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## Karen Wilson office selected as Small Business of the Month



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Karen Wilson, surrounded by dignitaries with the RiverBend Growth Association, holds a sign denoting her State Farm insurance office as Small Business of the Month.

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**GODFREY** — The State Farm insurance office here, run by Karen Wilson, has been selected as the RiverBend Growth Association's Small Business of the Month.

"We just couldn't be more pleased," Wilson said. "Thank you so much for this honor. We take being a good neighbor very seriously."

The award gives recognition to regional businesses which have made a mark with the products or services, and through community service.

"The community is a big

part of our lives," Wilson said, "and each one of us is involved in some way in the community, because we make our living in this community and we need to give back to the community that helps us sustain our lives. We're all pretty blessed and we need to make sure we share those blessings with others."

However, not every aspect of community involvement is easy when working in the insurance industry, Wilson said.

"Our customers are very important to us," she said, "and we have the mixed blessing of being able to help people when things

are not going well for them. That is not the best time for anyone, so it is important for us to understand what that is like for other people, and try to help them get through it."

Wilson, who has been an insurance agent with State Farm for 14 years, said receiving the award is a significant milestone for her business.

"I just can't say enough about how thrilled we are to be Small Business of the Month," she said. "We are in a league with a lot of wonderful small businesses."

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