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**Golf event way above the rising waters**

Thank-you to everyone involved with the River Bend Growth Association's annual River Bend Golf Classic on Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at Lockhaven Country Club. Thank-you to the golf committee and volunteers for making this fundraiser a success!

139 golfers came out to enjoy the 18-hole golf competition. The winners are.....

Flight A 1<sup>st</sup> place with a score of 59 went to Ameren: Tobie Grover, Rich Conner, Kirk Viehl and Brittany Hood. Flight A 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a score of 61 went to Illinois American Water: Mike Lawhon, Scott Quinonez, Jay Lavick and Phil Roggio. Flight A 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a score of 62

went to Faccin Chiropractic and Imaging Center: Christina Faccin, Matt Labertew, Mark McRae and Pat Trusty.

Flight B 1<sup>st</sup> place with a score of 68 went to ytb International: Jeff Stassi, Steve Boyd, Tony Green and Greg Fritsch. Flight B 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a score of 69 went to City of Wood River: Mayor Ufert, Gail Ufert, Jim Schneider and Mike Bucher. Flight B 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a score of 69 went to Eagle Windows & Siding: Dennis Jones, Brad Sitze, Dave Brenner and Terry Yates.

Flight C 1<sup>st</sup> place with a score of 71 went to George Alarm Company and Chicago Title: Jay Wade, Matt Burger and

David Gerber. Flight C 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a score of 71 went to SWIDA, Madison County and Illinois Business Journal: Al Orbals, John Herzog, Joe Gasparich and Mike Lundy. Flight C 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a score of 72 went to American Water:



Jeff Kannel takes a tough shot out of the sand.

Photo courtesy of Jerry Gibson

Alton Symphony Orchestra takes time to pose for the camera: Julie McPike, Jerre Honke, Tom Honke and Jim Moore.



Jami Eberwein of Regions Bank studies her shot carefully as teammates Jeff Lauritzen of Regions Bank and Dwight Werts of Werts Welding look on.

Photo courtesy of Jerry Gibson



Joell Aguirre of the River Bend Growth Association awards Melissa Erker of ConocoPhillips her 50/50 winnings.

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Your Regional Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Agency*

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## Thank You!

### Denise Wolff, Partners Bank

## Ambassador of the Month - May 2008

I am proud of the opportunity to work with the River Bend region by being a member of the Board of Directors of the River Bend Growth Association, as well as serving on the Ambassador Committee. I feel that it is an exciting time in the River Bend and I enjoy working with the Association, furthering its projects, mission and message.



My involvement with the Growth Association has been very gratifying, and educational. My committee work has allowed me to meet many of our community and business leaders as well as touring many interesting locations within our region. We have many things to be proud of in the River Bend and I enjoy reminding folks of that. I also have the pleasure of chairing the Association's membership committee, which allows me to assist in growing our membership, and finding ways to allow existing members to stay plugged in to our Association and its many benefits.

As a licensed real estate broker, I'm familiar with the River Bend area and much of my career has centered around real estate in our market area. I currently serve as Vice President and Director of Client Services for Partners Bank. Joining the Partners Bank team in January 2000, prior to the Bank's opening, I've sincerely enjoyed building relationships with many of our customers, assisting them with their banking needs, and watching the company grow. Prior to my position at Partners Bank I worked as a general manager of a real estate office and as a manager of a title company, both in the Alton-Godfrey area.

I've been pleased to volunteer recently for some of our local charities, including Hospice of Southern Illinois, Beverly Farm Foundation and the Girl Scouts of the River Bluffs.

My husband Rick and I have lived in the River Bend area for the last 17 years, the last eight years being spent in Godfrey. We greatly enjoy working in our yard, spending time with our family, friends and great neighbors. When time allows we enjoy traveling a bit too.

**Calendar of Events & Meetings**

7/2 New Member Orientation, 12:00  
 7/8 Ambassador Committee meeting, 11:45  
 7/10 Promotions Committee mtg, Sgt. Peppers Café, 8:30  
 7/15 "Let's Talk" on WBGZ, 10:00  
 7/16 Quarterly Membership Meeting, Godfrey Knights of Columbus, 11:30  
 7/21 Membership Committee meeting, 11:00  
 7/23 Total Networking Luncheon, Moonlight, 11:30  
 7/24 Business After Hours, Lewis & Clark Comm. College, 5:00

## Growth Association STAFF

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**Next Business Edge:**

Tuesday, July 22

Focus:

Health and a Healthy Workforce

We are seeking articles of interest from our members to be considered for this issue. You may write an article about a new trend, new equipment, or new program (i.e. employee health initiative). This information will be placed on a space availability basis. If you are interested in submitting an article, please call Debbie at 467-2287.

