

## Calendar of Events

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- February 2, 2023      **Effectively Managing Challenging FMLA Issues**  
01:30 PM - 03:00 PM CST

February 3, 2023

**Ribbon Cutting - Oasis Outdoors - Home Center**

**À Oasis Outdoors ? Home Center**

**3119 Civic Circle Blvd.**

**Marion , IL 62959**

04:00 PM - 06:00 PM CST

*Ribbon Cutting for Oasis Outdoors – Home Center in Marion  
Friday, February 3 – Ribbon Cutting & Open House 4-6 PM*

*The Black Diamond Family of Businesses invites you to join us as we celebrate the opening of Oasis Outdoors – Home Center. Located just north of Target, at 3119 Civic Circle Blvd. in Marion, Oasis Home Center offers a huge selection of appliances, electronics, countertops, cabinets, commercial and residential flooring and more from the area’s largest selection of manufacturers.*

*Guest Speakers:*

*Karen Mullins and Jared Garrison – Marion Chamber of Commerce*

*Mike Absher – City of Marion Mayor*

*Rich Huskey – Oasis Home Center General Manager and Operating Partner*

*Rodney Cabaness and Shad Zimbro – Owners*

*Appetizers and drinks provided by The Turn at Kokopelli Charcuterie board, Veggies and dip, BBQ sliders, Lil’ smokies, Beer, wine and water*

February 3, 2023

- February 5, 2023

**Oasis Home Center Grand Opening**

**Oasis Home Center**

**3119 Civic Circle Blvd.**

**Marion, IL 62959**

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST

Amy Spiller, 6183032620

aspiller@oasisoutdoors.world

*Oasis Home Center in Marion is celebrating its Grand Opening, February 3-5, with HUGE savings, and a chance to win an LG Smart Appliance!*

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- February 5, 2023

**Southern Illinois Boat & Fishing Show**

**The Pavilion**

**1602 Sioux Drive**

**Marion, IL 62959**

03:00 PM - 03:00 PM CST

Tiffany Yepsen, 618-997-3690

tyepsen@visitsi.com

*Come to the 14th Annual Southern Illinois Boat and Fishing Show February 3rd thru Sunday, February 5th, 2023! In celebration of its return, visitSI and Black Diamond RV Superstore have partnered together to present a great show packed with boats, trailers, campers, fishing tackle, educational sessions, Live entertainment, and more!*

- February 7, 2023      **Worker Misclassification: Watch-Out Points and Best Practices Amidst a Changing Employment**  
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM CST
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**1120 E. Diehl Road**  
**Naperville, IL 60563**  
09:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST  
Pam Holleman, 855-239-6150  
pholleman@ilchamber.org
- February 8, 2023      **Protect Your Reputation from Bad Publicity: Cancelling Cancel Culture (Webinar)**  
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This course is FREE! Pre-registration is required.*

February 14, 2023

**Silhouettes by Tom Arnold**  
**Whimsy, A Children's Clothing Store**  
**1400 West Main Street**  
**Marion , IL 62959**  
Times Vary by Appointment

*Silhouettes by Tim Arnold is coming to Whimsy, A Children's Clothing Store on Tuesday, February 14th!*

*Sign-up for your time with the link attached. Silhouette times are 10 minutes and you walk away with the silhouette in hand! The perfect Valentine! Sign up here! Silhouettes are \$35. Oval frames are available for an additional cost.*

February 14, 2023

**Membership Luncheon February 2023, featuring 'The Face of Workforce Development'**

**Zion United Church of Christ**

**930 West Cherry Street**

**Marion, IL 62959**

11:45 AM - 01:00 PM CST

Marion Chamber of Commerce, 618-997-6311

office@marionillinois.com

*The Marion Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you to our Monthly Membership Luncheon on February 14th, 2023 at the Zion United Church of Christ. Program starts at noon. (Food service begins as 11:45AM).*

**REGISTRATION**

\$15 for Marion Chamber Member/Organizations

\$20 for Guests

**MENU - Provided by Debra K's**

*Smoked Marinated Pork Loin with Salad, Baked Potato (with butter & sour cream), Greenbeans Almondine, and Rolls/butter*

*Fruit Salad*

*Tea, lemonade, water*

**EVENT AGENDA:**

*Welcome from Chamber Leadership & Invocation*

*Luncheon Sponsor Presentation*

*Luncheon Program*

*Quick update from the Chamber Committees*

*Member Network and Updates*

**PROGRAM: Panel Discussion on Workforce Retention featuring:**

*Kim Barr, Chief People Officer at The Voyage Senior Living*

*Michelle Hamilton, Associate Dean for Workforce and Community Education at John A Logan College*

