

Aurora University

Aurora University traces its origins to the 1893 founding of a seminary in the small town of Mendota, Ill. Though established initially to prepare graduates for ministry, the institution soon adopted a broader mission and moved to a new campus on the western edge of the nearby community of Aurora. With this change came a different name, Aurora College, and a growing enrollment.

When World War II ended, the campus population swelled again as veterans enrolled in the college's innovative evening degree program. The 1970s and 1980s saw an expansion of curricular offerings in a number of professional fields and the awarding of advanced degrees in selected disciplines. These changes culminated in the 1985 decision to rechristen the institution Aurora University.

Today, Aurora University is comprised of two campuses: a campus of 32 acres located at 347 S. Gladstone Ave., in Aurora, Ill., and the 133-acre George Williams College on Geneva Lake in Williams Bay, Wis.

Aurora University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association to award degrees at the baccalaureate, master's and doctoral levels. The institution enrolls approximately 4,000 degree-seeking students a year on its Illinois campus and approximately 400 on its Wisconsin campus.

Adult degree completion programs in business, communication and nursing, as well as graduate programs in business, education, nursing and social work, are also offered at the Woodstock Center in Woodstock, Ill.

Dr. Rebecca L. Sherrick became the 13th president of Aurora University in 2000, after serving for 20 years as a faculty member and senior administrator at Carroll University in Waukegan, Wis.

Sherrick attended Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., for doctoral studies on a William Randolph Hearst Fellowship and completed her PhD in history with specializations in American and Latin American history in 1980. She is active in a wide range of professional and civic organizations.

Aurora University offers opportunities for students to discover what matters and build their lives around it.

Through more than 40 undergraduate majors and a wide range of graduate pro-



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grams, as well as through online offerings, AU provides an affordable private education that transforms lives.

In 2012, Aurora University added several graduate and certificate programs to meet the needs of professionals in the Fox Valley. The College of Education launched a new principal preparation program designed to train educators to be effective leaders in their school districts. The program includes 90 hours of field experience, giving candidates the opportunity to directly apply what they are learning in class.

The program also includes three internship experiences in pre-k-12 settings with the supervision of both university faculty as well as district mentors.

Visit aurora.edu/principalprep for more information.

The university also created a new Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis to respond to the growing number of individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders. The graduate program builds a bridge between science and practice, enabling students to evaluate needs of individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities, create and implement a treatment plan, and monitor progress in an ongoing manner.

Upon completion of the program, students are prepared to work in a variety of clinical, home and school-based settings. Visit aurora.edu/aba for more information.

AU also launched a new initiative to bring its hallmark programs to a wider audience through completely online adult degree completion, graduate and certificate programs.

Through AU Online, the university offers the opportunity to earn a degree from a trusted, premier institution in a dynamic and interactive learning environment.

AU Online currently offers programs in business, criminal justice, communication, education and nursing.

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Grand Schwinn Cyclery

For 37 years, Grand Schwinn Cyclery has been selling Schwinn, Giant, GT, Haro, Redline and Sun bicycles six days in downtown Morris.

With over 250 bikes on display, owner Roy Granstrom offers BMX and free style bikes, and has styles for youth and adults, as well as recumbent bikes and Schwinn exercisers available in the store at 711 Liberty St.

"Now is the best time, with a huge bike selection, to put that special bike on layaway so when that first nice day comes, you'll be ready to ride," said Granstrom, who can be contacted at (815)942-1510 for more information.

In addition to selling you your next bike, Granstrom can also repair your current one. Repairs are done the same day, if possible.

"Or the next day, for sure," Granstrom said.



The staff at Ken Goodwin, CPA includes, from left, Judy Hauch, Ken Goodwin, Lydia Starring and Tanya Downey.

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An exceptional accounting firm is good business

With partner moving on, Goodwin going it alone

A good accountant is far more valuable than most people imagine.

They are a wealth of information and advice on all business matters, and generally the first point of contact for many business owners' questions, whether they relate to their finances or otherwise. Choosing the right accountant is one of the most important financial decisions you will ever make.

Due to a change in careers for Ken Goodwin's partner, the accounting firm known as Goodwin & McDonald CPA since 2001 is now called Ken Goodwin, CPA. Goodwin, an experienced Certified Public Accountant, has owned the firm in Morris since October of 2001, but has been a CPA since 1989.

He belongs to the Illinois CPA Society, as well as the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and is licensed in the state of Illinois. His firm provides tax services for individuals, estates, and a wide range of businesses including LLCs, S-Corporations, and Non-Profits.

