

Calendar of Events

March 20, 2024
- May 8, 2024

Ethos @ the Citadel Presents: Leading the Unleadable, a Leadership Course

EThOs @ The Citadel

504 Tower Square Plaza, Suite 200

Marion , IL 62959

Wednesdays, 12-1pm. March 20 to May 8th

Russell Williams, (618) 694-6596

rwleadership@gmail.com

Learn what emotional intelligence is, why it's important to your business and how you can develop emotional intelligence.

This event is located at The Foundation Room. Lunch includes an entrée, drink and dessert from Granny Puckett's for \$15. The program begins at noon and ends at 1 p.m. Networking before and after the event! Limited seating available therefore reservations are REQUIRED for GUARANTEED seating! Walk-ins are welcome if space is available.

April 18, 2024

HR Illinois: Join Your Leading HR Professionals

130 N Main St

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08:30 AM - 11:30 AM CST

Pam Hollerman, 2179918611

pholleman@ilchamber.org

04.18.24 HR Roundtable - Teams

Apr 18, 2024 08:30am - Apr 18, 2024 11:30am

Meet with other HR professionals to discuss current issues in the workplace and any updates to HR.

Virtual location

You will receive a confirmation email with a URL.

April 18, 2024

Kokopelli Showcase Business After Hours Event

Kokopelli Golf Club

1527 Champion Dr

Marion , IL 62959

04:00 PM - 06:00 PM CST

Kelly Davis,

programs@marionillinois.com

Save-the-Date for the Kokopelli Showcase Business After Hours

Thursday, April 18th from 4:00-6:00p

Kokopelli Golf Club

- 1527 Champions Drive

Marion, IL 62959

The Black Diamond Family of Businesses, and the Marion Chamber of Commerce, invite you to the Kokopelli Showcase Business After Hours: A relaxed opportunity to get all caught up on the changes happening at three businesses...

? Kokopelli Golf Course ? The Turn Restaurant and Lounge ? Events by Black Diamond.

Of course there will be plenty to taste, and sip, from The Turn's newly released menu along with door prizes from the entire Black Diamond Family of Businesses. So, SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, April 18th at Kokopelli Golf Club for the Kokopelli Showcase Business After Hours.

April 18, 2024

Ethos @ the Citadel Presents: Starting and Running Your Business on Solid Ground with Martin Williams
EThOs @ The Citadel
504 Tower Square Plaza, Suite 200
Marion, IL 62959
01:00 PM - 02:00 PM CST
Russell Williams, 6186946596
rwleadership@gmail.com

Where:
EThOs at The Citadel
504 Tower Square Plaza, Second Floor

When:
April 18th, 1p-2p

This workshop will cover ten common legal mistakes entrepreneurs make when setting up and operating their businesses and some ways to limit their liability. Martin Parson will be leading this workshop.

Martin Parsons is the author of "The Top 10 Legal Mistakes Entrepreneurs Make in Their Small Businesses." He owns Legal Advocacy Headquarters in Carterville, IL. Martin is a member of the ethOs teaching team. He is a lawyer and a Veteran. Martin helps entrepreneurs proactively protect their small businesses and nonprofits through affordable access to legal services. He also assists with brand protection through trademark search, registration, and monitoring. If you haven't been to EThOs at The Citadel, it is located at 504 Tower Square Plaza, Second Floor. Parking is available around the square, on West Main Street, and one block west of the building behind the First United Methodist Church. Please try to avoid parking right in front of The Vault Cafe so the cafe customers can have spaces.

You are welcome to bring your lunch with you. The Vault Cafe is located on the first floor of our location. You can order your lunch to-go and bring it upstairs. I recommend calling in and placing your order in advance or arriving at least 20 minutes early to order and pick it up at the cafe.

April 20, 2024

Walker's Bluff Casino Resort Present: Jake Owne

Walker's Bluff Casino Resort

777 Walkers Bluff Way

Carterville, IL 62918

08:00 PM - 09:30 PM CST

Walker's Bluff Casino Resort, 618-993-7777

Jake Owen

Sat, Apr 20 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Jake Owen burst onto the country music scene in 2006 and was named Top New Male Vocalist by the Academy of Country Music (ACM) in 2008, the same year the ACM named his song "Down in the Honkytonk" Single of the Year. Since then several other albums and singles have reached the top 10 on the country music charts.

Formerly an aspiring professional golfer, a wakeboarding accident lead to Jake picking up the guitar and eventually traveling to Nashville to pursue music. Throughout his career, he has produced several hits, including "Yee Haw," "Startin' With Me," "Don't Think I Can't Love You," and "Eight Second Ride". Additionally, Owen has put out the number one hits "Barefoot Blue Jean Night," "Alone With You," "The One That Got Away," "Anywhere With You," and "Homemade". He has toured alongside Little Big Town, collaborated with Florida Georgia Line and opened for Brad Paisley, Alan Jackson, and Carrie Underwood.

