. 5327.

#### **New in Technical Education:**

New technology in the Technical Education Division includes: Three Haas CNC machines and Mastercam software for the Industrial Machining program; the Automotive Collision Repair Technology program now can award I-CAR points and has a pro spot welder; concrete testing with a concrete testing lab will be incorporated into the curriculum of the Construction Management Technology program.

### **WHAT'S NEW FOR SPRING-ADD ONE**

New courses or course formats include:

- CMT 270 Green Building Methods
- CMT 102 Construction Blueprints and Specifications
- CMT 152 Construction Materials and Methods
- CMT 200 Advanced Blueprints (offered at Sam Wolf Granite City Campus)
- CMT 102 Construction Blueprints and Specifications (offered at Collinsville High School)
- CMT 244 Occupational Safety and Health I (offered at Belleville Campus)

For more information, contact the Technical Education Division at 800-222-5131, ext. 5447.



## APEX DIRECTOR OF ACOMP, ANDY VITALE, EARNS CERTIFICATION



Andy Vitale, OTR/L, CEAS, of Apex Physical Therapy, attended the Musculoskeletal Disorders & Ergonomics Certification Workshop in Las Vegas, NV, on September 27-28, 2008. The course was sponsored by the Back School of Atlanta. Lecture topics included the process for performance of OSHA compliant ergonomic analysis for industrial and office jobs. Ergonomic assessments are valuable in helping companies identify potential hazards and then developing cost effective solutions for prevention.

After completing this course, Andy is now a Certified Ergonomic Assessment Specialist. Andy is the Director of ACOMP at Apex Physical Therapy. ACOMP, *Apex Comprehensive Occupational Management and Prevention*, is a program designed to target workplace injuries at the prevention level and provide efficient and cost effective acute and industrial rehabilitation services. For more information on Apex's locations and services, call 618-651-0444 or visit [www.apexpt.us](http://www.apexpt.us).

## GRIZZLIES BASEBALL ACADEMY READY TO OPEN

The **Gateway Grizzlies** are ready to open the doors to their newest addition at **GCS Ballpark, Grizzlies Baseball Academy**.

The Academy, which is located in the **U.S. Cellular Kid's Zone** is set to open Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. It features a three-cage setup for both hitting and pitching instructions and facility rental.

Grizzlies Baseball Academy, which is owned and operated by Grizzlies Manager **Phil Warren** and Bench Coach **Darin Kinsolving** consists of instructors within the Grizzlies organization. Instructors include Warren and Kinsolving, along with Pitching Coach Randy Martz, former first-basemen Mike Breyman, and pitchers Joel Boeschen and James Hertel.

In addition to instructional work, Grizzlies Baseball Academy also provides the latest technology in hitting, the **ProBatter PX2 Professional Baseball System**. The PX2 combines Major League quality pitching with life-size images of actual pitchers throwing realistic pitches, all integrated through computer controls. It is also adjustable to suit all age ranges and skills.

"Darin and I are extremely excited about the newest edition of the Gateway Grizzlies baseball experience," said Grizzlies Manager Phil Warren. "We are eager to begin offering our services to the Metro east area. Grizzlies Baseball Academy will operate and continue to uphold the image of the Gateway Grizzlies and follow their lead to offer the Metro East area an affordable, professional, and fun experience."



The Grizzlies open their 9<sup>th</sup> season in the Frontier League Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Season tickets, Mini-Plans, and Group Outings are available now by calling (618) 337-3000. **FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff O'Neill or Steve Gomric** in the Grizzlies office by calling (618) 337-3000.

## PENTECOSTALS OF TROY HOST EVENT

The Pentecostals of Troy, 312 S. Main St., Troy IL, will be hosting "Financial Peace University" class each Sunday morning beginning January 11. Echo Reeves, a certified instructor with Dave Ramsey, will be the facilitator for the 13 week series.

Also, anyone looking for a "Fresh Start" in 2009 is invited to services January 11, 18 & 25 @ 6 PM for a three-part sermon series: "Failure Is Not Final," "Three Steps To A Fresh Start," and "Look Over The Horizon," will be the topics.

There is no charge to attend and the public is cordially invited to attend. We offer free transportation to all of our events. For more information, visit us on the web at [www.pentecostalsoftrroy.org](http://www.pentecostalsoftrroy.org) or call 618-667-6054.