**Mark Your Calendars!**

### Total Networking Luncheon

\*Wednesday, July 23, 2008

11:30 am

Moonlight

Speaker Topic: Are Your Employees Healthy?

Join the Growth Association on ways to motivate your employees to be healthy in their personal life as well as their professional life.

*\*Note the change in the date for the month of July*

**Agha Designs  
June 2008 Small Business of the Month Winner**

Congratulations to Lynne and Eddie Agha and their staff at Agha Designs, located at 301 West Elm Street in Alton! They are The River Bend Growth Association's Small Business of the Month winner for June 2008!

Agha Designs is a fine jewelry studio for the design and fabrication of jewelry. Working in gems and precious metals, they create pieces that are unique yet surprisingly affordable.

Congratulations to Agha Designs! For more information pertaining to Agha Designs, please call 618-466-3333 and visit their website at [www.Agha-Designs.com](http://www.Agha-Designs.com).

If you would like to nominate a business for The River Bend Growth Association's Small Business of the Month, please fill out the form below and mail it to The River Bend Growth Association, 5800 Godfrey Road, Alden Hall, Godfrey, IL 62035.

For more information regarding Small Business of the Month, please contact Joell Aguirre at 618-467-2280 or [jaguirre@growthassociation.com](mailto:jaguirre@growthassociation.com).

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Owner or Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination submitted by (optional) \_\_\_\_\_



*Awards Committee Chairperson, Amy Schaake of The Telegraph, awards Agha Designs owners Lynne and Eddie Agha with the June Small Business of the Month award.*

## Welcome our newest members who joined during the month of May 2008

### Bluff City Carpet Care

Bob Estes, Owner  
4907 Longview Dr  
Godfrey IL 62035  
(618) 531-6471  
*Bluff City Carpet Care specializes in residential and commercial carpet cleaning using the ROTOVAC Restoration system. It is guaranteed cleaner than any other system! "The results are amazing" Give us a try.... you won't be disappointed.*

### Illinois Army National Guard

Scott Radunz  
SIU-E ROTC Founders Hall  
Edwardsville IL 62026  
(618) 650-2500

### Mederi CAREtenders

Nancy Williams, RN, Director of Professional Services  
2724 B Grovelin Street  
Godfrey IL 62035  
(618) 466-3116  
almostfamily.com  
*Mederi-Caretenders is a Medicare Certified home health agency that provides skilled services to patients in their homes. We opened our Godfrey location in March 2008 and provide nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, medical social worker and home health aide services to patients residing in Northern Madison, Macoupin, Montgomery and Jersey Counties. There are three Mederi-Caretenders branches in Southern Illinois- Breese, Swansea and Godfrey, serving patients in 10 IL Counties. The company was founded in Louisville, KY in 1976 as a personal care company and opened the Home Health division in 1982. We are proud to be part of the Alton-Godfrey community and look forward to serving the health care needs of the community.*

### The More Corner

Sharon Connolly  
5411 Godfrey Road, Suite B  
Godfrey IL 62035  
(618) 466-2411  
*The More Corner opened for business in Godfrey on Tuesday, May 6th at 9:00 AM as the nation's ONLY retail store for Signature Minerals Make-ups, an all natural cosmetic solution. Blended from all-natural minerals, Signature Mineral cosmetics work with your skin to bring out your own natural radiance and beauty. Sharon Connolly, owner of The More Corner stated that "I have been using Signature Minerals for quite some time and I knew that I needed to make this incredible line of products available to the women in the Riverbend area. Opening The More Corner in Godfrey will make for a convenient and central location." No matter the age, skin tone or the look one is trying to achieve, Signature Minerals at The More Corner will provide an all natural solution! The More Corner has created a fun and inviting environment for any woman that wants to look her best! We have included a product sampling counter for customers to try any product on before they buy.*

### Pitchford Funeral Home

Tyler Pitchford, Funeral Director  
2555 Vaughn Road  
Wood River IL 62095  
(618) 259-6462  
*Pitchford Funeral Home is a full service funeral home offering traditional burial, cremation services and pre-arranged funerals. The funeral home is conveniently located just off Interstate 255 on Route 111. The owners are Tyler B. Pitchford and Janna L. Boger-Pitchford. Pitchford Funeral Home is a new choice, beginning a new tradition, and setting a higher standard for families in the Riverbend.*

## President's Report



Just last week I was contacted by a survey firm asking my opinion about various political candidates and issues we are facing. When I read about survey results, I have

often wondered who answers the questions. Nobody had ever asked me before, so when they called me, I took the opportunity.

