Sauk Valley Area
chamber of commerce

United States Chamber of Commerce
ACCREDITED

Partnering for Success

November 2026

IN THIS ISSUE:



PAGE 6



PAGE 9



PAGE 9



CGH HOMETOWN PHARMACY

NOW OPEN!

Monday–Friday: 9 am to 7 pm
Saturday and Sunday: 10 am to 6 pm

Open to everyone...you don't have to be a CGH patient! Contact us to help transfer your prescriptions today!

- Full-service pharmacy with drive thru
- Prescription transfers
- 90-day supplies *(for qualifying medications)*
- MyChart integration
- Auto-refill and medication synchronization programs
- A selection of over-the-counter medications, vitamins, supplements, first aid supplies, and more!



4 W. 3rd Street, Sterling *(next to the CGH Vision Center)* • **www.cghmc.com/pharmacy** • **815.632.5371**

November Meetings

November 10	Exec Committee Meeting
November 12	Ambassador Meeting
November 17	Board of Directors
November 17	Agricultural Advancement
November 19	HBLC Meeting
November 19	Business After Hours

Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce Directors & Staff

Executive Committee

President: Alejandro Rivera
First Vice President: Geoff Wright
Second Vice President: Josh Johnson
Treasurer: Dr. Jon Mandrell
Past President: Pam Fluck

Term Ends January 31, 2027
Emily Buikema, Ward Murray Pace & Johnson
Mike Ceruzzi, Moore Tire
Josh Knie, Knie Appliance & TV

Term Ends January 31, 2028
Alejandro Rivera, RE/MAX Sauk Valley
Geoff Wright, CGH Medical Center
Josh Johnson, Whiteside Area CareerCenter
Dr. Jon Mandrell, SVCC
Rebecca Munoz-Ripley, YWCA

Term Ends January 31, 2029
Pam Fluck, Sauk Valley Bank
Sandi Cavazos, US Bank
Cael Sanders, Sterling Federal Bank
Sami Wiggins, Castor Home Health Solutions

Staff

Dallas Knack – Executive Director
Chrissy Palacz – Office & Member Relations
Tori Beirdman – Finance Specialist
Sarah-Beth Haenitsch – Marketing

The views expressed by any member of the Chamber do not represent the Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce in any official endorsement or support of any specific elected official or political party. Any products, events, statements, views or opinions offered or expressed by members are not the products, events, statements, views or opinions of the SVACC, nor endorsed by the Chamber or its membership at large.

A Message from the Director

As the holiday season approaches, we encourage everyone to make a difference right here at home by shopping small and local. When you choose a Sauk Valley business for your holiday shopping, you're helping strengthen our local economy while supporting the people and places that make our community special.

Approximately 67 cents of every dollar* spent at a small business stays within the local community. Those dollars help support local jobs and allow businesses to continue serving our area throughout the year.

From finding the perfect gift at a local shop to enjoying a meal at a downtown restaurant, every purchase is an opportunity to show our local businesses how much they mean to us.

This holiday season, let's keep our shopping close to home and make a meaningful impact across the Sauk Valley.

Thank you for supporting our local businesses and helping our community thrive!

**Source: 2018 American Express Small Business Economic Impact Study*



Nominations are now open for
2026 Chamber Champion & SVU40 Emerging Leader

Sauk Valley Area Chamber Champion Award recognizes exceptional lifelong leadership, service, and community impact, while the Sauk Valley Under 40 Emerging Leader Award recognizes up-and-coming leaders. Together, these distinguished honors celebrate those whose dedication, vision, and actions strengthen our region and make the Sauk Valley a better place to live, work, and thrive.

If you know someone whose commitment and contributions embody the very best of the Sauk Valley, we invite you to nominate them for one of these prestigious awards by **November 30, 2026**.