Tickets are \$85, \$90, \$95 and \$100 plus applicable online/phone ticketing fee. This fee is waived when tickets are purchased at Café at 22 & Vine inside Walker's Bluff Casino Resort®. All ages are welcome. Doors will open one hour prior to showtime.

Please note, when purchasing tickets to our events, we do not recommend using a third party resale site. Tickets may be purchased directly from our website or in person at Café at 22 & Vine.

April 24, 2024

Mastering Recruitment & Retention in 2024

<https://hirelevel.com/webinars/mastering-recruitment-retention-in-2024-2/>

3911 Ernestine Ln

Marion, IL 62959

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM CST

Zairrea Doggan, 6189936775

zdoggan@hirelevel.com

Are you ready to revolutionize your recruitment and retention game in 2024? Join us on April 24th at 1:00 p.m. CST as Whitney Morris, Senior Professional Recruitment Consultant, at HireLevel shares the strategies and insights that will redefine your approach to talent acquisition and employee retention in 2024.

Here's what we'll be covering:

- Current state of recruitment*
- What employees are looking for in their ideal employer*
- How to retain your internal talent*

Claim Your Spot Today!

April 25, 2024

Illinois Chamber presents Pay Transparency Update webinar

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM CST

Jill Vancil, 2179918590

jvancil@ilchamber.org

4/25/2024 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Online

As more and more cities, counties and states across the U.S. enact pay transparency mandates, employers' obligations are becoming more complex by the day. Attorney Jeff Risch of Amundsen Davis LLC will present a timely webinar on the upcoming mandates hitting Illinois employers as of January 1, 2025. He will also provide a summary of similar mandates currently in place around the country. Attorney Risch will discuss in detail the following:

- Summarize employers' obligations under the Illinois Equal Pay Act amendments and discuss best practices to avoid liability*
- Discuss pay transparency laws in the context of remote workers*
- Suggest strategies to keep your organization compliant and protect against pay transparency and unequal pay claims*

April 25, 2024

Chamber / SBDC Business Resource Meet Up

MAN-TRA-CON Corporation and Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission

3117 Civic Cir Blvd Suite A

Marion , IL 62959

12:00 PM - 01:30 PM CST

Faith Miller, 618-536-2424

bizhelp@siu.edu

The Marion Chamber of Commerce and the Small Business Community Navigator Program invite you to the Business Resource Meet Up. This meet up aims to provide valuable insights into the Advantage Illinois Loan Program, alongside detailed information on the services of the Illinois SBDC at SIU and the Illinois APEX Accelerator at SIU.

The target audience for this no-cost workshop includes entrepreneurs at any stage of their business journey.

Join us to learn about resources and opportunities and enjoy complimentary lunch and beverages from O'Charley's.

When: April 25th at noon.

MAN-TRA-CON Corporation and Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission Offices.

3117 Civic Circle Blvd. Marion IL

Presented in partnership with the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity, America's SBDC Illinois, SIU Carbondale, Illinois APEX Accelerator, and the Marion Chamber of Commerce.

Additionally, we would like to extend invitations to the Saluki Takeover Chancellor's Reception to Saluki Alumni and Friends.

The Chancellor's reception will be on April 25th at Morello's in Harrisburg from 6-8pm.

Register here: <https://siuf.org/southernillinois/harrisburg.php>

April 27, 2024

Inaugural Midwest Cornhole Clash

Mtn Dew Park

1000 Miners Drive

Marion , IL 62959

07:30 AM - 05:00 PM CST

Charley Ferguson, 618-889-2446

cferguson@local773.com

The Laborers Care Foundation is putting together a the largest cornhole tournament in the area. The tournament will be at Mountain Dew Park (aka: Rent One Park) on April 27th. The Laborers Care Foundation helps various charity initiatives, such as Hospice of Southern Illinois, Havens Kitchen, various scholarship funds, and many more.

April 27, 2024

Autism Awareness Ride

Little Egypt Off Road

20439 Ranch Ln

Crab Orchard, IL 62959

01:00 PM - 04:00 PM CST

Amy Spiller , 618-303-2620

aspiller@oasisoutdoors.world

Join Oasis Powersports and the Autism Society of Southern Illinois on Saturday, April 27 from 1-4 pm at Little Egypt Off Road in Crab Orchard for an Autism Awareness Ride.

