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Growth Association Celebrates This Year's Captains Of The Riverbend

On this Thursday, the RiverBend Growth Association will celebrate the achievements of five organizations that significantly contributed to the welfare and economy of the Riverbend. For the eighteenth year, the RBGA will host its State of the Riverbend luncheon where it will award its Captains of the Riverbend honors to 1st MidAmerica Credit Union, First Clover Leaf Bank, Lewis & Clark Community College, Riverbender Properties and WellSpring Resources.

Nominations for the awards were reviewed by the Growth Association's Executive Committee chaired by Larry Franklin of CNB Bank & Trust and 2011 chairman of the RiverBend Growth Association's Board of Directors.

"There are so many wonderful things happening in the Riverbend, and it's companies like this year's winners that are making a difference, both through investments and improvements and their dedication and interest in helping the community," said Monica Bristow, president of the RiverBend Growth Association. "This event is dedicated to standing back and taking a look of appreciation for all the good things that are

going on in the Riverbend which make it a good place to live, work and do business."

More information on the accomplishments of these five award winners is included in this issue's center spread and will also be shared at the State of the Riverbend luncheon. The annual event will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2011, at the Commons on the campus of Lewis & Clark Community College. Networking will begin at 11 a.m. with a buffet lunch following at 11:30 a.m. The program will begin at 12:15 p.m. Individual tickets are available for \$40.

Sponsors for this year's event are 1st MidAmerica Credit Union, Alton Community Unit School District 11, Alton Little Theater, Alton Memorial Hospital, Alton Steel, Ameren, Argosy Alton, Associated Bank, Beverly Farm, Carrollton Bank, Clark Properties, CNB Bank & Trust, ConocoPhillips Wood River Refinery, Contegra Construction, Cope Plastics, First Clover Leaf Bank,



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MEET YOUR AMBASSADORS



Lexie Werner

I have been a part of the management team at Lockhaven Country Club for the last 3 and half years. I have been a member of the Riverbend Growth Association as an ambassador since I started working at Lockhaven Country Club. The Growth Association has helped me meet people of the businesses around the area.

Before I came to Lockhaven we managed "the family business" Rusty's Restaurant in Edwardsville. Rusty's was a part of my family for 55 years. My husband Dale and I live in Edwardsville and we have two sons. Torey works for UPS in Bethalto and Chas writes medical software and lives in Nashville, Tn.

I enjoy the opportunities that my job and the Riverbend Growth Association offer me. I am proud to be a part of the Riverbend business community.



**LXIE
WERNER**

Pam Whisler

I have been the Godfrey Village Clerk and Township Clerk for more than 25 years. I have been active in the Growth Association since 1987, which has allowed me the opportunity to promote the Riverbend Area and specially the Village of Godfrey. I believe in community excellence, which I have been active in numerous community organizations. I have volunteered in various capacities for projects with the Godfrey Women's Club, the North Alton Godfrey Business Association, Pride, Inc., YWCA, Beverly Farm, Oasis and Celebration of Christmas.

I have lived in Godfrey since 1977 with my husband David. We have two sons, Matthew and James and two granddaughters and a new Granddaughter on the way in December. I am a member of Heartland Baptist Church.



**PAM
WHISLER**

Denise Wolff

I have served on the Ambassador Committee for about six years now, and I continue to enjoy the opportunities of getting acquainted with many of our community and business leaders, as well as visiting many interesting locations within our region. In addition to working with the Ambassador Committee, I assist with a few of the Association's events throughout the year, and served as Board Chair in 2010.

In addition to my work with the Growth Association, I have also been involved with various local charities and not for profits, including the United Way, Beverly Farm Foundation, the American Cancer Society and Oasis Women's Center. The presence of these and other charities go a long way to making the River Bend the diverse and rich community we all know and love.

I currently serve as a Vice President for First Clover Leaf Bank and manage its 157 Facility in Edwardsville. I have greatly enjoyed my role at the bank the past eleven years, meeting great people and assisting customers with their financial needs. Prior to beginning my career in banking, I worked as a general manager of a real estate office and as a manager of a real estate title company, both in the Alton-Godfrey area.

My husband Rick and I have called River Bend area home for the last 21 years, the last twelve years being spent in Godfrey. When not at work you can find us working in our yard, spending time with our family, friends and great neighbors. We also enjoy traveling a bit too!