Chamber Champion: bit.ly/4i2Wsdm
Emerging Leader: bit.ly/4zM9JOU

Investor Update November 2026

NEW INVESTORS

Dairy Mart Plus
312 16th Ave., Sterling
815-626-1737

Insperity
111 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago
312-471-2337

SPK Plumbing & Heating
24246 Penrose Rd., Sterling
815-499-5839

Nym's Collectables LLC
115 W 3rd St., Sterling
312-408-0540

INVESTOR RENEWALS

Abiding Word Church
Bard Optical
Cornerstone Credit Union
Crown Exterminator, Inc.
Culver's of Rock Falls
Dairy Queen Brazier
DD Homes Network
Edward Jones - Matt Gimbal
Edward Jones - Nick Lareau
Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois
Halo Branded Solutions
Heritage Woods of Sterling
Imprintable Memories
JJM Printing, Inc.
K's Korner Trading Post
Kelly's Restaurant, Inc.
Kreider Services
Lifescape Community Services
Moore Tires, Inc
Raymond James & Associates
Renewal By Andersen
Rotary Airlock
Sauk Valley Pest Control
Select Employees Credit Union
Self Help Enterprises
Shoe Sensation
SPK Plumbing & Heating
Sterling Rock Falls Family YMCA
Tri-County Opportunities Council
Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson
Woodlawn Arts Academy
You In Photos By Nanc

Over $1000 Invested

Central Bank Illinois
CGH Medical Center
Community State Bank
Farmers National Bank
Midland States Bank
Sauk Valley Bank
Select Employees Credit Union
Sterling Federal Bank
The IFH Group
U.S. Bank
Wahl Clipper Corporation
Wal-Mart D.C. #7024
Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson

We would like to give special recognition to the following groups who provide extra support to the Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce. This extra effort and support is truly appreciated. If you have the opportunity to express your sincere appreciation to these members, please do so!

150% Leadership Investors

Altran Magnetics
Bargain Exterminators
Helm Civil
Hill's Electric Motor Service, Inc.
Lance's Plumbing
LK Design Source
Loescher Heating & Air Conditioning
Mattox Insurance Agency
RE/MAX Sauk Valley
Reagan Mass Transit District
Sauk Valley Community College
Stratus Networks

110% Investors

Astec Industries
Bollman Auto Center
Bushel Basket Candle Co.
Compeer Financial
Dennis Electric of Tampico, Inc.
Kiwanis Club of Sterling
McCormick's Nursery & Landscaping
N & C Cleaning Service
Northern Illinois Veterinary Services
PC Tech 2U
Rahn Family Wellness
Rock River Lumber & Grain
Sauk Valley CPR
Scholl Insurance Agency, Inc.
Showplace Antiques & Treasures
Smeltzer Insurance Agency
St. Vincent DePaul Society
Subway
The Mertes Law Firm, P.C.
The Wellspring Medical Spa
University of Illinois Extension

Chamber Ambassadors

Allie Johnston – University of Illinois Extension
Breanne Hunter – CGH Medical Center
Brenda VanHorn – CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen LLP)
Brian Hawkins – Brian Hawkins Insurance, The Cornerstone Agency
Cael Sanders – Sterling Federal Bank
Danny Hartz – Central Bank
Erik Eaglin – Sauk Valley Bank
Esther Douglas – CGH Medical Center
John Kelly – Culver's of Rock Falls
Karen Voss – Morningside of Sterling
Keenan Dickman – TBK Bank
Lyndsey Kelly – Sauk Valley Community College
Mary White – Community State Bank
Mindy Wallin – WSI Wallin Group
Sami Wiggins – Castor Home Health Solutions
Tygen Bausman – Sauk Valley Bank

Ambassador Spotlight: John Kelly, Culver's of Rock Falls



Hi, my name is John Kelly! I've lived in the Sauk Valley my entire life, and I'm proud to call it home. I was born and raised in Rock Falls, where I also attended high school. Now, just two years ago, I purchased my first home in Sterling and still learning all of the joys of home ownership. In my free time, I enjoy hiking in the Tennessee mountains when I can, playing pickleball, and sitting around campfires with good company.

When I was 16, I started my first job at Culver's of Rock Falls. At the time, I thought it would just be a way to make some money and pay for my first car while I was in high school. After a couple of years, I realized how much I truly loved what I did. I had amazing coworkers, the opportunity to put smiles on thousands of faces, and the privilege of serving my community. After spending several years in management, I discovered that what motivated me most was helping others grow and showing them how rewarding it can be to find joy in what they do. Today, I'm working toward owning my own Culver's in the near future. My goal is to provide the community with great food, a welcoming atmosphere, and meaningful opportunities to give back. I also hope to help others follow a similar path by providing them with opportunities to one day own their own business.

All it took was one person believing in me, and I hope to be that person for someone else.