April 27, 2024

Marion Cultural Civic Center presents James Gregory
Marion Cultural & Civic Center
800 Tower Square Plaza
Marion, IL 62959
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM CST
Marion Cultural Civic Center, 6189974030

James Gregory

April 27 @ 7pm

Tickets: \$44.95 – \$70.95

For decades, the unforgettable caricature of veteran comedian James Gregory has stood grinning: his shirt untucked, his arms outstretched, a carefree welcome to a down-home, hilarious comedy experience. It's storytelling at its best. The trademark caricature is the essence of humorist James Gregory's comedy: rib-tickling reflections on life from the front porch.

James is constantly touring. He's on the road about three days a week, forty six weeks a year. He continues to entertain sold-out crowds in theaters and comedy clubs and remains in demand for corporate events. James has been the featured entertainer for hundreds of corporations, including the Coca Cola Company, Kimberly Clark Corporation, Hewlett Packard and Kroger. James has also been the featured speaker for events sponsored by various civic and church groups.

James is heard weekly on syndicated radio shows such as Rick and Bubba, John Boy and Billy and Bob and Tom. Combined, these shows are broadcast to people in over 220 cities nationwide. As a result, he now has a grass-roots following that numbers in the millions.

James was born in a rural area about twenty five miles east of Atlanta, GA. He got his first job at the age of twelve at a small country grocery store. By the time he was fifteen, he was working thirty-seven hours a week, as well as going to school. As an adult, James has worked for the U.S. Postal Service, the Department of Defense, and spent almost ten years as a salesman before discovering the wonderful world of stand-up comedy.

James does not "tip-toe" through life as if he's walking on broken glass or egg shells. That style is evident on stage as well. He is not politically correct. Much of his humor is centered on brilliant observations of crazy relatives and people obsessed with the slightest change in weather conditions – now referred to as global warming. He delights in poking fun at modern sensitive parents and out-of-control environmentalists. Gregory has been quoted as saying, "If you want me to be concerned about endangered species, you need to convince me that we're about out of chickens."

The James Gregory show turns the clock back to a time when life was simpler; to a better time, before the death of common sense; a time when people sat on the front porch and actually talked to each other without a cell phone in their ear.

James' success, like his comedy, is the direct result of the values he grew up with. And now, twenty something years later, it is this unique brand of humor that packs the crowds into his sold-out shows. The absence of vulgarity sets James apart and his stories are carefully crafted art. "I have lived long enough to know people, know life", Gregory reflects. "My comedy is based on my life experiences. It's real, it's funny and

the audience loves it. That's why I'm still in business."

James has been featured in publications such as Atlanta Magazine, Country America, Music City News, Laugh Track, Backstage West, Southern Living and Goodness Magazine along with major newspapers throughout the South.

He has appeared in concert with Kenny Chesney, Randy Travis, Reba McEntire, The Judds, George Jones, Ricky Skaggs and more.

April 27, 2024

WSIU PBS Kids & Cedarhurst Center for the Arts presents Downunder w/ Work It Out Wombats!

Cedarhurst Center for the Arts

2600 Richview Road

Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

01:00 PM - 03:00 PM CST

Tracy Hauser, 618-453-6154

tracy.hauser@wsiu.org

Join WSIU Public Broadcasting – PBS KIDS and Cedarhurst Center for the Arts for a day of Family Fun "Downunder" with the ever popular Work It Out Wombats!

The public is invited and Admission is Free!

Entertainment- Jam with a Didgeridoo! • 2 performances: 1:15 and 2:15 Chad Schott owner of Drumzrguruven will demonstrate the Didgeridoo and get the audience jamming in this fun filled performances.

Work It Out Wombats episodes playing in between programs.

Free Shaved Ice! Cool off from the Australian Outback with some shaved ice!

*Australian Art! Create Australian inspired art project -Learn about Aboriginal Dot Art!
Book Giveaway! ? Costume Characters Meet the Wombats!
Learn Fun Facts about Australia! Sponsors will have facts for kids about Australia*

April 28, 2024

12th annual Marion Chamber Foundation Bass Tournament

Pyramid Acres Marina

12057 Marina Rd

Marion, IL 62959

07:00 AM - 04:00 PM CST

The Marion Chamber of Commerce Foundation annual two-person Bass Tournament takes place at Pyramid Acres Marina on Lake of Egypt on April 28th. The event is a fundraiser for the Marion Chamber Foundation.

The tournament fee is \$90 per team and optional \$10 for Big Bass at 100% pay back. Entries will be limited to the first 150 teams. Launch order is established by your registration date.