**DENISE
WOLFF**

Welcome our newest members to the RiverBend Growth Association

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Progressive, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, United Health Care, Illinois Mutual, and many additional companies to provide great rates and coverage for their customers. The Heneghan, White, Cutting, & Rice Insurance Agency has an experienced staff of professionals including Joe Heneghan, Steve Rice, Kathy Range, Jeff Miller, Lisa Southerland, Megan Benoist, and Gert Nevin that are ready to be of service to our customers.

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Mac Lenhardt, Owner

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BAH Networking Event Showcases RBGA Nonprofit Members



Alton Educational Foundation was one of the 26 RBGA nonprofit organizations that hosted the October BAH.



Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center was one of 26 RBGA nonprofit organizations that hosted the October BAH.



Thank-you to Riverbender.com Community Center for hosting and providing the location of the October 2011 Business After Hours Networking event.

Thank-you to the hosts of the October 20th Business After Hours, held at Riverbender.com Community Center. Twenty-four RBGA nonprofit members joined together to showcase their organizations and how they impact the Riverbend community.

The Business After Hours Hosts were Alton Area Animal Aid Association, Alton Educational Foundation, Alton Little Theater, Alton Marketplace, Arms of Love, Beverly Farm, Big Brothers Big Sisters,

Boys & Girls Club of Alton, Challenge Unlimited, Community Hope Center, Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois, Greater Alton Concert Association, IMPACT CIL, Jacoby Arts Center, Madison County Child Advocacy Center, Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center, Oasis Women's Center, Pride, Riverbend Family Ministries, Riverbend Head Start & Family Services, Riverbender.com Community Center, SCORE, Senior Services Plus, The Nature Institute, United Way and WellSpring Resources.

Answer Midwest October 2011 Small Business of the Month Winner



Amy Schaake of the Edwardsville Intelligencer awards Answer Midwest owner Gary and Answer Midwest Vice President Jennifer with the October 2011 Small Business of the Month.

Congratulations to Gary Tedrick and his staff at Answer Midwest for winning the RBGA October 2011 Small Business of the Month award. Answer Midwest is located at 307 Henry Street, Suite 207, in Alton, IL.

Answer Midwest, in business since 1946, is a specialized answering service that serves its clientele 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Answer Midwest offers services such as order taking, appointment management, reminders, dispatching and much more. Answer Midwest customizes

their services to your needs.

Any small business member of the RBGA is eligible to win this monthly award. Monthly winners enjoy a \$3500 promotional package. Call Joell at 467-2280 to nominate a business of the RBGA for this award.

Congratulations to Gary and his staff at Answer Midwest. For more information on Answer Midwest, call 618-463-9093 or visit AnswerMidwest.com.

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New Members

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Mockingbird Boutique

Kate Bradley
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Mockingbird Boutique opened July 1st in historic downtown Alton by owners, Kate and her husband Kevin Bradley. The boutique carries not only women's fashions but scarves, bags and jewelry and features a special jewelry line called Canopy Jewelry handmade by Godfrey artist Heather Hope. Mockingbird is excited to be a part of the businesses in the Riverbend area and is open 11 am to 6:30 pm Tuesday through Saturdays. You can also check us out on Facebook and we have a website at www.mockingbirdboutique.com where you can also shop. Mockingbird Boutique- "Where your passion for fashion takes flight." See where it takes you today!!

Women must focus on retirement income

By Karen Wilson, State Farm® Agent

Whether they are the breadwinner in their household or not, preparing for retirement should be extremely important to women. One item of planning that must be considered is the financial situation of the surviving spouse and what can be done to prepare for a potential shortfall.

Women survive their spouses more often than men. The Administration on Aging estimates that seven of 10 women will outlive their husbands¹, highlighting the need for retirement planning even more. Unfortunately, women are often at a disadvantage when it comes to resources available for retirement. The average woman spends nearly 15 years away from the workforce, while the average man will be away for 1.6 years. This translates into lower benefits from company pensions, 401(k) plans and Social Security.

Various estimates indicate expenses after the death of a husband will be 80 percent of what they had been when he was alive. Unfortunately, a widow's income may likely

be much less than that. Of all elderly persons with income below the poverty level, over 70 percent are women.¹ More than half were much better off financially before their husbands died.

Less time in the workforce may also mean fewer women qualify for health benefits. This can put an even greater burden on their retirement income. It is imperative for women to start saving now for their retirement, which can be accomplished through several savings vehicles. It is equally important to protect your nest egg through adequate life insurance coverage and insurance options should your health care needs change. Adequate planning for retirement and surviving a spouse can be a deciding factor in living comfortably.