Ambassador Spotlight: Breanne Hunter, CGH Medical Center

I serve as the Digital Marketing & Media Coordinator at CGH Medical Center, where I help share our story and connect our healthcare team with the community we serve.

A few years ago, I participated in the Sauk Valley Community Leadership Program, which sparked my interest in getting more involved locally. That led me to join the Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassador group, another way to give back and stay connected to the community. So far, it has been a great way to meet new people, support local businesses, and learn even more about the area. I'm also proud to serve as a board member for the YWCA of the Sauk Valley, supporting the vital work they do in our community.

Outside of work, I enjoy staying active, spending time outdoors, and making memories with my dog, friends, and family. I also enjoy photography and capturing all these moments along the way. And during football season, you'll find me cheering on the Green Bay Packers. Go Pack Go!

Ribbon Cuttings



Rahn Family Wellness
1304 Riverview Rd., Sterling
815-441-2335



Good News Coffee Co.
815-441-7614



Total Construction Services &
Sterling Fence & Deck
1404 W. 4th St., Sterling
815-213-7250

2026
CHAMBER CHAMPION
bit.ly/4i2Wsdm to submit a nomination
by November 30

Business After Hours

Business After Hours with Sterling Woodworks is always a fun time! Thank you to our gracious hosts for welcoming us into their beautiful showroom and giving us the opportunity to connect, network, and learn more about their business. We also appreciate everyone who joined us for an evening of great conversations, meaningful connections, and community engagement.

We look forward to seeing you at our next Business After Hours on November 19 at 5:00 p.m. with State Farm, Mike Sprague!





Workforce Development

Two classes of 8th grade students recently completed the Certificate of Employability at Morrison Jr High. Students walked through soft skills, career exploration, and finished the program by perfecting introductions, including eye contact and handshakes.

Thank you to Morrison Jr. High for welcoming us into the classroom and to all of our local employers who supported the students throughout the program, including Sauk Valley Bank, CGH Medical Center, Sterling Rock Falls YMCA, Farmers National Bank, Morrison Community Hospital, Upcycle Junkie, April House, and Steel River Systems









Guest Editorial

Written by Salvo Rodriquez, Senior Associate Director

Gies College of Business
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Put University of Illinois Students to Work on Your Business Challenges

Have you ever had an idea for your business that you wanted to explore but didn't have the time or resources to pursue? Maybe you're curious about a new market, wondering what your customers really think, or considering your next opportunity for growth. Sometimes, identifying a potential project is as simple as completing one sentence:

"We need to know _____ so we can decide _____."

That's where we come in! Through the Action Learning program at Gies College of Business, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign students partner with businesses and organizations to explore real business questions. Working in teams throughout the semester, students conduct research, uncover insights, and share recommendations that can help businesses make more informed decisions. We work with hundreds of organizations across industries each year, and there is no cost to participate.

Could your business benefit from a fresh perspective? Explore our digital brochure to see how these partnerships work, or contact Salvo Rodriquez, Senior Associate Director, at sr31@illinois.edu to start a conversation.



Congratulations to Bushel Basket Candle Co., Inc. for receiving October's Customer Service Award!



Their nominator said: "Everyone is so friendly and welcoming, and you can tell they genuinely appreciate their customers. I especially love watching Jackie's Facebook lives! She makes them so much fun, and it's a great way to see what's new, ask questions, and shop right from home. She's always so personable and makes you feel like you're shopping with a friend. It's those little things that keep me coming back!"

Stop by Bushel Basket Candle Co. at
2900 E. Lincolnway, Suite 12B, or call 815-622-5996 to learn more.

CSA Sponsored by:
Haas Gleissner Edward Jones Lareau Loos
MB McFALLS, BERGE & ASSOCIATES
Midland
Sauk Valley Bank
The CORNERSTONE Agency Inc. Brian Hawkins

Sauk Valley Community Leadership Program (SVCLP)





October has provided many learning opportunities for the Sauk Valley Community Leadership Program.

