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**Avanti's Dome (A)**

1917 Highwood Ave  
Pekin, IL 61554

**Bello Couture Boutique (A)**

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Peoria Heights, Illinois

**Bright Horizons (C)**

1715 W Alta Road,  
Peoria, Illinois 61615

**Castle InterProgram, LLC. (A)**

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Peoria, IL 61614

**Curvology (A)**

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Peoria, IL 61614

**Givisco Construction Company (B)**

2321 Lakeshore Drive  
Pekin, IL 61554

**Mack's (A)**

619 Southwest Water Street,  
Peoria, IL 61602

**The Original Pancake House (C)**

7425 N Grand Prairie Dr., Ste. A  
Peoria, IL 61615

**Sprint by MSM Connect (A)**

2200 W War Memorial Drive  
Ste AL09A  
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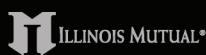
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## awards & recognition

**Ameren Illinois'** progress in building a stronger energy infrastructure, offering energy management services, and implementing environmentally friendly technology has landed the company among J.D. Power's top utilities in the nation for business customer satisfaction. J.D. Power surveyed business customers of 87 large U.S. electric utilities; Ameren Illinois ranked 13th nationally and in the top five in the Midwest.

**Dental Arts Laboratories, Inc.** is excited to be celebrating eighty-five years in business and very proud to be a family-owned and operated business.

**F&M Bank**, a local Galesburg area icon with offices in Peoria and Brimfield, IL as well, was named among the topmost extraordinary banks in the United States by The Institute for Extraordinary Banking™.

**First Mid Insurance Group** has been named a 2019 IIABA Best Practices Agency.

Greenprint Partners was awarded the prestigious US Water Prize in the Private Sector category for its work in advancing the way stormwater is managed for partner **City of Peoria, Illinois**.

**Heartis Village** is celebrating their 3rd anniversary this year!

**Illinois American Water Peoria District** Sr. Project Engineer Josh Harken has been

named the Young Civil Engineer of the Year by the Central Illinois Section of American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). The award is presented annually to a civil engineer, under the age of 35, who has demonstrated leadership in public service and engineering.

**OSF HealthCare** has been recognized as one of the MOST WIRED in the country, according to the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME), with the added distinction of achieving Most Wired Certified Level 7 Special Recognition. The Most Wired program conducts an annual survey to assess how effectively healthcare organizations apply core and advanced technologies with a mission of elevating the health and health care of communities around the world through the optimal use of information technology.

The **OSF HealthCare Foundation** has announced Ajay Pathak, president of OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony's Health Center, as the 2019 Pearl Award recipient. The Pearl Award recognizes contributions to philanthropic excellence, compassionate care and visionary leadership that will transform health care.

**OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center** in Peoria, IL, is the recipient of the 2019 ANCC Magnet Prize®, sponsored by Cerner Corporation, a global health platform

and innovation company.

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) recognized **Peoria City/County Health Department** and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) staff for exemplary breastfeeding and support activities. Michelle Compton, Child and Family Health Coordinator, and Lisha Smith, Breastfeeding Peer Counselor, received the USDA's WIC Loving Support Award of Excellence.

**Savant Capital Management**, a nationally-recognized fee-only wealth management firm headquartered in Rockford, IL, announced that CEFEX, the Centre for Fiduciary Excellence, LLC, has renewed the firm's certification to the standard described in the handbook "Prudent Practices for Investment Advisors." This is the twelfth consecutive year of certification for Savant, and it was among the first Investment advisors to successfully complete the independent certification process.

Wheels O'Time Museum's Jim Baldwin was a recipient of the Peoria Historical Society's DeTontis Award.

## business moves

**Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc. (ACH)** welcomes Kari Bush, Director of Compliance to our business family! Additionally, ACH announced the

following promotions: Tracy Hammit, Travel Nurse; Kim Reynolds, Assistant Regional Nurse Manager; Erica Abbs, Regional Nurse Manager. Congratulations to Jamie Oehlwein for receiving the Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance "Women Who Count" Award in Orlando, Florida on October 22, 2019, and Dr. Angela Moriarity for being recognized as one of Peoria Magazine's 2019 Forty Leaders Under 40. 5 Year Service Awards were presented to Vickie Krueger, Cheryl Stewart, Denise Carlson, Veda Jackson, and Sarah Carda. ACH presented a Golden Stethoscope Award to Jeanie Hayes for saving a patient's life!

