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Fulton's Theater to Return to Original Vaudeville Glory



The Old Fulton Theater, a former staple in Callaway County, is being renovated with DREAM Initiative funds. The Callaway Arts Council's President Tom Clapp stated that the goal is to give families something different to do together. [Read more...](#)

Average Medicare Costs Lower in Springfield

Springfield hospitals receive below the state average in reimbursement per Medicare patient, have above-average efficiency, and offer care that exceeds the norm in most cases. Local hospitals have an integrated approach which helps to reduce unnecessary costs and doctors receive incentives for quality care. [Read more...](#)



Orscheln Products Expanding in Moberly



Over 100 new positions will be created in this Orscheln Products expansion project. The Missouri Department of Economic Development, the City of Moberly, and the Moberly Area Economic Development Corporation worked together to create investment and promote growth in the Moberly project. [Read more...](#)

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DED Releases June 2009 State Jobs Report



The Missouri unemployment rate increased again in June, as payroll employment continued to drop on a seasonally adjusted basis, according to data released by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED). [Read more...](#)

Stimulus Boost Given to Arts Organizations in Missouri

The National Endowment for the Arts is helping ten Missouri arts organizations to preserve jobs in St. Louis, Kansas City, and Joplin. The stimulus finding will total \$650,000. [Read more...](#)

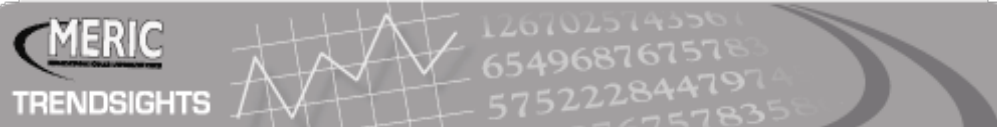


Small Businesses on the Rise in St. Louis



U.S. Bureau Labor and Statistics data indicates that small businesses have one of the greatest impacts on job growth, especially during recessionary times. And job growth is exactly what small business owners at the St. Louis Enterprise Centers are doing to revive the economy. Since January 2009, six new

small businesses have made the Enterprise Centers their home, adding to the more than 50 companies. [Read more...](#)



Wentzville is Missouri's Fastest-Growing City



Wentzville is the fastest growing city in Missouri from 2000 to 2008, according to recently released data from the U. S. Census Bureau. Wentzville increased in population by over 200 percent, adding more than 16,000 residents to the city since the 2000 Census.

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Bureau of Labor Statistics celebrates 125th Anniversary

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) celebrates its 125th



anniversary in 2009. In 1884, Congress voted to establish a Bureau of Labor. A few years later the name of the organization was changed to Bureau of Labor Statistics. Eventually BLS became part of the Department of Labor when the department was established in 1913. One of the oldest BLS products is the Consumer Price Index. The percent change in this index is often referred to as "the inflation rate."

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Department of Economic Development Grants Enhanced Enterprise Zone Designation to Kearney

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced approval of Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ) designation for the city of Kearney. This designation will allow city officials to continue to move forward with economic development efforts.

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DED Awards \$441,794 YOP Tax Credits to Two St. Louis Service Organizations

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) approved Youth Opportunity Program (YOP) tax credits to the Evangelical Children's Home for \$200,466 and



Officials to Present State of the St. Louis Workforce

On July 30 several heavy hitters in the St. Louis employment and training field will present the State of the St. Louis Workforce: Workforce Intelligence for a Regional Economy in Transition, at 8 am at the Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Blvd. This session, sponsored by the St. Louis Community College and Missouri Career Centers in the St. Louis area, will provide important information on the area's skill development concerns.

Gene Gorden, executive director, St. Louis County Division of Workforce Development; Michael Holmes, executive director, St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment (SLATE); Rod Nunn, vice



Missouri Businesses Join Russell Index

Both American Italian Pasta, with a plant in Excelsior Springs, and Great Southern, based in Springfield, have been added to the Russell 3000 Index. The Russell 3000 Index measures performance of the small-cap segment of U.S. equities and is based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership.