Classes kicked off at Sterling City Hall on October 7 with topics of Personality and Leadership Theories. Stephanie Jacobs, Director of TRIO Student Support Services at Sauk Valley Community College, shared about Leading with Your Strengths and how using your strengths is the key to success. She encouraged everyone to focus on their strengths and look for strengths in action in others. Dr. Lori Cortez, Vice President of Advancement at Sauk Valley Community College, joined the class and led a discussion on Leadership Theories. She shared four frames of leadership in which leaders lead their teams. Frames include a leader who sees themselves as an architect, coach, strategist, or storyteller. The frames in which you lead can change based on your objective. Emily Brooks, Assistant Professor of Agriculture and CEO Facilitator, walked the cohort through the DISC assessment and Personality Theories, gaining a better understanding of their personalities and how they can best work and lead others.

Kora Bajrami from the Gathering Place provided a welcome for the October 21 class. The Health and Mental Health discussion was led by local professionals including, Dr. William Bird, Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, CGH Medical Center; Kim Gaffey, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Gaffey Home Nursing & Hospice; Dr. Joyce Johnson, Family Medicine with Obstetrics, OSF Hospital; Dr. Kelly Flanagan, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Clinical Director of Florissa; Natalie Moeller, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Executive Director, Moeller, Myers & Associates PC; and Valerie Kern-Lyons, Clinical Mental Health and Academic Counselor, Professor, and Coordinator of Academic Advising and Clinical Counseling, Sauk Valley Community College







8th Annual Manufacturing Dinner

What an honor it is to celebrate the manufacturing industry of the Sauk Valley!

The 8th annual Manufacturing Dinner was a great opportunity to celebrate the manufacturers who play such an important role in our region and to recognize the people, partnerships, and innovation that keep our industry moving forward.





We're also proud to support local students through the funds raised at this event, helping invest in the next generation of skilled workers and future leaders. The funds allow us to provide scholarships to students attending Sauk Valley Community College and Morrison Institute of Technology.

Thank you to our sponsors, attendees, and manufacturing partners for making a difference in our community!







Hispanic Business Leaders Committee

The SVACC Hispanic Business Leaders hosted an informative business resource workshop to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. The workshop was open to any small business in the Sauk Valley and covered marketing, technical, funding, and legal and accounting resources. Thank you to our presenters: Gabriel Ocampo; Gracie, marketing consultant; Diana from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity; and Lakesha and Erika from SSBCI, Synergy Works Better.

A big thank you to Aurelio's Cake Factory & Bistro for allowing us to use their beautiful venue!

We are excited about HBLC's expanded programming and the new opportunities it's providing for SVACC members and our businesses!









Members in the News

OSF HealthCare Saint Katharine Center for Health in Sterling is celebrating its first anniversary in October, marking a year of significant growth in providers, specialty services, and access to care for residents throughout Sterling, Rock Falls, and the surrounding communities.

When the clinic opened on October 13, 2025, it became the first OSF Saint Katharine location in Sterling. Initially offering family medicine, general surgery, and podiatry services, the center has since expanded its provider roster and service offerings to include:

- Family medicine: Jennifer Hernandez, APRN, and Caitlin Ehlers, APRN
- Gastroenterology: Taylor Carroll, APRN
- General surgery: Matthew Hefty, MD and Andrew Feyh, MD
- Infectious disease: Abdulhamid Alkhalaf, MD
- Orthopedics: Chris Herbert, APRN
- Podiatry: Nathan Mauren, DPM
- Women's health: Dana Hoffman, CNM

"One year ago, we opened our doors with three service lines and a commitment to make health care more accessible for the communities we serve," said Jessica Dowdall, director of clinical operations for physician offices. "The growth we've experienced over the past year reflects both the needs of our community and our commitment to providing high-quality care."

In addition to receiving care locally, patients have access to the expertise, coordinated care teams, and specialized services available throughout the OSF HealthCare system.

"We're proud of the growth we've achieved during our first year and the impact it has had on improving access to care in the Sauk Valley," said Jackie Kernan, president of OSF Saint Katharine. "As we continue to expand services, our goal remains the same: ensuring patients receive the care they need while benefiting from the strength and resources across OSF HealthCare."

As the center begins its second year, OSF leaders remain focused on expanding services and improving access to care for residents across the region.