30% of the entry fees will go toward the Marion Chamber Scholarship Program. The Marion Chamber of Commerce currently offers two scholarships: John A. Logan College Two Year Tuition Waiver and a Grad Spree Scholarship. The Marion Chamber of Commerce Foundation awards these scholarships based on the amount of money generated by the fundraising efforts from the previous year.

Not a fisherman but want to support the event? Sponsor a team or the Big Bass Contest! Please register below and indicate how many teams would you like to support!

May 1, 2024

Southern Illinois netWORKers

Tower Square Pizza

1207 Tower Square Plaza

Marion, IL 62959

11:45 AM - 01:00 PM CST

Melise Oakley, 6189220465

moakley@hospice.org

Southern Illinois netWORKers is a group to help support small businesses in networking. We meet the 1st Wednesday of each month at Tower Square Pizza and it starts at 11:45.

May 2, 2024

**Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois: Cocktails at Camp
Camp Torqua
4725 Girl Scout Rd
Edwardsville, IL 62025
05:30 PM - 07:30 PM CST
Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois,
friends@gsosfi.org**

Cocktails at Camp

May 2, 2024

Please join us at Camp Torqua, Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois hidden gem, for a special Business After Hours event. Enjoy complimentary food, drinks, and s'mores as we celebrate what Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois is doing in our community and beyond-- and learn how you can partner with us to further make a difference in the lives of our girls.

Registration End Date: April 25, 2024

Location: Camp Torqua, Edwardsville, IL

May 2, 2024
- May 4, 2024

**2024 Can-Am Experience
Oasis Powersports
2904 West Deyoung Street
Marion, IL 62959
01:30 PM - 05:00 PM CST
Amy Spiller , 618-303-2620
aspiller@oasisoutdoors.world**

Calling all riding enthusiasts! You're invited to the 2024 Can-Am Experience at Oasis Powersports in Marion, May 2-4.

May 4, 2024

Mandala Gardens presents Marion Connects Mother-Child Tea Party

Mandala Gardens

1704 N State St, Marion, IL, United States, Illinois

Marion, IL 62959

10:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

Marion Connects,

marionconnectsfundraising@gmail.com

Mother-Child Tea Party

(kids ages 5-15 years)

Join us on Saturday, May 4th, 11am-1pm at Mandala Gardens for a Mother/Child(ren) Tea Party to celebrate Mom(aunts and grandmas also welcome)! The event will be for mothers and kids ages 5-15. Tickets will include a professional digital photo to print at your convenience and cherish forever, a summer lunch catered by Lavish Layers Cakery, DJ entertainment from Matt Basler Music, a special craft for the kids to make for mom led by Little Egypt Arts Association, and more!

Tickets are \$65 for one parent/guardian and one child, and \$32.50 for each additional child or adult. You can purchase tickets now through April 24th or until sold out. Seating is limited, so be sure to get your tickets early!

This is a rain or shine event, no refunds

May 4, 2024

Mandala Gardens presents Marion Connects Mother-Daughter Adult Tea Party

Mandala Gardens

1704 N State St, Marion, IL, United States, Illinois

Marion, IL 62959

04:00 PM - 06:00 PM CST

Marion Connects,

marionconnectsfundraising@gmail.com

Adult Mother-Daughter Tea Party

(Ages 16+)

Join us on Saturday, May 4th, 4-6pm at Mandala Gardens for a Mother/Daughter Tea Party to celebrate Mom(aunts and grandmas also welcome)! The event will be for mothers and their adult children (ages 16+). Tickets will include a professional digital photo to print at your convenience and cherish, a summer dinner catered by Lavish Layers Cakery, live entertainment from Ridge Chappell, a water painting session lead by Little Egypt Arts Association, and more!

Tickets are \$75 for a couple (mother/daughter), and \$40 for each additional attendee. You can purchase tickets now through April 24th or until sold out. Seating is limited, so be sure to get your tickets early!

This is a rain or shine event, no refunds

May 5, 2024

Los Lobos
Walker's Bluff Casino Resort
777 Walkers Bluff Way
Carterville, IL 62918
08:00 PM - 09:30 PM CST
Walker's Bluff Casino, 618-993-7777
info@walkersbluffcasinoresort.com

It's a matter of time. 50 years to be exact. And in that time Los Lobos have created an unprecedented body of work, a legacy of greatness. The numbers are staggering: 100+ gigs a year for five decades running, crossing millions of miles to rock millions of fans. And that's just at the live shows. In between they've recorded 17 studio albums, 7 live LPs, 3 compilations, 2 EPs, 2 DVDs, and contributed 40+ guest appearances on their friends' recordings - all garnering 5 Grammys, an Austin City Limits Hall of Fame induction, the ALMA Richie Valens Pioneer Award, NEA and Hispanic Heritage Foundation Honors, Congressional recognitions, plus countless "Keys to the City" and "Los Lobos Day" celebrations.