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Work Begins on New HQ for O'Reilly Auto

O'Reilly Automotive, Inc. is breaking ground on a new 117,000-square foot headquarters building in Springfield. Construction is expected to be completed by March 2010.

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the St. Louis Science Center for \$241,328. The Evangelical Children's Home will utilize the YOP tax credits to fund its "Counseling Care for Troubled Youth" project to provide counseling and other services to children and youth in its residential treatment programs. The St. Louis Science Center's Youth Exploring Science (YES) program provides education and outreach to 200 at-risk youth from low-income, high crime neighborhoods throughout the city of St. Louis.

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DED Awards Over \$1 Million in Neighborhood Assistance Program Tax Credits to Four Missouri Non-profit Organizations

Four Missouri not-for-profit organizations have been approved for a total of \$1,011,865 in tax credits under the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED).

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Department of Economic Development Grants Enhanced Enterprise Zone Designation to Randolph County

Randolph County has been approved for Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ) designation by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED.). This designation will give county officials additional economic development options.

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chancellor workforce and community development, St. Louis Community College; and DWD Director Julie Gibson will present. A 7:30 am continental breakfast/networking session will begin at 7:30 am. Admission is free, but reservations are requested. For more information, call the Business Journal at (314) 421-6200.

Customer Acclaims Career Center Staff's Expertise and Outstanding Professionalism

After losing her job of 24 years, Laura Ford needed help in finding a new career. Ford needed to further her education, and turned to the Springfield Career Center for help, utilizing the center's dislocated worker program to return to college. In a letter to Bill Dowling, Director of the Ozark Workforce Investment Board that oversees the center, she particularly praised her case manager, Patricia Pendleton: "Every day I thank her for the direction of my current life. She was my foundation through an extremely difficult period. The care and concern for each person that walks through the doors of the MCC were apparent to me... I wish to reinforce your appreciation of this staff, and the extremely difficult job they face daily." "I think Laura's sentiments say a lot about the people who work in Career Centers today," Dowling said.

Cord Moving buys St. Louis Furniture Transfer

St. Louis Furniture Transfer, a home delivery and moving company in St. Louis, has been acquired by Cord Moving and Storage, an Earth City agent for North American Van Lines. Cord ranks second on the St. Louis Business Journal's list of the area's largest moving and storage companies.

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DERMAdoctor Will Open First Store

A manufacturer of skin-care products, DERMAdoctor, Inc., will open its headquarters in Kansas City. Dr. Aubrey Kunin founded the Kansas City retail store ten years ago. [Read more...](#)

Ball Corporation to Buy Anheuser-Busch InBev Can and Lids Facilities

Ball Corporation is purchasing four metal beverage can and lid manufacturing plants for \$577 million with an expected revenue of \$680 million and earnings before interest, taxes and depreciation of \$94 million in their first full year of operation. Employment has been offered to 635 active employees of the plants. [Read more...](#)

DED Awards \$101,537 in Enhanced Enterprise Zone Tax Credits to Laurie Business for Creation of 50 New Jobs, Investment

A Laurie business has been approved for state tax credits under the Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ) program to assist in the creation of new jobs and investment, the Missouri Department of

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Bayer CropScience and Monsanto Sign Agreement

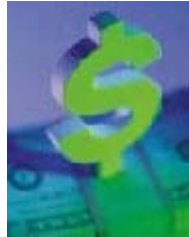


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Monsanto, one of the largest employers in St. Louis, and Bayer CropScience, a Monheim, Germany-based subsidiary of Bayer, recently signed an agreement to share access to and cross license herbicide tolerance traits in

Report Highlights Changes in Foreign Direct Investment

The OCO Consulting recent publication, *A New Investment Paradigm*, examines the major transitions under way in the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) market which have been brought about in part by the economic crises, its resulting impact on FDI volumes, and how to address these challenges. [Read more...](#)



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