## MASSAGE IS A GREAT THERAPY!

There is no denying the power of bodywork. Regardless of the adjectives we assign to it (pampering, rejuvenation, therapeutic) or the reasons we seek it out (a luxurious treat, stress relief, pain management), massage therapy can be a powerful ally in your healthcare regimen.

Experts estimate that upwards of ninety percent of disease is stress related. And perhaps nothing ages us faster, internally and externally, than high stress. While eliminating anxiety and pressure altogether in this fast paced world may be idealistic, massage can without a doubt, help manage stress. This translates into: Decreased anxiety-Enhanced sleep quality-greater energy-Improved concentration-increased circulation-reduced fatigue.



Getting a massage can do a world of good and getting massage frequently can do even more. This is the beauty of bodywork.

Taking a part in this form of regularly scheduled self-care can play a huge part in how healthy you'll be and how youthful you'll remain with each passing year. Budgeting time and money for bodywork at consistent intervals is truly an investment in your health. And remember: just because massage feels like a pampering treat doesn't mean it is any less therapeutic. Consider massage appointments a necessary piece of your health and wellness plan, and work with a therapist to establish a treatment schedule that best meets your needs.

A Mind and Body Connection, Carla Underwood, LMT, NCBTMB  
2016 Vadalabene Drive, Maryville, IL 62062, 618-402-8020



**TAKE A LEISURELY TRIP DURING  
A LEISURE TIME LUNCHEON**

Get together with old friends or make new ones as you enjoy lunch and a little sight seeing or shopping during a Leisure Time Luncheon, sponsored by the Collinsville Area Recreation District (CARD).

Participants travel in a passenger van to each destination and enjoy a few hours eating and having a great time.

This season's luncheons are:

- Wednesday, Jan. 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. participants will try to win big at the Argosy Casino in Alton, IL. Cost is \$8 for CARD residents and \$10 for those outside of the district. Lunch selection and any purchases are not included in the cost. Register by Jan. 14.
- Wednesday, Feb. 11 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Rachel's Garden Tea Room in Belleville, IL. Be sure to check out the gift shop. Cost is \$8 for CARD residents and \$10 for those outside of the district. Lunch selection and any purchases are not included in the cost. Register by Feb. 4.
- Thursday, March 12 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Shenanigan's and Cold Stone Creamery in Edwardsville, IL. Start with lunch at the Irish bar and grill then head to Cold Stone Creamery for a tour and to create your own ice cream mix. Cost is \$13 for CARD residents and \$15 for those outside of the district. Lunch selection and any purchases are not included in the cost. Register by March 5.
- Friday, April 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Amighetti's Café and Bakery in St. Louis, Mo. Enjoy lunch on The Hill, a pastry and a visit to Viviano's Old-World Italian Grocery. Cost is \$8 for CARD residents and \$10 for those outside of the district. Lunch selection and any purchases are not included in the cost. Register by April 17.

Pick up and drop off is at the CARD Activity Center, 10 Gateway Drive in Collinsville. Space is very limited - register today by calling 346-7529.



**ALL THOSE HOLIDAY MEMORIES NEED A HOME - IN A SCRAPBOOK!**



The Collinsville Area Recreation District (CARD) knows most folks have a ton of great holiday pictures (kids opening their gifts, family dressed in their best, that great looking dinner) but no time to put them into a scrapbook. Good news - we've made time!

Scrapbooking Crops is held the second Friday of each month and is a great opportunity to get out of the house, meet new people, enjoy dinner (and dessert), and have a chance to win prizes all while working on your scrapbook.

The next crop is schedule for Friday, January 9 from 6-11 p.m. at the CARD Activity Center, 10 Gateway Drive in Collinsville. Be sure to bring your scrapbook and supplies or pick up new paper, scissors and other accessories from our Creative Memories consultant.

Scrapbooking Crops is for those 13 years and up. The charge, payable at the door, is \$10 for CARD residents and \$12 for those living outside of the district.

Seats are limited so be sure to call 346-7529 to reserve your spot!

**3rd Annual VALENTINE TRIVIA NIGHT**

BENEFITING HOSPICE OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, 2009 ~ \$80 per table/ 8 people maximum

DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M. GAME BEGINS AT 7 P.M.

Katy Cavins Center, 308 E. 5th St., O'Fallon, IL 62269

Cash Prizes for Top Two Tables, **Special Prize for Best Decorated** ~ 50/50 drawing

**Bring your own food and beverages!**

Reserve your table now! Space is limited! 618-235-1703 or [ereilmann@hospice.org](mailto:ereilmann@hospice.org)

Thank you for helping us fulfill our mission of enhancing the Quality of life for individuals and their loved ones touched by a terminal illness.