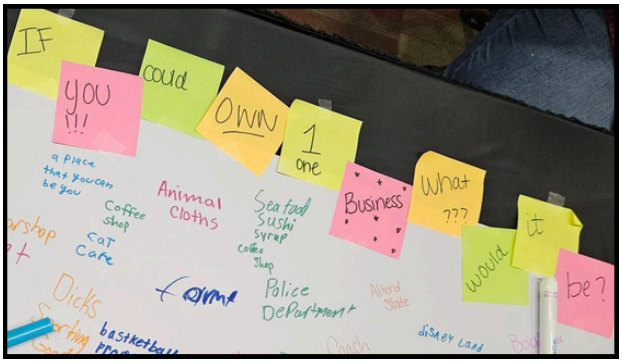
OSF Saint Katharine Center for Health in Sterling is located at 1840 1st Ave. For more information about primary care services, call 779-251-6100.

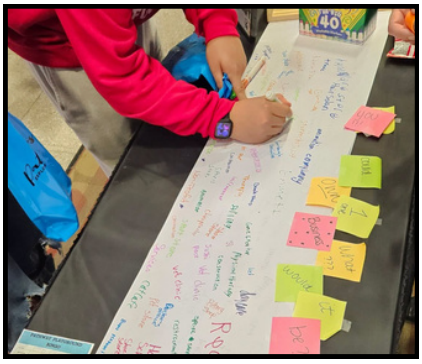


Pathway Playground - "If you could start any business, what would it be?"

The Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce, Sterling Main Street, and Greater Sterling Development Corporation spent the day engaging with 8th-grade students in conversations about entrepreneurship, exploring what it takes to start a business, and sharing how the SVACC, Sterling Main Street, and Imagine Sterling work together to support and strengthen our community.

Thank you to Regional Office of Education #47 for hosting and providing an opportunity to connect with the next generation of entrepreneurs and community leaders!





CEO Program



*Written by **Seth Shaffer**, Senior, Dixon High School*

My time as a CEO student has completely reshaped how I view the professional world. I started with the fundamentals, learning how to give a proper handshake, deliver a compelling elevator pitch, and write polished business emails. But the real shift happened when we went behind the scenes. Seeing how different businesses operate taught me how to read the room, decode corporate culture, and adapt to any professional setting.



*Written by **Delaney Lewis**, Junior, Faith Christian School*

They say "it's all about who you know," and this program proved it. By pushing myself to network and leaning into public speaking, I've grown more than I ever thought possible. I used to be a strictly independent worker who preferred to fly solo. Now, I genuinely thrive on collaboration, realizing that the best results come from bringing different perspectives to the table. Ultimately, the CEO program has transformed me from a passive student into an active, forward-thinking young professional, giving me both the mindset and the tools to take on whatever comes next.

CEO Program



*Written by **Sophie Damhoff**, Junior, Morrison High School*

This month, we have had a good mix of the Sauk Valley. We had many learning opportunities; some of the students' favorites were Boston Leather and Woodlawn Arts Academy. The main takeaway I had from this month was to focus on representing CEO at every business visit we had. A major highlight was our participation in the Dixon Scarecrow Festival, and we won! Recently, we have started to talk about class business, and I am excited to dive deeper into planning an event. We have also been exploring how effective communication and decision-making are crucial in leadership. Our goal is to better our leadership skills going forward.



*Written by **Arget Bajrami**, Senior, Sterling High School*

An impactful experience from this month was the opportunity to tour the Mobile Museum of Tolerance. We discovered the importance of understanding prejudice, how it can affect a group of people decades later, and how we can prevent it. We also toured Boston Leather, where we learned about the production process of a factory. It is great that so many people in our community are willing to invest in our learning.

Governmental Affairs

From the Illinois Chamber of Commerce

HB 4758/PA 104-776 Implementation and Compliance Webinars

Starting January 1, 2027, Illinois employers with 15 or more employees will need to comply with HB 4758/PA 104-776. Having passed this Spring Session, the enacted legislation makes it so that an employer may not include in any specific job posting a statement that an applicant must have a valid driver's license, unless driving is one of the essential functions of the posted position. To assist with better understanding this law and its implementation, Access Living and the Great Lakes ADA Center are hosting a series of webinars. Topics include employer obligations under the Americans with Disabilities ACT (ADA), the meaning of "essential function", and how to write job postings that are compliant with the law.

Upcoming Webinar Dates:
Monday, October 19, 2026, from 2:30-4 pm CST
Friday, November 13, 2026, from 2-3:30 pm CST
Wednesday. December 9, 2026, from 10-11:30 am CST

Each webinar covers the same material and format, so participants will only need to attend one session. The first hour of the seminar will cover the law and implementation of HB 4758/PA 104-776, and 30 minutes will be allotted for a Q&A. ASL interpreters and captioning will be provided throughout the webinars.