But beyond all the hoopla and applause is the tremendous heart. Five blood brothers who have dedicated their off-stage time to helping others, working for peace and justice, penning some of the most literate and important music of their time, transforming the hard cries from the East L.A. barrio into songs of hope, tales of common folk finding ways to endure. The young wolves were weaned on late-night radio's soul, R&B, and doo-wop, cured through the African-American currents of the blues, jazz, and rock 'n' roll. As proud Chicanos, their songs have always glistened with the distillation from their Mexican and Latin American roots-nourished by Norteña and rancheras, buoyed by bolero and cumbias, soaring on the rhythms of son huasteco and son jarocho.

Los Lobos have helped spread the rich diversity of cultures across every continent, throughout the global community. Kids in Antwerp now know about Aztlán. Residents of Luxor and Ghana are crooning Lalo Guerrero. People from Laos and Bulgaria are belting "La Bamba" - all thanks to The Wolves as cultural ambassadors. Talk about a living legacy. Talk about a productive half century. And in the true rebel spirit, they did it all on their own terms, against formula. For the ages. To our delight. Quite simply, they are one of the tightest, one of the best, one of the most prolific bands ever. And, amazingly, with the original founding members as the pack the entire time. Unprecedented. As their liner notes put it, quite simply: "Los Lobos still are David Hidalgo, Louie Perez, Cesar Rosas, Conrad Lozano, Steve Berlin."

Tickets are \$55, \$60, \$65 and \$70 plus applicable online/phone ticketing fee. This fee is waived when tickets are purchased at Café at 22 & Vine inside Walker's Bluff Casino Resort®. All ages are welcome. Doors will open one hour prior to showtime.

Please note, when purchasing tickets to our events, we do not recommend using a third party resale site. Tickets may be purchased directly from our website or in person at Café at 22 & Vine.

Must be 21 or older to gamble. If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, crisis counseling and referral services can be accessed by calling 1.800.GAMBLER (1-800-426-2537).

May 7, 2024

Illinois Chamber: Smart Succession Planning for Your Company

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM CST

Jill Vancil, 2179918590

jvancil@ilchamber.org

Smart Succession Planning for Your Company

What could be more critical to a company's long-term success than to have a smart succession plan? Leaders need to select and develop the right people for future leadership roles. You can't create and sustain success in business, regardless of its size, without talented and trained people who are willing to move into key positions when people leave or retire. This webinar will provide you with methods to help you to select the best candidates for leadership positions and a step-by-step approach to creating a smart succession plan.

Virtual location

You will receive a confirmation email with a URL.

May 07, 2024 10:30am - May 07, 2024 12:00pm

May 9, 2024

Ethos Lunch & Learn
Foundation Room
Tower Square - next to Granny Puckett's
Marion , IL 62959
12:00 PM - 01:00 PM CST
Russell Williams,
rwleadership@gmail.com

LEARN. DISCUSS. APPLY.

Learn essential leadership principles and skills. Discuss them with other leaders. Apply them in your organization and with your teams.

Make your reservation for lunch provided by Granny Puckett's at members.ethosmarion.org/events \$15 for a meal, dessert, and drink. The program begins at noon and ends at 1:00 p.m. Networking before and after the program. Limited space is available therefore reservations are required for guaranteed seating. Walk-ins are welcome if space is available.

May 9, 2024

Illinois Chamber: Cyber Insurance: The Latest Developments

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM CST

Jill Vancil, 2179918590

jvancil@ilchamber.org

Cyber Insurance: The Latest Developments

5/9/2024

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Online

Cyber insurance is becoming a necessity for Illinois' businesses, large and small. This program will cover the current trends in the cyber insurance market, the coverage available, surviving the application/underwriting process, and pitfalls to avoid. You will walk away with information you can use to help you avoid catastrophic losses and build an effective insurance component to your information security practices.

May 10, 2024

Connect 360, Carbondale United, & The Rachael Academy of Education Present Empowering The Pavilion

1602 Sioux Dr

Marion , IL 62959

05:00 PM - 09:00 PM CST

Welcome to our Community Non-for-profit Gala! Join us for an evening of fun, goodwill, and giving back. Our event brings together community members passionate about making a difference. Enjoy delicious food, live entertainment, and engaging activities. Let's celebrate the power of unity and generosity. Dress to impress, and be prepared for a night full of heartwarming moments. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to support a great cause with friends and neighbors. See you there!