I was given several choices about my number one concern. My response—the price of gasoline. I've not been one to complain too much about the price of gas over the years. It goes up. What can I do? I don't go across the river to buy fuel and save .20 cents on 15 gallons (\$3). The value of my time and the fuel it takes to get there are two reasons; another reason is that by purchasing my gas in Illinois, I'm supporting the road infrastructure here (or supposed to be, but that's another subject).

The high cost of fuel has an unbelievable ripple effect. I read last week where one particular airline was cutting flights and laying off 1,700 people. That affects employment at the airports, at the rental car agencies, hotels . . . Restaurants are struggling because they are being charged more for delivery of supplies, but cannot charge more on the menu because if they do, more people will be unable to afford the luxury of going out to eat—an easy place to cut discretionary spending. Rusty's, a near institution in the area, closed its doors after thriving for more than 30 years. Tony's cut out their lunch hours . . . people aren't going out. The cost of food and milk is going up due to transportation costs. People that are spending money on cars are buying more fuel efficient models, leaving thousands of large cars, trucks and SUVs in inventory. Car manufacturers are shutting down product lines and plants.

Although the sales of motorcycles and scooters have risen, most people haven't changed their driving habits. They've cut costs in other areas. Closer vacation spots, reducing the number of times they go out to eat, and cutting out recreation like water parks and theme parks are where they are saving money (and then affecting jobs in those industries). Boaters are leaving their boats in the marina or anchoring just outside of them so they don't have to pay the high cost of fuel on the water.

The only predictions for the price of fuel are that they are going to continue to go up. We have to make changes to reverse the trend. Some of those changes include reducing the amount of fuel we use (and yes, we must act individually). We should carpool when we can. Combine trips to the bank and store and drycleaners. We need to increase the amount of gas produced by building more refineries. We desperately need the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to re-approve the permit for the Conoco Phillips expansion. These small steps make more fuel available thus increasing supply, reducing demand then lowering price. The refinery expansion will boost the local economy by creating jobs and investment in the entire region. We need to make use of the crude in Canada and in Alaska, even if that means disturbing a small piece of land for oil drilling equipment.

Now we must act . . . save fuel where you can. Call your United States Senators and Congressmen and tell them we need to rely on North American crude to produce our own fuel and not rely totally on OPEC countries for our supply. Tell them to help the refinery expansion projects get permitted. Tell them it's OK to drill in Alaska. US Representatives around the country are afraid to move forward on legislation to make these projects possible because the vocal minority raises such a fuss. They need to hear from us. It does no good to complain to our co-workers or neighbors --- we must act to make changes!

## Fun had by all at River Bend Duck Race

Thank-you to all of the generous sponsors, members and guests who participated in the River Bend Growth Association's Annual Duck Race at Raging Rivers WaterPark in Grafton on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Annual Duck Race is the first fundraiser of the year for the River Bend Growth Association. Over 1500 ducks raced to the finish line in the Lazy River, with over 200 prize winners. Vantage Credit Union won first place with the Grafton gift basket containing over \$400 worth of gifts and gift certificates from the city of Grafton. Other winners went home with Cardinal baseball tickets, gift certificates, Fox theater tickets and much more. These prizes were donated from generous River Bend businesses.

Over 1000 members and guests enjoyed the beautiful evening at Raging Rivers WaterPark. The weather was beautiful! The food and beverages were great. The opportunities for networking were endless.

Russ Wheat, of Mac's Sealing & Striping, took home the 50/50 winnings...\$527 to be exact! Congratulations, Russ!

Tom Prullage of Lauschke & Associates won \$125 from the monthly "Jackpot" drawing. Congratulations Tom!

Thank-you, again, to our River Bend Growth Association members who sponsored this event. Your support and partnership in our River Bend community is appreciated.



Employees of Olin Community Credit Union enjoyed their evening in the Corporate Sponsor area.

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The Telegraph

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Pete Zimmer of Telsar held the 1st place winning duck number, which won him a basket of over \$400 in gifts and gift certificates from the city of Grafton.



The River Bend Growth Association "Duck" was out this year greeting members and guests throughout the night.