*(more to be announced)*

**Luck of the Draw Raffle: Pot is currently \$1078**

*Thank you to Ashley Gott and Brian McHugh of Edward Jones for co-sponsoring this round of Luck of the Draw. Their support creates greater winnings, so make sure and take part to further support the Chamber Foundation.*

**This Month's Luncheon Sponsor**

*GFI Digital is a full service provider of office technology. From Sharp and Ricoh multi-function printers to our experts in IT, we have what it takes to make and keep technology simple for your business. GFI Digital is a single vendor solution to create efficiencies in every aspect of office technology.*

*Housekeeping Note:*

*If your plans change and you can't attend, please call the office by noon the day before the luncheon. We encourage you to send a co-worker to represent your organization and network, otherwise you will be billed for your lunch. (Our catering numbers are traditionally finalized the Friday before the luncheon.)*

February 15, 2023

**MC: Sister City Committee**

**ZOOM**

08:00 AM - 09:00 AM CST

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**Nuts and Bolts of HR: For Professionals at All Levels**

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pholleman@ilchamber.org

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*NIU Center*

*1120 E. Diehl Road*

*Naperville, IL 60563*

OR

*Wednesday, March 8, 2023*

*9:00 am - 4:00 pm*

*Fairfield Inn & Suites*

*1111 N. Henrietta St.*

*Effingham, IL 62401*



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February 16, 2023

**Myths and Pitfalls: Navigating the Illinois Workers' Compensation Claim**  
**Illinois Chamber of Commerce**  
**215 E. Adams**  
**Springfield, IL 62701**  
09:30 AM - 11:30 AM CST  
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*?*

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*February 7, 2023!*

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*2.00 HRCI*

*2.00 SHRM*

*2.00 CLE per attendee request prior to event*

*2.00 Worker's Compensation and HR Compliance Certificate Credits*

*2.00 Nurse Case Management*

*& Fitzgibbons will hit on the myths and pitfalls of Illinois Workers' Compensation cases with a focused discussion on claims handling questions commonly heard from employers, carriers, and third-party administrators.*

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February 21, 2023

**SIU Career Development Center 2023 Job and Internship Fair**

**Career Development Center**

**1263 Lincoln Dr., Suite 0110**

**Carbondale, IL 62901**

10:00 AM - 02:00 PM CST

Career Development Center, 618-453-2391

careerdevelopment@siu.edu

*The Career Development Center invites employers to campus for our 2022-2023 Job and Internship Fairs.*

*Our fairs attract both undergrad and graduate majors seeking internships and career positions. Ranked among the top 5 percent of all U.S. higher education institutions for research, our students are making an impact in Southern Illinois and around the globe.*

*Tuesday's, September 20, 2022 & February 21, 2023*

*On-Campus | 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*

*NOTE: K-12 education majors, and SIU law and medical school students, do not attend this event.*

*Registration Includes*

*Networking Reception*

*6' table and two chairs, registration for two reps*

*Continental breakfast, box lunch, and beverages throughout the day*

*Free parking and unloading/loading assistance*

*Table cover and name tags not included (we're eco-friendly)*

*Employer Rates*

*Non-Profit - \$100*

*Government Agency - \$250*

*New Employer - \$300*

*Early-Bird - \$375 (Jan. 13)*

*Regular - \$400*

*Same-Day - \$450*

*Electrical Service - \$25*

*The registration fee is non-refundable.*

*Deadline to be included in the employer list sent to faculty to be announced.*

*Employer lists are available to students in real-time via Handshake.*

*Registration*

*Registration is through our online recruiting platform, Handshake.*

*Confirmation emails include an invoice, shipping instructions, and a campus map. Parking passes will be emailed the week before the event.*

*Travel and Lodging*

*The SIU Carbondale campus is approximately 100 miles from St. Louis, 200 miles from Nashville, TN and 300 miles from Chicago. Hotel accommodations can be made in*

*Carbondale or Marion, IL (approximately 16 miles east of Carbondale and off of Interstate 57). We encourage you to make your lodging arrangements early. Hotel discount rates are available in Carbondale.*

*SIU Safety Protocols*

*Masks are optional for campus visitors at this time. Please review our Saluki Safety protocols before arriving.*

*Questions?*

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**Du Quoin State Fairgrounds**  
**655 Executive Drive.**  
**DuQuoin, IL 62832**  
Check Website for Times  
Chuck Remm, (217) 536-6655  
chuckremm@gmail.com

*FRIDAY (24th) TICKETS, Scotty McCreery in Concert after Rodeo - [Click Here](#)*

*SATURDAY (25th) TICKETS, Justin Moore in Concert after Rodeo - [Click Here](#)*

*\*\*ATTENTION CONTESTANTS: If you need Stalls or Campsites, you must reserve with the facility by calling 618-542-1515.*

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