"At Ken Goodwin, CPA we work

hard to get it right," Goodwin said. "We pride ourselves on giving you personalized and thorough service that meets your business or individual needs. We combine the experience and expertise of a large firm with the personal attention that only a small firm can provide."

"Our clients come back to us year after year because they know they're

in good hands. We work to develop long-term relationships; whether your needs are simple or complex, we're a good choice. Clients often stay with us even when they move out of state because of the relationships and trust that we've established. When our clients who

know and trust us refer new customers to the firm - that's the finest compliment we can get."

Ken Goodwin graduated from Marycrest in accounting and business management and has worked for two public accounting firms, as well as agribusinesses and a manufacturing business before starting his own firm.

His accounting professionals on staff include Tanya Downey and Judy

Hauch. Tanya is an accounting graduate from Lewis University and has been with the firm since 2005. Judy is an IRS registered tax return preparer who has been with the firm since 2010.

Ken Goodwin, CPA is a member of the Grundy County Chamber of Commerce & Industry, the Morris Downtown Development Partnership Inc., and the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.

Ken Goodwin, CPA offers specialized services, including strategic tax planning for individuals and businesses and consulting services, and is a Certified Quickbooks Pro Advisor. His firm provides all general accounting services, which include payroll, bookkeeping, and financial statements.

The firm has a large agricultural clientele base due to Goodwin's extensive farming and agribusiness backgrounds. Ken also has several trucking, restaurant, financial professional, small business, retail and not-for-profit clients.

Ken Goodwin, CPA is located at 717 Division Street, Suite 2, in Morris. The firm is accepting appointments now for tax preparation and filing. New customers can receive \$25 off when scheduling their tax appointment with Judy Hauch. Call (815) 941-0554.

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Brown painting the town

Former college painter draws on experience, broadens offerings

In June of 2012, Kevin Brown began Brown Bear Painting, Inc. and set out to become one of the premier painting contractors in the area.

"In just a short time, we have experienced many successes," said Brown. "It is our mission to deliver our customers a rewarding experience at an affordable price. We focus on being professional and delivering a quality product."

"We take a lot of pride in our work and, I believe, our customers see and appreciate that."

Brown brings nearly 10 years of painting experience to his customers. Much of that experience comes from running a college painting franchise in Morris while attending school full-time at Illinois State University.

"During that time, I learned how to run a successful business in a small town," Brown said. "In three years, we were able to grow the business from a new area franchise, serving Morris and Plainfield, to having done almost 200 exterior home painting projects, while maintaining 97 percent customer satisfaction."

Brown Bear offers not only

exterior painting and staining, but also interior painting, deck/fence staining, power washing, gutter cleaning and gutter guard installation, and window washing.

Since the business opened in June, Brown Bear has completed nearly 50 projects in the area, mostly in Morris and Minooka.

"At the end of the job, we ask our customers, 'Would you recommend Brown Bear Painting to family and friends?' We feel referrals and repeat business are the true way to determine if a homeowner was happy with our work," said Brown. "Our customer satisfaction rating is currently at 100 percent."

With 2013 set as the company's first full year of operation, Brown intends for it to be "a great one."

"After having listened to our customers, we continue to increase our product/service offerings," Brown said. "In spring 2013, we are introducing a Spring Cleaning Package where we'll come to your home and power wash, clean gutters and wash windows."

In addition to serving his clients, Brown is also working to serve the community.



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Kevin Brown, owner of Brown Bear Painting in Morris, paints the living room of a home on Michael Drive in Morris.

He recently became a board member for Grundy-Three Rivers Habitat for Humanity. A member of the fundraising committee, he will be helping to plan the group's golf outing for the summer of 2013.

Additional information

about Brown Bear Painting, which operates from 921 Spruce St., Morris, can be obtained by logging onto www.BrownBearPainting.com, calling (815) 325-2030, or e-mailing Brown at kevin@brownbearpainting.com.

All About H2O

Richard E. Depung started All About H2O — as it has been known since 2011 — in March 1950 as a franchised dealership with the Lindsay Company of St. Paul, Minn.

Lindsay has since become ECOWATER SYSTEMS of Woodbury, Minn., but All About H2O continues today as a family-owned, franchised dealership operated by Richard F. Depung.

In 1967, Patricia Depung Barry assumed office responsibilities from Loretta Depung. Richard F. Depung assumed sales and technical service responsibilities in 1970.