John Keller of Carrollton Bank and Steve Schwartz of Associated Bank enjoyed the evening and all of the festivities.



Over 1500 ducks raced to the finish line, with over 200 prize winners.



Tom Prullage of Lauschke & Associates won the monthly jackpot drawing...this month at \$125! Congratulations, Tom.

**Golf event..... continued from page 1**

Tom Herrmann, Carol Queen, Jeff Coles and Barb Stafford.

3 teams split the "skins" winnings: Challenge Unlimited, Faccin Chiropractic/Imaging Center and Shell Community Federal Credit Union.

Brittany Hood of Ameren won the contests of closest to the pin for women and longest drive for women. Closest to the pin winner for men was Matt Labertew of Faccin Chiropractic and longest drive winner for men was Jim Kasten of Challenge Unlimited.

Jami Eberwein of Regions Bank won the putting contest. Melissa Erker of ConocoPhillips won the 50/50 drawing and Maria Riehm won the trip to Rend Lake in our golf raffle.

Thank-you to our all of our sponsors:

**Prize Sponsors:** Bristow's Automotive and ConocoPhillips Wood River Refinery

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**Tee Gift Donors:** Logo It @ Langa and Saint Anthony's Health Center

**Door Prize Donors:** Beverly Farm Foundation, Carrollton Bank, Chicago Title, First Clover Leaf Bank, Marquette Catholic High School and The Telegraph.

Thank-you to everyone involved in the golf tournament. Mark your calendars for the River Bend Golf Classic on Friday, June 19, 2009.

**MAYOR REPORT** – William Moore, Jr., Village of Hartford

Southwestern Illinois is really a great place to live and do business. Business and Government working together to make things happen. The Village of Hartford is

currently working with our neighbors ConocoPhillips to assist them in developing a heavy haul route to safely allow them to bring in heavy equipment to expand the Wood River Refinery. Thanks to the State of Illinois and the partnership with ConocoPhillips we are upgrading a roadway to better serve this growing industry as well as current businesses in our region.

The Village of Hartford is always

looking for new partners to locate on the Helmkamp Farm, 375+ industrial acres along Illinois Highway 111, south of the refinery complex with rail access, Tax Increment Financing and Enterprise Zone Incentives. We are very excited about developing new jobs for our region.

The Village of Hartford is also extremely excited about bringing new visitors to our region. Being located at the entrance of the Meeting of the Great Rivers National Scenic Byway is a great opportunity to sell our region to 25,000 vehicles traveling Illinois Route 3 each day. The Lewis and Clark State Historic Site is bringing visitors from all over the world to our region to learn about Site #1 of the Lewis and Clark Trail. The Confluence Bikeway located on top of our levee system provides great access to the Great River Road. The Village of Hartford has developed the

Camp Dubois Bikeway providing a loop through the Village along with a trail head with restroom and picnic facilities to better serve these bikeway users.

The Lewis and Clark Confluence Tower is coming together with a first class elevator and beautiful windows installed and the view from the three viewing decks is spectacular. We are currently awarding contracts to construct restrooms, parking lot, bicycle access to the Confluence Bikeway, Meeting of the Great Rivers Welcome Center, plaza area complete with interpretive fountains and additional interpretive details. The tower has a beautiful new landscape plan that tells the Lewis and Clark Story through interpretive walking paths and plantings. We have a lot of interest from visitors and residents and can't wait to open to the public in the spring of 2009.

The tower is the centerpiece of the Lewis and Clark Commerce Center, a 60+ acre commercial strip located on Route 3 at a lighted intersection. These 60+ acres are located between two free World Class museums -- the Lewis and Clark State Historic Site located at Route 3 and New Poag Road in Hartford and the National Great Rivers Museum located at Lock and Dam #26 in Alton. The Lewis and Clark Commerce Center is open for business for commercial development with utilities, Tax Increment Financing and Enterprise Zone Incentives in place.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank The Village of Hartford employees and elected officials for their continued dedication to making Hartford a great place to live and work.

**Do the Best Companies Join Chambers of Commerce?**

The best places to work tend to belong to their local chamber of commerce, according to a recent study by the American Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE). Of *Fortune* magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For" in the United States and Canada this year, 94 are members of their local chamber, including all of the top 24.

Separately, ACCE found that in a random sample of 100 companies in the *Fortune* 1000, at least 75 were members of their local chamber.