Here is the link if you would like to register: bit.ly/4iu3Yym.

Governmental Affairs

From the U.S. Small Business Administration

U.S. Small Business Administration

How Working Families Tax Cuts Help Small Business Owners

Maximize the savings for your small business by taking advantage of these five permanent benefits available as part of the Working Families Tax Cuts:

Permanent 20% Tax Deduction for Qualified Business Income (QBI)
Most small businesses operating as sole proprietors, partnerships, or S corporations can deduct up to 20% of their business income before taxes. (Tax Code Section 199A).

Immediate Write-Offs for Domestic R&E Expenses
Effective Jan. 1, 2025, businesses with domestic R&E spending can now fully deduct those expenses on their tax returns under a new immediate-expensing rule that replaces the five- year amortization. (Tax Code Sections 174 and new 174A).

Write-Offs for Certain Depreciable Business Property and Equipment
Whether it's a new or used device, machinery, software, office furniture, or a business vehicle, business owners can write off the entire purchase price on their 2026 tax return instead of depreciating it over a decade. The limit for expensing equipment placed in service after Dec. 31, 2024, has been raised to $2.56 million, with the phase-out threshold raised to slightly more than $4 million (both indexed for inflation after 2025). A separate, permanent 100% bonus-depreciation rule under Tax Code Section 168(k) applies to qualifying property acquired after January 19, 2025. (Tax Code Section 179).

Employer-Provided Child Care Credit – Supporting your Workforce
For tax year 2026 and later, eligible businesses (whose average annual gross receipts have not exceeded the applicable inflation-adjusted threshold, such as $32 million for 2026) can now claim a tax credit for up to 50% of the qualified childcare costs they provide to employees, with a higher annual cap of $600,000. This makes it more affordable to offer childcare benefits, which can help you attract and retain workers. (Tax Code Section 45F).

Expansion of Qualified Small Business Stock (QSBS) Gain Exclusion
Founders and investors in qualifying small C Corporations can sell QSBS and exclude some or all of the gain from federal capital gains tax if they meet certain rules. For stock acquired after July 4, 2025, in companies with aggregate gross assets up to $75 million (up from $50 million, and indexed for inflation), a tiered exclusion applies: 50% of the gain is excluded if the stock is held at least 3 years, 75% if held at least 4 years, and 100% if held at least 5 years. The per-issuer cap on excludable gain has also increased from $10 million to $15 million (indexed for inflation), with the alternative 10-times-aggregate adjusted basis cap unchanged. (Tax Code Section 1202).

This document is for information purposes only and does not constitute legal or tax advice.

9TH ANNUAL TURKEY DAY 5K



JOIN US THIS THANKSGIVING! RUN, WALK OR STROLL THE ROUTE ON YOUR OWN OR WITH FAMILY!

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO:

- The First Person to Finish the Race
- The First Family to Finish the Race
- The Best Dressed!

REGISTER TODAY!

Register by November 13th to receive a t-shirt!

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 26TH

Starts at Sterling Township Building
Finish at the same place
Start Time: 8:00am

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION: $10

FAMILY REGISTRATION: $20

SWEATSHIRT PURCHASE: $25
DOES NOT INCLUDE RACE REGISTRATION

SCAN ME!

THANK YOU TO OUR RACE DAY SPONSOR – JJM PRINTING


FOOD FOR THOUGHT
TRIVIA NIGHT FOR A CAUSE
SAUK VALLEY FOOD BANK
November 7th, 2026
Woodlawn Arts Academy
Check-in at 5:00pm; Trivia at 5:30pm
$50/person • $350/table of 8
Join us for a night of trivia, community, and impact!
Test your knowledge of TV and movies from the last 25 years in honor of Sauk Valley Food Bank's 25th anniversary!
The evening will also include:
Best Team Theme Prize • Other Prizes
Heavy Appetizers • Dessert & Silent Auctions
Think. Eat. Give. Repeat.
All proceeds support the Sauk Valley Food Bank and our mission to fight hunger in our community.
Get tickets online or at Sauk Valley Food Bank.
Limited tickets are available, so don't wait!
Contact us at svfoodbank@gmail.com or go to saukvalleyfoodbank.org
Thanks to our sponsors!
Sauk Valley Bank
StahrMedia
Sterling federal Bank
Jakobs Bros. Farms
Walmart Distribution Center
CORNERSTONE CREDIT UNION
McCormick's
CSB
Sauk
VERITAS
FOUNDATION


