## Heneghan and Associates recognized as Business of the Month

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GODFREY - Heneghan and Associates P.C. has been awarded the RiverBend Growth Association Business of the Month for March, the same month it celebrates its 25th anniversary.

"We appreciate being members of the (RBGA) and we know they truly do a lot of good in regards to promoting the River Bend area," company President and CEO Dean Heneghan said. "It is quite an honor and we are very happy with the recognition."

Heneghan and Associates P.C. was founded in 1986 by Dean Heneghan as a six-person civil engineering firm in Jerseyville. Today, the company has four offices in Godfrey, Jerseyville, Centralia and Columbia, and employs more than 40 people. Staff consists of engineers, land surveyors, technicians and administrative personnel.

Heneghan says engineering is in his blood.

"In the back of my mind, owning my own company was always there," he said. "When the company I was working with began to downsize, that is when I decided to go out on my own."

Over the years, the firm has received a number of awards and honors, including the American Society of Engineering Award for Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement and the Jersey County Business Association Business of the Month in 2009.

"Our firm has assisted over 80 communities, more than 30 water districts and companies, eight townships and six state agencies," Godfrey office secretary Candy Mark said. "We have helped extend water to residents in rural communities, and improved streets, highways, curbs and other transportation-related structures."

The firm is working on sewer extensions for the Illinois 255 construction in Godfrey, and recently completed a partnership between Jersey County Rural Water and the village of Godfrey for a new tank on Pierce Lane.

"Surveying is a little slow right now, but the engineering side is doing well," Heneghan said. "We deal mostly with public entities such as municipalities and counties. We design water systems, sewer systems, water treatment plants, elevated water towers and pump stations, as well as roadways for city and county roads.

"On the surveying side, we deal more with developers and the public. We do farm surveys, individual lot surveys, and complete design, layout and water and sewer systems and streets for subdivisions."

Upcoming projects slated for 2011 include the replacement of 1/2 mile of oil chip road with concrete along Fairgrounds Avenue in Jerseyville, and a new water treatment plant in Staunton.

Additional services include dam inspections, construction observation, assistance with the permitting process and assistance with grant and loan applications for government funding.

The firm also has designed baseball fields, boat docks, walking/bike trails, soccer fields, parks, and running tracks.

Heneghan and Associates also remains involved in local communities, and has awarded more than 40 scholarships to high school seniors pursuing college degrees in engineering, surveying or mathematics.

Two years ago, the Godfrey office was moved to 5213 Mae Drive, just off Godfrey Road. Curt Westrich, a Godfrey native, runs the day-to-day operations at that location.

Heneghan says his exceptional staff, including Vice President Bob Manns and chief surveyor Scott Peabody, who has been with the company since day one, are behind his success.

"I appreciate the hard work provided by our employees," he said. "They keep a successful business running."

Heneghan and Associates strives to live up to its motto, "Dedicating Our Services to Strengthen Client Trust," every day.

"We want to keep our clients happy," Heneghan said. "Repeat business is very important, and it definitely is a big part of what we do."

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