The business moved from the east side of Morris to its present location at 1811 N. Division St. in 1974. In 1983, two new employees were added to the staff — Steven Kundert, responsible for technical service, and Linnell Depung, to share office responsibilities.

Since then, Kundert — who now oversees general operations management for the company — has become "the glue" that keeps it all together. In small business, an individual has to wear many hats and Kundert wears all of them. From technical expertise to customer relations, he is an outstanding performer consistently offering innovative ideas that help to make this company unique among its competitors.

Kundert resides in Minooka with his wife, Cheryl. They have two daughters, Carla Kundert and Stephanie Foster.

In 1985, the company opened a new division under the name of Crystal Clear Water, supplying residential and commercial delivery of bottled water, along with in-store pickup.

In 1986, Greg Darling joined the company, assuming responsibilities for the bottled water operations, as well as sharing responsibilities in equipment installation and service for ECOWATER SYSTEMS.

In 2005, a water vending machine was installed in the storefront, providing 24-hour "fill your own bottle" service for area residents. In 2010, the company acquired a franchise from the Pristine Blue company, offering chlorine-free pool and spa supplies.

In 2011, the company name was changed to All About H2O to encompass the spectrum of all it offers in high-quality water options.

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Paul's Windmill Service

With 20 years experience in the windmill and pump business, Paul Behrends has installed and repaired hundreds of windmills and pumps throughout Illinois and surrounding states. He is a windmill expert who can handle any job.

His family-owned business, Paul's Windmill Service, was founded in 1993. Located at 3413 C.R. 625E, Foosland, the business can be reached at (217) 897-6699.

Paul's Windmill Service offers expert advice concerning proper windmill and pumps that best fit your situation and expectations. Behrends specializes in large windmills and deep pump equipment where large volumes of water are needed, such as for pond filling.

In fact, Behrends recently added a new truck crane to the company's services.

It is capable of a 103-foot reach and has a 14-ton lift capacity.



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Morris Country Club new bar area was completed in early May, one of several updates to the facility completed by the club's new owners.

Enhancing 'ultimate experience in golf'

New owners updating facilities

Morris Country Club was established 1924 as a private facility offering the ultimate experience in golf, dining and relaxation. MCC has become well known for the unique 18-hole layout and unparalleled customer service.

The camaraderie of the membership makes it a welcoming place for new members and a great home away from home for seasoned members old and new. Located just west of Morris, at 2615 West U.S. 6, Morris, the club offers a full-service restaurant and bar, banquet facility, driving range, practice green, and a PGA professional available for golf instruction.

The rich traditions of Morris Country Club are unmatched throughout the area as members enjoy a full schedule of events for men and women, social events, as well as an award-winning golf shop and junior golf program.

The past year was one of a great deal of change for Morris Country Club. In early May, the club began construction of a new bar expansion, which was completed in early August.

The new facility offers eight flat-screen TVs, 25 seats around the bar, and additional side seating for dining. A patio and fire pit is offered along the exterior for outdoor enjoyment.

As part of the project, the old bar was removed and allowed for additional seating in the terrace and lounge area, with new floor-to-ceiling windows being put in to enjoy the beauty of the golf course from the dining area.

On the course itself, over one mile of cart paths was put down, and sand bunkers were added and redesigned for better play. Construction began at the end of the season to expand the current driving range to allow for more space and a better practice facility for members to enjoy.

The driving range will be completed as the season nears. Locker room renovation and redesign is also currently under way.

Under the current corporate ownership, Morris Country Club will continue to see needed improvements and renovations.

Morris Country Club is a unique business with a staff dedicated to providing unparalleled customer service.

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Grundy County Historical Society

The original organization of the Grundy County Historical Society occurred in 1923. On May 31, 1923 a preliminary meeting for the purpose of forming a historical society was held in the Morris Public Library. The bylaws were created and officers elected with the Dr. W.E. Walsh, a Morris physician, being elected the first president of the GCHS. This was a very active and productive organization for a number of years.

In May of 1948, a group of people met at the court house to reorganize the society. A second meeting was held on June 2, 1948 and permanent officers were elected with Harry L. Hough as president and treasurer. He was one of the organizers of the original society in 1923. The group remained active until the early 1960's.

On May 1, 1967 a group of interested persons met in the Farm Bureau Auditorium in Morris to discuss the establishment of an official historical society (again) for Grundy County. The first decision this group had to make was whether to start a new society or to reactivate the past historical society.