May 14, 2024

Illinois Chamber: Workers' Compensation 101

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM CST

Jill Vancil, 2179918590

jvancil@ilchamber.org

Workers' Compensation 101

5/14/2024 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Online

Managing employment issues can be tough, especially when an employee is injured which tends to create more questions than answers. The presentation will offer an overview of Illinois Workers' Compensation where attendees will gain a greater understanding of the IL Workers' Compensation system of benefits and litigation, learning key terms & terminology. We will include discussion of issues you may encounter during claims and tips for effective handling and management. Attendees will get a better grasp of the nature of the workers' compensation claims administration process.

May 14, 2024

May Member Luncheon: Social Marketing & Personal Branding
Knights of Columbus
1601 W White St.
Marion, IL 62959, IL 62959
11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST
Kelly Davis, 7085223875
programs@marionillinois.com

May Member Luncheon

Program:
Social Marketing and Personal Branding

Panel:
TBA

Catering: TBA

Menu:
TBA

Member Promotion

Do you have an upcoming event or program you would like to promote? Submit your event to the Chamber Calendar or send your flyer to programs@marionillinois.com!

Luck of the Draw Raffle: \$ TBA

Thank you to TBA for sponsoring this round of Luck of the Draw!

Proceeds from the luck of the Draw go to the Marion Chamber Foundation and fund youth programs and scholarships for Marion High School Seniors.

Luncheon Sponsor
Eagle's Nest by the Lake

May 16, 2024

Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Monthly Luncheon w/ Illinois State Chamber President
A Walk In the Wind Event Center
600 N 42nd St
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST
Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce,

When:

Thursday, May 16, 2024 11:30 AM thru 01:00 PM

Where:

A Walk in the Wind Event Venue
600 N. 42nd St.
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

Join us as IL State Chamber President, Lou Sandoval, comes to Southern Illinois to discuss state wide happenings and issues that impact our business community. RSVP/ Register by May 9th

May 21, 2024

A Conversation with Ms. Joanne Bland: The Voice of a Freedom Fighter Growing, Changing, & Thriving
The Pavilion
1602 Sioux Dr
Marion , IL 62959
06:00 PM - 08:00 PM CST
Connect 360, (312) 715-8548

The mission of respect 360 is to improve the communications, relationships, and actions, of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of policies, education and work programs that will help eliminate disparities.

May 23, 2024

2Q 2024 Sexual Harassment Training

The Pavilion

1602 Sioux Drive

Marion , IL 62959

08:00 AM - 10:30 AM CST

To better meet state mandates surrounding sexual harassment training and build stronger workplace environments, we are hosting quarterly training for 2024.

Attendees will take part in a general hour-long training session and receive a certificate of completion for their employee file. Employees in the restaurant industry can take advantage of additional training and certification.

Timeline

8 AM: Check in and networking

8:30: General training begins

9:30: Additional trainings for restaurants

10 ish: Training concludes

Cost: \$10 for members, and \$15 for non members. Workshop sponsors get complimentary training registrations for any of the 4 training sessions.

Sexual Training is Mandatory? Yes, it is.

Formerly Senate Bill 75, Public Act 101-0221 was signed into law by Governor Pritzker in August 2019. Under this Act, Illinois employers are required to train employees on sexual harassment prevention by December 31, 2020, and on an annual basis thereafter. This requirement applies to all employers with employees working in this State. Employers must either develop their own sexual harassment prevention training program that equals or exceeds the minimum standards for sexual harassment prevention training outlined in Section 2-109(B) of the Illinois Human Rights Act (IHRA), or they may use the model training provided by the IDHR.

In addition to providing the sexual harassment prevention training described above, restaurants and bars are required to provide supplemental sexual harassment prevention training that complies with Section 2-110 of the IHRA. Illinois restaurants and bars must either develop their own supplemental training or utilize the model training provided by the IDHR. The IDHR's supplemental training model for restaurants and bars is forthcoming.

[Learn More](#)

The May Training Sponsor: Opportunity Available

Additional Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorship covers basic event costs for this project and sponsors can have employees attend any of the quarterly training sessions. To become a sponsor, please contact the Chamber office at 618-997-6311

Housekeeping and Billing

Event tickets will need to be paid for when they are reserved. If you need to make other arrangements or need an invoice to request a check, please contact the office. Any open balances will need to be paid by the day of the event or guests will not be able to attend.

Attendees will receive a reminder prior to the event.

These new policies were put in place October 2023 at the July 2023 Budget Committee

Meeting due to concern about unpaid event registrations.