Taking the time to examine household finances and planning carefully will help to ensure there are adequate means of support for either spouse during the golden years. Talk to a qualified individual about your retirement needs to prepare for and enjoy a comfortable retirement. 'Older Women,' Administration On Aging, 2000

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Captain of the Riverbend Awards to be presented at

1st MidAmerica Credit Union

Community Involvement

1st MidAmerica Credit Union is dedicated to serving the communities where their members live and work. They have developed various programs to raise funds and support area organizations to tune of cash donations of \$45,000 this past year. They encourage their employees to be actively involved in the Riverbend and you'll find their employees walking in parades, teaching financial literacy in area classrooms, bowling with kids, and much more! Through donations and sponsorships, they support not-for-profit organizations, neighboring businesses and local residents.

Representatives of the credit union are involved with Kiwanis, Rotary, Boys & Girls Clubs, The American Red Cross, Boy Scouts, YWCA and of course, the RiverBend Growth Association. Employee participation is encouraged through a reward and recognition program called Community Commitment. Employees earn points throughout the year for participating and volunteering for organizations. They can earn a donation for the charity of their choice in their name and earn time off.

They sponsor events and organize a charity golf tournament each year. They raised \$10,000 for Riverbend Head Start in their last tournament. They encourage employees to contribute to the local United Way campaign, reaching a \$7,000 contribution from employees. Branches have been utilized for blood drives, flu vaccination clinics, shred events and food drives. When there's a charitable event in the Riverbend, you'll find 1st MidAmerica involved.

First Clover Leaf Bank

Community Involvement

First Clover Leaf Bank has been a member of the local community since 1889. They supported the area making loans to the early settlers and are a full-service community bank that is locally owned and managed, offering an extensive line of retail and commercial products.

Their commitment to the communities they serve is woven into everything they do and every decision they make. First Clover Leaf Bank has an expanded range of products and services to offer.

First Clover Leaf promotes its Green Team to its employees. This group is comprised of bank employees and their family members who donate their time and talents to worthwhile projects, fundraisers, charitable causes, and community events throughout the year. The Green Team sponsors an average of twenty-five events per year, ranging from food drives for the local food pantries to organizing teams to participate in Relay for Life. Each and every event supports the communities where they live and work. First Clover Leaf Bank has given more than \$64,000 to area organizations from school clubs, churches, police departments, Rotary Clubs, and the local chapters of National organizations such as the American Red Cross and the Boys & Girls Clubs. You'll find their employees chairing events and serving on the Board of Directors for many of these organizations.

Lewis and Clark Community College

Government & Public Enhancement

Lewis and Clark Community College is a two-year higher education institution with multiple campuses, a river research center, Community Education Centers and training centers located throughout the 220,891-person college district, which reaches into seven counties.

The college was founded in 1970 and began with 450 students and today serves more than 26,000 students annually. Now a national and state award winning standout among Illinois community colleges, L&C has achieved 16 consecutive years of enrollment growth, a 70 percent increase in credit students and the longest continuous growth trend in the state.

Lewis and Clark employs more than 575 employees and adds \$248 million in regional income annually, which represents nearly 4 percent of the regional economy. LCCC recently studied their economic impact on the community. Results showed that for every dollar students invest in LCCC, they receive a cumulative \$6.00 in higher future income over the course of their working careers; that Illinois benefits from improved health and reduced welfare, unemployment, and crime, saving the public some \$1.9 million per year and that taxpayers see a rate of return of 6.0% of their investment in LCCC.

Lewis & Clark has undertaken many projects to enhance the campus and its students' experiences. The most recent project is the renovation of the Hatheway Cultural Center. Originally dedicated on October 18th, 1963, the building was re-dedicated on the 48th anniversary of that original dedication. The \$12 million project utilized area contractors, vendors and suppliers, further expanding its economic impact on the entire community.

State of the Riverbend Luncheon

Riverbender Properties, LLC

Economic Enhancement

Riverbender Properties, LLC was formed to renovate and manage the largest multi-tenant office building in Downtown Alton. This historic, iconic building serves a vital role in shaping the downtown district. When the struggling building was purchased from the FDIC, there were just six businesses left there. There are now 26 businesses that consider this their home and they are working hard to renovate and fill the remaining space.