It was decided to reactivate, and reactivate they did! On June 22, 1967 officers were elected with Mrs. Helen (John) Ullrich as president. Yes, the old saying, "The third time is a charm" has been proven true.

Today, after 44 years of continuous activity since our reactivation we have finally realized the dream of our founders with a museum space in which to display our history as well as continue to preserve the history of today for tomorrow's residents.

In 1923, the cases that

you can see today in the museum were made. These cases were made from lumber taken from the old Hoge Homestead, black walnut which was formerly a part of the first school house in Grundy County and in the lower panel of one case the initials H.H. may be seen. They were carved on a desk in the old school house by Hendley Hoge.

In 1925, a third case was made from wild cherry wood. This was made for the relics of World War I soldiers.

These three cases were designed by C.A. Baker and made by Ommund Fosen of Morris.

Our first museum was in the basement of the court house and in 1948 Mr. Harry Hough brought in his collections to add to the museum and it opened at Corn Festival of that year. In 1981-1989, the Historical Society used a county building at 201 E. Illinois Avenue.

However, as the county grew we were forced to use an unused court room on the second floor of the court house in 1989.

In 1991, the museum moved to 102 Liberty St. and we were there renting space until 2008 when we purchased a part of the old Coleman Hardware building at 510 W. Illinois Avenue. Thanks to the many volunteers, both members and non-members, we moved into the space from both 102 Liberty St., plus what we had in the court house on a cold December day in 2008.

In 2009 the many museum volunteers, built, placed, or set up displays of treasures

and artifacts in a manner that would interest visitors and members alike.

This museum was built by volunteers with monies from our savings, fundraisers, the Holderman Family and Martha Slyter's donations, as well as a donation from the City of Morris. The long dream of many people who kept the society alive

became a reality with our new museum.

Today, the museum is a great display space for the artifacts that came from our county or were used in the county. We have historical information on early settlers as people and their tools, a tool shed with old implements used in the past, as well as a living room ca: 1910, a mercantile store ca: 1920, as well as other exhibits including a \$6 bill for a 4 days stay at the hospital (guess what year that was).

We also try to have special exhibits such as currently the Boy Scouts memorabilia and a program on the Rainbow Council in this area, pictures of the Canal locks in a THEN and NOW format with documentation for a self guided walking tour.

We just saw the removal of our antique Christmas ornaments and are planning a NEW exhibit of old electrical components in April. We are trying to make this an ever-changing display.

And remember, the caboose at the end of Liberty Street, by the old train station is owned by the museum and is open for Corn Festival, for Cruise Nights, and for Liberty Days, or for special tours.



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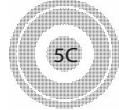
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Eric Salud, DDS, opened his Channahon practice, Complete Comfort Dental, in April of last year.

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Like dental care in your living room

Massaging chairs, Netflix, individualized care featured at Dr. Salud's dental office

Complete Comfort Dental opened its doors in April of 2012.

The office, at 25445 S. Pheasant Lane, Suite 1, Channahon, was designed with comfort and modern technology in mind. Instead of having to fill out paperwork in the waiting room, patients have the convenience of completing paperwork online at home or work.

All rooms are equipped with ultra-plush leather massaging chairs so patients can feel as comfortable as possible. All rooms are also equipped with Netflix to keep the patient's mind off of being at the dentist.

With the use of digital X-rays, the

patient is less exposed to radiation and the image quality is far superior to traditional X-rays. In 2013, Dr. Eric Salud plans to continue momentum from 2012 and grow the dental practice's patient base.

It is a family-based dental office managed by Shane Fay and offering services for children to the elderly.

Complete Comfort Dental offers evening hours so the patient does not have to lose time at work or school. It is also one of the only dental offices in town that is in network with most PPO insurances, including most of the local union insurances.

For patients who have a dental phobia, the office offers nitrous oxide, better known as laughing gas. It also offers Invisalign, which is invisible

braces for teenagers and adults.

Also available is Zoom Whitening, the one-hour in office whitening procedure that can whiten teeth up to seven shades whiter.

With the increased prevalence of oral cancer, Complete Comfort offers an advanced screening to locate oral cancer at its smallest.

"Most importantly, we give individualized care to each of our patients," said Dr. Salud. "Each

member of our team is trained in listening to the needs of the patient and offering them personalized care using the latest advancements in dental technology."

For additional information about available services, or to make an appointment with Dr. Salud, call (815) 828-5355.