**CityLink** recently announced the promotion of Steve Green as the Director of Maintenance and the addition of Jamie Arbogast as the Director of Procurement. Green is a U.S. Army veteran and a 27-year veteran of the Peoria Police Department. Arbogast is a Western Illinois University graduate, earning a bachelor's degree in Finance. She previously worked at CityLink from 2011 to 2016 in the Finance Department.

**Hanson Professional Services Inc.** has named Kurt Bialobreski, P.E., PTOE, an assistant vice president, to the new role of chief innovation officer.

**ILMO Products Company** welcomes Peter Van Slyke to the company's Specialty Gas Division as Specialty Gas



## business moves

Program Director for the Jacksonville, Illinois based company.

**OSF HealthCare Foundation** is pleased to announce the creation of The Charles and Sue Thomas Autism Endowment for Innovative Solutions, made possible through a \$1 million gift from Charles and Sue Thomas, from Rockford, Ill.

**PBS** announced an update to its iconic brand, including a refreshed logo, bold color palette, custom typeface and illustration style. The new identity will roll out throughout 2020 as PBS celebrates its 50th anniversary. Local PBS Station and Central Illinois digital leader, **WTVP** is evolving their look as well.

The **Peoria Innovation Alliance** is excited to announce the launch of one of their strategic initiatives, Peoria Made at 315 Main Street, in the recently established Peoria Innovation District.

**Princeville State Bank** is pleased to announce the addition and promotion of two members to their growing team: Heather Hamilton was recently promoted to Teller Supervisor in Princeville. She previously held the position of receptionist and has been with PSB for over two years. Tammi Bassett is the new Teller Supervisor in Peoria at their Grand Prairie location. She brings over 15 years of banking experience with her, along with many

years of retail and grocery management experience.

**Teen Challenge Peoria Men's Division** has relocated its base of operations to Pekin after serving Peoria's southside for 19 years. Their name has also changed to Adult & Teen Challenge Illinois-Central Illinois Men's Center. As they build towards the future, they are excited for the opportunity to continue serving you and providing hope for your communities.

The **University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria** introduces four new faculty members. Dr. Jacob Hopping joined the Department of Surgery as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery. Dr. Moustafa Aouthmany joined the Department of Pediatrics as a Visiting Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics. Dr. Tulika Chatterjee joined the Department of Medicine as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine. Dr. Margarita Guarin joined the Department of Pediatrics as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics.

The **Unland Companies** welcomed Noele Tatlock as a Personal Lines and Small Business Agent. Before joining Unland, Noele owned her own agency from 2013-2019.

## member news

**Anytime Fitness North Peoria** has partnered with **EPIC** in striving to positively impact the lives of those around them, by creating a new Wellness Center at

**EPIC's corporate office.** EPIC whose motto is Empowering People. Inspiring Capabilities., enriches the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their focus overlaps well with Anytime Fitness North Peoria's goal to help make healthy happen by empowering and inspiring people with a welcoming, encouraging atmosphere through individual and group coaching.

The **Junior League of Peoria** will expand its Kids in the Kitchen program at **Neighborhood House** in January, thanks to funds raised during the second annual Little Black Dress Initiative. The Kids in the Kitchen program aims to increase access to healthy, fresh food by 20% in 2022 for children and families living in the 61605 and 61603 zip codes. The League will partner with Neighborhood House staff utilizing a train the trainer model.

**OSF HealthCare Children's Hospital of Illinois** in Peoria's Ty Hasselman, MD and Ugo Nwankwo, MD, FACC, FSCAI, Congenital Cardiologists have received certification in Adult Congenital Heart Disease by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

**University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria's** Eleonora Zakharian, Ph.D., was awarded a \$750,000 grant from the National Science Foundation for a three-year project entitled

"Rapid testosterone signaling receptor TRPM8 regulates sexual reward and satiety."

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded \$11.3 million across the State of Illinois including \$5.6 million to the **County of Peoria** and more than \$314 million to 77 state and local government agencies, a record investment to protect children and families from lead-based paint and home health hazards. In addition, HUD has awarded more than \$5 million to six tribal communities.



Are you celebrating the opening of a new business? An anniversary? Regardless of the occasion, the Chamber would love to be a part of your celebration.