IN HONOR OF
ROBERT "BOB" INSLEY BONNELL
U.S. NAVY • KOREAN WAR VETERAN
SOME SERVED THEN. SOME SERVE STILL. ALL ARE HEROES.
Bonnell
REPAIR & TOWING
815-626-3849
JOIN US FOR OUR
3RD ANNUAL
VETERANS DAY
DINNER
HONORING VETERANS PAST, PRESENT AND ALWAYS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026
DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM
COMMUNITY SUPPORTS THOSE WHO SACRIFICED
Mexicali Rose
BANQUET HALL
1409 8TH AVENUE • ROCK FALLS, IL
TICKETS $15 PER PERSON
ONLY 160 TICKETS AVAILABLE
SCAN TO PURCHASE TICKETS
TACO BAR
LIVE MUSIC BY
Rustic Rhythms
SILENT AUCTION
VALOR SUPPORT PROJECT
COMMUNITY ★ GRATITUDE ★ SUPPORT ★ A STRONGER TOMORROW

Midland

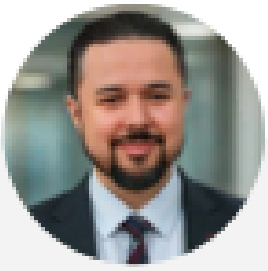
Business Risk & Cybersecurity Outlook 2026

Protecting Your Business in an Evolving Threat Landscape

Featuring



Jon Moen
CTP
Manager, Commercial Services
Product Management



Donald Todd
CFE, CIPP, CISSP,
CCBRS, CRCM
Chief Compliance Officer

Tuesday, November 3, 2026
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

McCormick Event Center
205 East 3rd Street, Rock Falls, IL 61071

Register Today

Midland States Bank is Member FDIC.



Business Name_____

Contact Name_____

Address_____

City_____State_____Zip_____

Phone ( )_____

Email Address _____

Website _____

Please complete and return by November 9, 2026.
Email completed form to:

knull@shawmedia.com ***OR***
jreyna@shawmedia.com

or Mail to:
113 S. Peoria Ave.
Dixon, IL 61021

Check the box next to the ad size you are choosing.

Publishes: December 11, 2026
Deadline: November 9, 2026

This magazine will be full color, printed on glossy paper.

Contact one of the following advertising representatives today...

Kelly Null

(815) 632-2566

knull@shawmedia.com

Jill Reyna

(815) 631-8774

jreyna@shawmedia.com

**the difference between Member & Non-Member rates is the cost of a Chamber membership*

October 1, 2026

Dear SVACC member,

Thank you for being a member of the Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce. It is due to your commitment to the Sauk Valley area and our chamber that we are able to work to fulfill our mission: to enhance the economic climate and quality of life in the Sauk Valley area.

We are pleased to announce that the SVACC has partnered with Sauk Valley Media to produce the official SVACC Membership Directory and Community Guide. Later this year, the guide will be distributed to current members and included in our new resident packet, which is used by local employers and realtors. The publication will also be distributed to local resources and available in our office throughout the year.

The guide will be filled with helpful information and resources including, but not limited to, education, healthcare, government, and recreation. Additionally, a list of all members will be included.

Chamber members will have the opportunity to share advertising messages in a publication that has excellent exposure and a long shelf life. In the near future, a Sauk Valley Media staff member will contact you about placing an ad in this publication.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dallas Knack, Executive Director
Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce
211 Locust St.
Sterling, IL 61081

Sauk Valley Area
chamber of commerce

Ad Sizes/Rates	Member Rates	Non-Member Rates*
☐ 1/4 page (2.25" x 3.75")	$160	$495
☐ 1/2 page (4.834" x 3.75")	$265	$600
☐ Full page (4.834" x 7.55")	$450	$785
☐ Full page - Inside front (4.834" x 7.55")	$550	$885
☐ Full page - Inside back (4.834" x 7.55")	$550	$885
☐ Back page (4.834" x 7.55")	$575	$910
☐ Two Full Pages (10.5" x 7.55")	$690	$1,025