## NEWS FROM JARVIS TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER

Come join us at the Jarvis Township Senior Center in Tri-Township Park at the Wiesemeyer Building. We are open 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. We have many plans for the new year to keep you healthy and happy. So come join us to get fit, stay active and be strong!

### SENIOR Calendar

Exercise Senior Style: Monday and Friday, 10:00 A.M.  
Advanced "Exercise SeniorStyle: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 A.M.  
Puzzles and games: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 A.M.  
Women's Pinochle: 9:00 A.M. Tuesdays (Call first to sign up)  
Men's Poker: 9:00 A.M. Thursdays  
Free coffee, tea, snacks, and Free St. Louis Post for all card players.  
Pedicures (appointment required-Call 667-2022)



### 12 week Bible Study Course

A 12 week Bible Study course on the book of Genesis will begin on Thursday, January 22 at 12:30 p.m. There will be a \$5 charge for the books. Also needed for the course is the Good News 4th edition New Testament. They will also be available for \$5. Advance registration is required. Call 667-2022 by January 12.

### Attention Quilters

Seasoned and Beginners are welcome to come and quilt. A new quilting room has been built in the basement by Tri-Township Park. Come and check it out. A date will be set to begin later in January. Call 667-2022 for more details.

### UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Thursday, January 8, 12:00 P.M. Monthly Meal/Meeting/Bingo  
Friday, January 9, 10:30 A.M. Blood Pressure Screening (sponsored by Anderson Hospital Staff)  
Monday, January 12, 12:00 P.M. Red Hats Event (call for more information) Also Deadline to register for Bible Study  
Thursday, January 15, 7:00 P.M. Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 16, 10:30 A.M. Penny Bingo sponsored by Maryville Manor  
Monday, January 19 CLOSED for Martin Luther King's Birthday  
Tuesday, January 20, 10:30 A.M. January Birthday Party  
Thursday, January 22, 10:30 A.M. Bible Study Class (call to sign up)  
Friday, January 23, 10:30 A.M. "Eating Healthy" Seminar (Sponsored by U of IL- Maritza Lemke)  
Tuesday, January 27, 10:30 A.M. Healthy Living Weight Loss Support  
Thursday, January 29, 10:30 A.M. Bible Study Class (call to sign up)  
Thursday, January 29, 7:30 P.M. Red Hats Event (call for more information)

Jarvis Township Senior Citizens membership dues are \$4.00 per person. Any senior 60 & over are welcome to join. The monthly meeting is held the first Thursday of each month. During the months of January, February, and March it will be held at 12:00 P.M. Reservations are made by calling 667-2022 by Tuesday at noon. The next meeting will be held on January 8, 2008. For Entertainment each member is asked to bring one bingo prize.

Circuit Breaker assistance is available by appointment. Call 344-7788 or 667-2022.

Meals are prepared by Wilshire Kitchen & Catering and are served at the center at approximately 11:30 A.M. Monday through Friday.

Reservations should be made one day in advance by calling 667-2022. Visitors of any age are welcome. Join us for good food and friendly company. The full cost of a meal at the dining site is \$5.90. The suggested donation for seniors ages 60 and over is \$3.00. The charge for guests under 60 is \$5.90. Everyone is welcome. The full cost of a home delivered meal \$6.25. The suggested donation for home delivered meals for seniors ages 60 and over (who qualify) is \$3.25.

Transportation is available to seniors 60+ living in Jarvis Township. Transportation is limited to destinations in Jarvis Township and Anderson Hospital and area medical buildings on Hwy 162 up to Intersection of Hwy 159. Call 667-2022 one day in advance to schedule service. Within city limits suggested donation is \$2.00 per stop and \$3.00 per stop outside city limits.

Volunteers of "any" age are needed to help at the center. (Call or come by the center for a complete list of opportunities)

Bingo Prize donations are needed and greatly appreciated. Call 667-2022 for suggestions.

Partial funding for meals and transportation is received from the United States Administration, the Illinois Departments on Aging and Area Agency on Aging of Southwestern Illinois and United Way. Activities held at the center are also partially funded by Jarvis Township, Tri-Township Park, memorials, fundraisers, and your donations. Please remember the center in your will. Your donations are appreciated.