"This 'Best Companies to Work For' information is one more indication that the best companies tend to be chamber members," according to ACCE President Mick Fleming. "If a company cares about its employees, there's a good chance it also cares about its community and the chamber

is the way that great employers invest in both."

Local chambers of commerce are associations of businesses that come together to improve the local economic climate and help members network and find new business. Strong employers link with and learn from like-minded peer companies through business-led civic organizations – chambers of commerce.

Here is the Fortune list of the best places to work: <http://money.cnn.com/magazines/fortune/bestcompanies/2008/>

Consumers seem to expect chamber members to be better-than-average companies. A study by the Atlanta-based Schapiro Group last August found that consumers are 63 percent

more likely to buy products from companies that they believe are chamber members.

John Bachmann, senior partner at Edward Jones (St. Louis, MO), which placed No. 4 on the "Best Places to Work For" list, said, "I find in my experience, both locally and nationally, that the single most effective voice on issues is the chamber. Because of that, we want to be involved. Whether it is healthcare, performing arts, public schools or universities, people most interested in the community are members of the local chamber." Bachmann is a former chair of both the St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Paul Speranza Jr. is vice chairman of Wegman's Food Markets (Rochester, NY), which placed No. 3 on the

Fortune list. His company is active in the local, state, and U.S. Chamber, of which he is the current chair. He's traveled to many local chambers and appreciates what they do. "It is easy for me to see the great value that many of these chambers provide their members in so many areas, including education and workforce development – showing member companies how to be excellent and appreciated employers by partnering in developing great programs and sharing best practices."

ACCE plans to probe further into which kinds of companies join their local chamber and which ones don't. "We are not surprised that many of the best companies join chambers of commerce," said Mick Fleming. "And, I believe when more people are aware of this, we're going to see still more firms joining their local chamber."

Support The River Bend...Buy Locally



### RIBBON CUTTINGS

Tyler Pitchford, owner of Pitchford Funeral Home, located at 2555 Vaughn Road in Wood River, celebrated his River Bend Growth Association membership with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Several family members, friends, city officials and neighbors were on hand to help Tyler and his wife, Janna, celebrate this special day.



For more information Pitchford Funeral Home, please call 259-6462.

*Tyler Pitchford, along with his family, friends and Wood River city officials, celebrate Pitchford Funeral Home's grand opening.*

**Join the River Bend Growth Association and SCORE for this red carpet event - our annual Women's Seminar!**

**Coming Wednesday September 17, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Alton**

**Returning Speaker: Dawn Mushill**

*More details to come...*

### Networking...It Works...

Once a month, the River Bend Growth Association hosts a networking opportunity for members and future members to attend: the Breakfast Connections or the Total Networking Lunch.

Breakfast Connections events are held at 8 am at Sgt. Peppers in the even months of the year and the Total Networking Luncheons are held at 11:30 am in the odd months of the year. Both events are held on the third Wednesday of the month.

Both of these events are networking opportunities to enhance your business partnerships in the River Bend community. Business cards are exchanged. Promotional material, brochures and flyers are distributed. Each person in attendance receives the opportunity to introduce themselves and tell about the business they represent. Speakers are included at each meeting, discussing topics of interest to River Bend businesses.

Networking plays a vital role in your total public relations/ advertising campaign. I encourage you, or one of your employees, to attend one of the River Bend Growth Association networking events. You will see how the power of networking can add to the growth of your business.



*Tyler Pitchford of Pitchford Funeral Home and Mike Liszewski of US Cellular attended the June 2008 Breakfast Connections.*



*Members and guests at The Total Networking Luncheon listen as the speaker engages them on the topic of Identity Theft.*

### Donate Life Illinois

If you live in Illinois and signed up to be an organ & tissue donor before January 1, 2006, you need to RE-REGISTER in order to ensure your wishes are carried out. Signing the back of your driver's license is no longer adequate in Illinois! If you are listed in the old registry, family consent is still required for donation to occur. To ensure your decision to be an organ/tissue donor is honored, you must [join the new registry!](#)

Go to <http://www.donatelifellinois.org/donateliferegister-today.asp>.

Donate Life Illinois is a coalition of agencies responsible for organ, tissue, eye, blood and marrow donation, as well as donor education and [registration](#) in Illinois. It is one of 45 regional coalitions and 50 national businesses or associations making up Donate Life America, a not-for-profit alliance that serves as a national voice and inspires all people to save and enhance lives through organ, eye and tissue donation. Congratulations on your decision to help save lives!