Among the tenants, the most well known are Riverbender.com and the new Riverbender.com Community Center. Riverbender.com is an online community portal website that is designed to encourage local buying, aid small business, increase awareness and communication for non-profits, and shine a positive spotlight on the good things happening and the assets of the Riverbend region.

The Riverbender.com Community Center is a 15,000 square foot entertainment and educational facility designed primarily for teens in the community. This non-profit organization has engaged business involvement and volunteerism to make a very positive impact on the youth and the future of our community.

Other tenants include lawyers, counselors, finance managers, a construction company and two non-profit organizations.

WellSpring Resources

Economic Enhancement

WellSpring Resources began in 1959 as a county funded mental health service in Alton, Illinois and has grown to three facilities serving four counties in Metro St. Louis Area. Formerly known as Community Counseling Center of Northern Madison County, a name change and new headquarters building necessitated a name change in 2011.

WellSpring serves more than 3,000 adults, children, couples and families each year and is nationally recognized as a leader in recovery. Recovery is a way of living a satisfying, hopeful and contributing life. The new headquarters building is the realization of effort by Madison County, the National Development Council, and WellSpring Resources. It was developed with innovative financing and tool collaboration between multiple entities to achieve. The City of Alton worked with WellSpring to approve the site and secure zoning. Architectural plans were created by Hurford Architects, and Contegra Construction was selected to build the project.

The new facility is a three-story, 36,000 sq. ft. fully-accessible facility with 100 parking spaces. The \$7.4 million in capital funding was achieved through New Markets Tax Credits, and a brand new State of Illinois companion program to the New Markets through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Through partnerships with US Bank Community Development Corporation, Madison County Government, the National Development Council's HEDC new Markets, and WellSpring, \$2.5 million in private investment was leveraged into community development. WellSpring invested \$2.5 million of its own equity in the building, and Madison County Government supported a HUD 108 loan for \$2.5 million. At the end of the seven year tax credit period, WellSpring will have a loan obligation of only \$2.5 million.

Wine Tasting & Restaurant Sampling To Be Held November 10, 2011



The RiverBend Growth Association will hold its third Grapes for Growth event on Thursday, November 10, 2010 at the newly renovated Hatheway Cultural Center on the campus of Lewis & Clark Community College. The wine tasting event will take place from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will feature nearly 100 wines from Koerner Distributor, Inc. and beer tasting from Robert "Chick" Fritz Distribution and Donnewald Distributing. Food samples will be provided by a selection of the area's finest restaurants, including Bella Milano, Franco's at Holiday Inn, Gentelin's On Broadway, Godfrey Meat Market, Grafton Winery & Brewhaus, Chef Gabe of LCCC, Lockhaven Country Club, Rib City, Tony's North and Tony's Restaurant.

Each of the participating restaurants will be offering some of their specialties and promoting their venues and menus for Holiday parties.

Tickets to Grapes for Growth are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. All ticket proceeds will help fund the many economic development programs and initiatives undertaken by the RiverBend Growth Association. Participants may purchase tickets by calling the RiverBend Growth Association at (618) 467-2280 or visiting www.growthassociation.com.

President's Report - Monica Bristow



Our formal mission statement is to provide leadership required to attract, promote and support new and existing enterprise growth throughout the Riverbend community. What that means is that we

work for you-our members.

We work to set up networking events so that our members can meet, connect and get new clients and customers for their business-and we do a good job. Just this week, we held a speed networking exercise at our Breakfast Connections and heard testimonies from most of the attendees that they got something out of their experience. We spend a lot of time planning and setting up these events so that

they are worthwhile for our members.

Our members are the best companies in the Riverbend. Studies show that people place more trust in a business when they are members of the local Chamber of Commerce. We always encourage our members to get involved and attend our events so that they get more exposure and have more networking opportunities, but just being a member ranks you higher in the general public's eyes.

Other benefits and exposure include publication in our membership directory that is distributed through the Telegraph and we'll link your website from our website. We're on Facebook now, so we'll share your Business's Facebook status so that our friends know about you too!

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The Goddard School Celebrates with an Open House



Barbara Burrows from the Goddard School cuts the ceremonial ribbon as her staff and RBGA members join in on the celebration: Janae and Gary from 1st MidAmerica Credit Union, President of the RBGA, Monica Bristow, Donna from Southern Illinois Real Estate Title Center and Anne from Beverly Farm.

The Goddard School, located at 801 Arbor Vitae in Edwardsville, celebrated with an open house to promote their facility and services on Wednesday, October 19th.