The center does not discriminate in admission to programs or activities or treatment of employment in programs or activities in compliance with appropriate State and Federal Statutes. If you feel you have been discriminated against, you have the right to file a complaint with the Area Agency on Aging by calling 618-222-2561

## **SCOTT CREDIT UNION WINS STATE AWARD FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Scott Credit Union has been awarded first place in the Illinois Credit Union League statewide Dora Maxwell Award competition. The award honors the work of credit unions in their community.

The local credit union won the award in the \$200 to \$500 million asset category for its annual golf tournament, which raised more than \$10,000 to support United Way.

"We are very proud of the work we have done to give back to the community and to raise money for organizations like United Way that help so many people in our area," said Scott Credit Union Community Relations Supervisor Ashleigh Deatherage. "It is nice to be recognized with the award, but the real happiness comes with knowing that we are able to help people. Credit unions are built on a 'People Helping People' foundation and this event really showcases our dedication to that philosophy."

Representatives from Scott Credit Union will be recognized at the keynote and awards program during the Credit Union League's Annual Convention this spring in Chicago.

At the convention, Scott Credit Union also will be recognized for an Honorable Mention award in the statewide Desjardins Youth Financial Education competition for its efforts teaching financial literacy at several high schools in the area.

The award entry for the Scott Credit Union golf tournament fund-raiser also will be entered in a national credit union awards competition, Deatherage said.

Scott Credit Union's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual golf tournament was held in May and raised more than \$10,000 that was donated to United Way of Greater St. Louis. The golf tournament, which was held at Stonebridge Golf Course in Maryville, drew nearly 100 golfers and dozens of area sponsors, Deatherage noted.

"At the golf tournament we also had a silent auction with some great items," she said. "The golfers, our vendors and other area businesses who participated in the outing were very generous in helping raise the money. We will have the event every year and we are already planning for the 2009 tournament."

Scott Credit Union has made giving back to its communities a major priority. The local credit union contributed more than \$100,000 and volunteered more than 780 hours to a variety of local civic efforts throughout the region through the end of 2008.

"We realize that without our members and the communities in which we serve, we would not exist as a financial alternative," Deatherage said.

The credit union has increased its community involvement in the past two years while also increasing its efforts to educate consumers of the value of doing their financial business with a not-for-profit credit union.

"We really want people in the area to know more about the value of doing business with a credit union," Deatherage added. "That is why we have really focused our time on educating area residents about Scott Credit Union. One of the big ways we've done that is through our community involvement."

"Conducting financial business with a credit union saves the consumer real money," said Scott Credit Union President & CEO Frank Padak. "Many credit unions, like Scott Credit Union, offer similar products and services to what the conventional financial institutions have, but we do so with our members' best interest in mind. Plus, we really care about the community and we are committed to supporting local efforts through contributions and volunteerism."

Scott Credit Union created a Community Volunteer Incentive (VIP) Program to show how important community involvement is to the organization and to encourage the staff to volunteer their time supporting local efforts, Deatherage said.

"The community VIP program has gone great. We simply offer our staff a chance to win prizes with every hour they volunteer increasing their chances to win," she explained. "Through the year, our staff has logged more than 780 hours in community service at a variety of charitable or civic events or efforts. We're extremely excited and proud of our staff for all that they do to give back to the community."

Scott Credit Union has supported many regional and local projects in and around the 13 communities in which it has branches, Deatherage noted.

"We donated \$10,000 as a regional sponsor of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life events and pledged \$5,000 to help with the new hospice home being built by the Hospice of Southern Illinois," she added. "We also contributed \$2,500 as a sponsor of the Bob Hardy USO fund-raiser tournament held at Scott Air Force Base, \$5,000 as a sponsor of the air show at Scott Air Force Base, pledged \$10,000 to the Highland Area Community Foundation to support local civic efforts and donated \$1,000 to help the Troy Grade School PTO in their efforts to build new playgrounds at the new schools in the Triad School District."

Scott Credit Union also has contributed as a sponsor of the Match-Up \$3,000 Dream Vacation prize at Scott Air Force Base and \$2,500 as a sponsor of the Midwest Salute to the Arts in Fairview Heights, Deatherage said.

"We also donated \$1,000 to several other community efforts, including the Home For Our Troops project, the Children's Miracle Network Swim-a-Thon, the Alfa Foundation in Mascoutah, the Edwardsville Little Tigers Football Club and the Tour de Belleville," she added.

For details on opening accounts at Scott Credit Union, visit [www.scu.org](http://www.scu.org).



# **CHAMBER ANNUAL AUCTION APRIL 17, 2009**