May 23, 2024

Illinois Chamber: ABC's of Hiring

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM CST

Jill Vancil, 2179918590

jvancil@ilchamber.org

The ABCs of Hiring

The ABCs of Hiring will provide an overview of the various stages of the hiring process. This presentation will cover assessing who to hire, such as independent contractors versus employees and direct employees versus leased employees. It will also address legal considerations for employers during the recruiting and interviewing stages. Further, it will identify numerous legal issues that employers need to consider to carefully vet prospective employees. This will include guidance on background checks and drug testing. Lastly, it will review making offers and establishing terms of employment.

Location: Virtual event

Date and time: Thu, May 23, 2024 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Organizer: Jill Vancil, (217) 991-8590, jvancil@ilchamber.org

May 25, 2024

Mandala Gardens Craft Fair with Matt Basler/Leight July/Isaiah Cunningham LIVE MUSIC!!

Greater Marion Area Chamber Of Commerce

2305 West Main Street

Marion , IL 62959

09:00 AM - 03:00 PM CST

Mandala Gardens ,

mandala.gardens@gmail.com

Saturday, May 25, 2024,

Arts & Crafts Fair **FREE ENTRY!!**

We have an amazing group of vendors and musicians lined up for this event. Come join us for a day of arts, crafts, food, music, fun and sun! Email mandala.gardens@gmail.com if you are interested in being part of this event. #Visitsi #marionillinois

Signed up so far....

@Customs with Kat

@Everlasting Elegance of Southern Illinois

Maple Moon Co

@Michelle Turner

Monday Art Social

Michelle's Sprinkles- Pink Zebra Independent Consultant

@Thea's Soap and Candles

Violet Soap Potions

Villainous Creations

@Mindful Meditator

GenX Tumblers

Nathaniel Berger

@JRJ Creations

Em's Crochet and Crafts

Tie Dyes by Lex

Designs By Terra

Bead's by Katelyn

Ripley's 3D-Print It or Not

KC Kind Crafting

Transient Nomad & Jacked Up Creations

Project Human X

Amy's Glam 'N' Glitz

GypsyFeet Gems, Stones and Gifts

Meagan Majors Art

Nanna's Notions

Hopes Custom Creations LLC

Spiritual Rose and Thorn

Frostbite Treats LLC

Fish Tales Pottery Place

Harp's Harvest Hats & Freeze Dried Goodies

The 505 Coffee House

Feast in the Famine LLC

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Mustard Seeds & Grace Bakery

Matt Basler Music

Leight July

Isaiah Cunningham

June 5, 2024

Southern Illinois netWORKers

Tower Square Pizza

1207 Tower Square Plaza

Marion, IL 62959

11:45 AM - 01:00 PM CST

Melise Oakley, 6189220465

moakley@hospice.org

Southern Illinois netWORKers is a group to help support small businesses in networking. We meet the 1st Wednesday of each month at Tower Square Pizza and it starts at 11:45.

June 6, 2024

Illinois Chamber: Nuts & Bolts of HR: Professionals at All Levels

McLean County Chamber of Commerce

2203 E Empire ST

Bloomington, IL 61704

09:00 AM - 04:00 PM CST

Jill Vancil, 2179918590

jvancil@ilchamber.org

Nuts and Bolts of HR: For Professionals at All Levels

This seminar will provide guidance on how to handle situations across the employment law spectrum including pre-employment background check requirements, cannabis reasonable suspicion training in the workplace, obligations and requirements for supervisors and managers with respect to anti-sexual harassment and retaliation, conducting effective workplace investigations, compliance with social media and other privacy issues in the workplace; paid leave, as well as several other potential issues that could arise in the workplace that need immediate attention.

Location: McLean County Chamber of Commerce, 2203 E. Empire St., Bloomington, IL 61704

Date and time: Wed, Jul 31, 2024 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Organizer: Jill Vancil, (217) 991-8590, jvancil@ilchamber.org

June 8, 2024

3rd Annual Take Me Out to the Car Show
Mountain Dew Park
1000 Miners Drive
Marion , IL 62959
09:00 AM - 02:00 PM CST

MARION, Ill. – Interstate Tire Pros Auto Service is pleased to announce the 3rd annual Take Me Out to the Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, June 8, 2024 at Mtn Dew Park in Marion.

In its past two years, Take Me Out to the Car Show has drawn hundreds of registered participants from across southern Illinois and surrounding states.

“We’ve had a great response from the community so far. We want to build on that momentum and make 2024 our largest year yet!” said Shawn Hughes, president of Interstate Tire Pros Auto Service.

While there will be cars, trucks and bikes on display, this year’s event will also feature food trucks, a 50/50 raffle and a new addition – a burnout contest.

The contest will be open to licensed drivers over the age of 18. A \$10 donation, signed waiver and proof of insurance will be required.