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By Joe Birschbach, Industrial Energy Manager, Leidos, Inc.  
An Ameren Illinois Energy Efficiency Contractor

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### Business After Hours

Bradley University  
February 13th, 4:30pm–6:30pm



Gannett  
March 12th, 4:30pm–6:30pm



### Business Before Hours

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois  
February 25th, 7:30am–9:00am  
401 NE Monroe St.  
Peoria, IL 61603



### Upcoming Events

State of the City  
February 4th, 11:45am  
Peoria Civic Center  
201 SW Jefferson Ave  
Peoria, IL 61602

Chamber 101  
March 3rd, 3:00pm  
Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce  
403 NE Jefferson Ave  
Peoria, IL 61603

Member Seminar:  
*Leasing & Developing Commercial Properties*  
March 3rd, 8:30am  
Cullinan Properties  
420 N. Main St.  
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Picture Day  
April 16th, 8:30am  
Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce  
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## YPGP NEWS

Upcoming Young Professionals of Greater Peoria Events

### January 16

**Monthly Social**

Thursday @ 5-7pm

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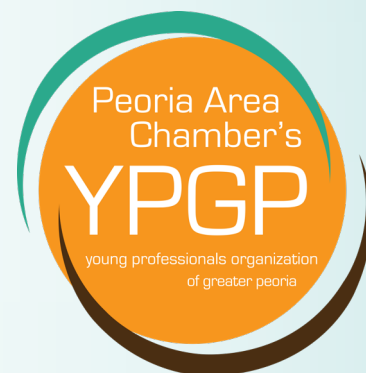
### January 27

**New Member Orientation**

Monday @ 5-6pm

**Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce:** Boardroom

Join us to find out how to get more involved with YPGP & our Committees!





# GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

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The passing and proposal of many new bills will directly and indirectly affect our members and their customers.

Peoria County – Peoria County has released its 2020 budget. It is available to view online at <https://www.peoriacounty.org/395/Budget-Information>.

*"I'm satisfied with how our budget came together," says Peoria County Board Chairman Andrew A. Rand. "After seeing projections on lower equalized assessed property values and the numbers coming in from the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, we were still able to present a balanced budget without raising property taxes."*

The budget as recommended has \$129,539,894 in revenues and \$133,648,229 in expenditures. The budget fully funds Peoria County's IMRF (pension) obligations while keeping Peoria County's property taxes flat. Due to reduced property values, Peoria County's share of the tax bill will go down from what was paid in 2019. Additionally, 2020 will see a reduction in the size of payroll, which will be largely achieved through attrition within the organization. state public policy news:

With the \$45 billion Rebuild Illinois capital plan underway, Gov. Pritzker signed legislation to aid new workers. The Illinois Works Jobs Program makes \$25 million available to community-based organizations to recruit new apprentices. Additionally, the program provides goals that, on projects costing \$500,000 or more, apprentices will make up no less than 10 percent of the workforce. One of the primary goals of this legislation is to encourage and spur diversity in the trade professions as only contracts that host expenditures to businesses owned by minorities, women and persons with disabilities may count towards the goals of the Act. Systemic fund sweeps of Illinois' gun regulation administration funds are questioned as gun-related programs suffer from delays and challenges. Illinois continues to face a series of corruption probes.

## New Laws Effective January 1

### Minimum Wage

Earlier this year, SB1, the "Lifting Up Illinois Working Families Act," was passed by the Illinois General Assembly and signed into law by Governor JB

Pritzker. Over the next five years, the minimum wage will increase from \$8.25 per hour to \$15.00 for workers 18 years and older. For employees who are under 18 years of age who work less than 650 hours in a year, the minimum wage will increase from \$7.75 to \$13.00 during the next five years.

### Cannabis

Effective January 1 recreational adult use (21) cannabis will be legal in Illinois. It will also be available for purchase at retail outlets in Illinois. How will Illinois employers deal with cannabis possession and usage in the workplace?

### Other Impacts

Employers should ensure that contracts with employees entered into after December 31, 2019 that contain confidentiality provisions are compliant with the Workplace Transparency Act. Effective January 1, the Illinois Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act ("VESSA") is amended to include victims of gender violence (as defined in the law), providing the same leave entitlements as victims of domestic or sexual violence.



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CEO Council consists of over 60 business CEO's and community leaders who share a common interest in developing the Greater Peoria Region as a destination place to work, live and play. By working together, these business leaders provide insight and energy that helps fuel real and meaningful changes that benefit the entire community.

## VISION

Promote a climate conducive to fostering entrepreneurship, commerce, and growth to make Greater Peoria a top mid-sized region in America.

## MISSION

The CEO Council will utilize the collective regional business leadership to promote a common vision and strategies for executing initiatives that promote the growth of Greater Peoria.

## PRIORITIES

Based on internal research and a vote of the members, CEO Council prioritized initial areas of focus:

- Technical Training & Job Preparedness
- New Business Attraction & Creation
- Recruitment & Retention of Talent
- Quality of Life & Place
- Growth & Retention of Existing Business



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