The Goddard School is an educational facility focusing on ages 6 weeks through 6 years. Their early childhood education program provides a nurturing environment

where each child makes healthy choices, independently explores an awareness of the world and develops social skills while interacting with others. The result of this experience is a confident learner who is ready for school!

For more information on The Goddard School, call 618-692-9464 or visit www.goddardschool.com.

SMALL BUSINESS OF THE MONTH WINNERS

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February 2011

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March 2011

Midwest Occupational Medicine

April 2011

Mangi Chiropractic & Acupuncture Celebrates Grand Opening



Family and friends supported Dr. Andrea Mangi on her grand opening celebration: Karen from TheBANK of Edwardsville, Eric from Regions Bank, Janae from 1st MidAmerica Credit Union, Sarah from Alton Square Mall, President of the RBGA Monica Bristow, Laura from The Telegraph, Emily from Dr. Mangi's office and Dr. Andrea's parents Kathy and Terry.

Dr. Andrea Mangi celebrated with a ribbon cutting celebration on Thursday, October 6th at her location of 133 E. St. Louis Avenue in East Alton, to showcase her practice.

Along with chiropractic and acupuncture care, Mangi Chiropractic & Acupuncture also offers services pertaining to hair analy-

sis, dietary supplements, rehabilitation and massage therapy.

Dr. Andrea Mangi is also available to speak as a guest lecturer at events.

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Are you an expert at giving referrals? Have you ever had a good referral? Have you had a bad referral? Attend the monthly networking event with the RBGA, Total Networking Luncheon, on Wednesday, November 16 at Julia's Banquet Center from 11:30am-1pm and find out how referrals can increase your business.

Brad Sharp, Vice President/Program Manager for TheBANK of Edwardsville

Investment Services, will educate attendees on the subject of referrals. Along with the presentation from Mr. Sharp, attendees at the Total Networking Luncheon will enjoy a delicious lunch from Julia's Banquet Center and endless networking opportunities. Bring your business cards and information on your upcoming events.

RSVP to receptionist@growthassociation.com or call 618-467-2280 to reserve your spot at the Total Networking Luncheon!

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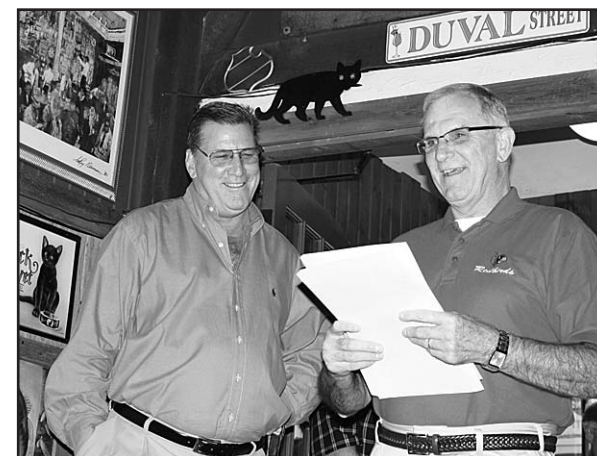
September BAH at Catdaddy's

Thank-you to the September 2011 Business After Hosts for hosting the monthly networking event: Catdaddy's, Castelli's Restaurant at 255, Donnewald Distributing and Wirtz Distributing. Mark, owner of Catdaddy's, was proud to showcase his facility as it marked his 25 years in the business!



Castelli's Restaurant at 255, Catdaddy's, Donnewald Distributing and Wirtz Distributing hosted the 9/29/11 Business After Hours networking event at Catdaddy's.

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Spend in the Riverbend event successful

Thank you to the RBGA Members who donated gift certificates or items for the grand prize at the Spend in the Riverbend event held earlier this month. Nearly 300 people attended the event and visited with a variety of businesses and organizations from the Riverbend community. The lucky attendee and winner of the Grand Prize was Keely Zimmerman and she was thrilled to be able to "Spend in the Riverbend."



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What is the RiverBend Growth Association?



The RiverBend Growth Association is comprised of members from business, labor, government and education working together to improve the quality of life and employment opportunities for the people of the Riverbend.

The Growth Association is the unified voice for the Riverbend area. It is a regional organization that functions as an economic development agency and chamber of commerce.

We invite you to become a part of this growing organization.

Membership Application

Please be accurate and complete. Please print legibly. This information about your company or organization will be used in Growth Association publications. Please fax to 618-466-8289. You will be contacted regarding your membership dues, which are based on type of business.

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