“Come out and show us what you’ve got! It’s an opportunity to raise a little extra for two great organizations and a chance for you to earn a cool trophy and bragging rights,” explained Hughes.

The 3rd annual Take Me Out to the Car Show runs 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday, June 8 and is free to attend.

For those who wish to register a vehicle in the show, the cost is \$15 before June 3 or \$20 on the day of the event. Registration will close at noon on June 8 to allow for judging. Awards will be presented at 1:30 p.m.

Date: Saturday, June 8th

Time: 9:00a - 2:00p

Location: Mountain Dew Park

1000 Miners Dr, Marion, IL 62959

June 13, 2024

Ethos Lunch & Learn
Foundation Room
Tower Square - next to Granny Puckett's
Marion , IL 62959
12:00 PM - 01:00 PM CST
Russell Williams,
rwleadership@gmail.com

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June 14, 2024

Oliver Anthony - Out of the Woods
Mtn Dew Park
1000 Miners Drive
Marion, IL 62959
06:00 PM - 11:00 PM CST
Amy Spiller , 618-303-2620
aspiller@oasisoutdoors.world

Country singer-songwriter Oliver Anthony is coming to Mtn Dew Park on June 14, 2024!

June 29, 2024

Walker's Bluff Casino Resort Present: Craig Morgan

Walker's Bluff Casino Resort

777 Walkers Bluff Way

Carterville, IL 62918

08:00 PM - 09:30 PM CST

Walker's Bluff Casino Resort, 618-993-7777

Craig Morgan

Sat, Jun 29 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM

We are happy to announce that Country Music Artist Craig Morgan will be performing in the Event Center at Walker's Bluff Casino Resort on Saturday, June 29, 2023 at 8 PM!

Craig Morgan has made a name for himself as a country music icon, TV personality, celebrated outdoorsman and patriotic Army veteran. One of country music's best-loved artists, Morgan has charted 25 songs on Billboard and thrills massive crowds with signature hits including "Bonfire," "Almost Home," "Redneck Yacht Club," "International Harvester," "This Ole Boy," "Soldier," "Wake Up Loving You," "That's What I Love About Sunday" and his faith-filled tribute to his son Jerry, "The Father, My Son and The Holy Ghost."

Craig received one of country music's highest honors when he was inducted as a member of the Grand Ole Opry. Prior to becoming a country music star and TV sensation, Morgan spent seventeen years serving our country in the Army and Army Reserves. Morgan remains an avid supporter of America's military personnel and has made 16 overseas trips to perform for our troops. He is a recipient of the 2006 USO Merit Award and in 2018 was awarded the Army's Outstanding Civilian Service Medal, one of the highest awards the Department of the Army can bestow upon a civilian.

Tickets are \$55, \$60, \$65 and \$70 plus applicable online/phone ticketing fee. This fee is waived when tickets are purchased at Café at 22 & Vine inside Walker's Bluff Casino Resort®. All ages are welcome. Doors will open one hour prior to showtime.

Please note, when purchasing tickets to our events, we do not recommend using a third party resale site. Tickets may be purchased directly from our website or in person at Café at 22 & Vine.

July 11, 2024

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July 20, 2024
- July 21, 2024

2024 Southern Illinois Made Expo
The Pavilion
1602 Sioux Dr.
Marion, IL 62959
10:00 AM - 04:00 PM CST

The Southern Illinois Made Expo is Saturday, July 20th - Sunday, July 21st, 2024 from 10:00AM-4:00PM.

GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

This event is open to the public and encourages the hardworking local businesses of Southern Illinois to display their impressive products and wonderful destinations. The event has hosted over 3,000 attendees and proceeds go to veterans-based organizations in the Southern Illinois area.

ABOUT THE EVENT

Exhibitors from all over the region are invited to display and sell their innovative products, unique creations, and tasty treats as well as showcasing fabulous Southern Illinois destinations.

Both Saturday and Sunday exhibition dates will offer a unique opportunity for exhibitors to sell directly to the public and wholesale/retail buyers. Potential customers can see, sample, and purchase products while also learning about the many destinations Southern Illinois has to offer. Vendors are encouraged to network with fellow booth exhibitors to boost their customer base and business network.

Booth prices start at \$75 (plus processing fee). This portal is for booth applications. For more information on the application process and requirements and to find the Participation Agreement Form, please continue on to the next page. Please note - Expo management has the right to refuse ANY vendor if they do NOT meet Exhibitor Eligibility.

Registration Discount Available for Chamber Members in good standing. Please reach out to your local Chamber of Commerce for more information! If they have any questions, have them call 618-997-6311.

August 8, 2024

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September 12, 2024

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October 10, 2024

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November 14, 2024

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