Tony & Donna's Sweet Tooth, Inc.

Tony & Donna's Sweet Tooth, Inc., opened in September 2006, with owners Donna and Tony Ramirez anxiously waiting for their first customers.

They were a little nervous, since they had decided to jump into a brand new venture, not knowing much about the candy industry. Tony, however, had always wanted to watch the kids grow up in the neighborhood, and have a family place for everyone to enjoy.

The doors of their shop at 206 N.

Liberty St., in downtown Morris, have been open every since for the young and elderly. Over time, their confidence has grown, as has their inventory and creativity.

In the beginning of the year, for example, they moved around the candies in the store and brought in a new shelving unit to hold all of the chocolates in one location. It provides convenience and opens up the room more.

Donna was also able to bring in new candies, like dark-chocolate-

covered walnuts, yogurt-covered mini graham crackers, gummy rain forest frogs, white-chocolate covered blueberry cheesecake truffles, Gamer Grub (in s'mores pizza and peanut butter and jelly flavors), chocolate-covered sunflower seeds, zero chocolate bars, and many more.

"We are hoping to bring in so much more so each person can reminisce about their favorite candies as a child," Donna said.

Sweet Tooth has everything from gourmet popcorn (caramel, cheese, caramel corn coated in cheese, chocolate-covered caramel, and more) that is made fresh in the store to nostalgic candies.

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That staff includes John Keegan, director of golf; Andy Weadge, golf superintendent; Tricia Whybark, event coordinator; Jay Hass, executive chef; and Susan Hook, bar manager.

Through 2013, the staff will continue to provide outstanding service and opportunities for members to become involved in different ways.

Whether a member enjoys golf leagues, cooking classes, wine and beer tastings, special group events, junior golf and/or a little ladies spa day, there is something for everyone.

Morris Country Club will also continue to showcase its banquet facility for an affordable price.

Call the office at (815) 942-3430, golf shop at (815) 942-3628, or clubhouse at (815) 942-3621 for more details on how to become a part of Morris Country Club.



Foot & Ankle Centers

Also serving patients from offices in Yorkville and Sandwich, Drs. Paul Bishop and Thomas Rappette have provided excellence in foot and ankle care to the Morris community for 15 years.

Both Drs. Bishop and Rappette, who practice at Foot & Ankle Centers, are board certified foot surgeons by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery. Both were residency trained in Houston, Texas, and have been in practice since 1996.

Dr. Bishop's special interests include foot and ankle reconstruction, wound care, joint replacement and adult sports injuries. Dr. Rappette specializes in pediatric flat foot reconstruction, sports medicine, and adult foot and ankle pathology.

New to the Foot & Ankle Centers in 2012 is laser treatment for nail fungus and warts.

The procedure is FDA-approved, risk-free, pain-free, affordable and eliminates the need for dangerous medications.

Also new last year was the Medical Foot Spa, where medical pedicures are completed in a safe sterile setting. No longer do patients have to worry about infec-



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tious bacteria exposure or cross-contamination between patients.

Foot & Ankle Centers' nail technician has been trained by the doctors in the same sterilization techniques used in the doctors' surgical procedures. Because medical pedicures are considered strictly cosmetic in nature, they are cash-only services for which all patients qualify, regardless of insurance.

In Morris, Foot & Ankle Centers is located at 1802 N. Division St., Suite 305, which can be reached by telephone at (815) 942-9050. The practice is managed by Dina Rappette.

Foot & Ankle Centers' other offices are at 654 W. Veterans Parkway, Yorkville (630-553-9300) and 1 E. Countyline Road, Suite G, Sandwich (815-786-9451).

Heritage Health

DWIGHT — Heritage Health in Dwight offers short-term rehabilitative therapy and long- and short-term skilled nursing care to its clients. It has been serving the community since 1972.

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Macchietto Roth & Co.
Cathy Macchietto is a licensed public accountant with 24 years of professional accounting experience and a master's degree in accountancy. She has extensive experience in governmental audits, individual and business taxation, and accounting services for various small and medium-size businesses.

In 2002, she decided to open Macchietto Roth & Company with the aspiration of providing the community with a full-service accounting firm that individuals and businesses can believe in and trust with their financial needs.

Services include individual and business tax return preparation, governmental and financial institution audits, bookkeeping services, and payroll services (including quarterly reports and employee direct deposits). Over the past 11 years, Macchietto Roth & Company has continued to show clients dedication, fairness, and outstanding performance that they have come to expect.

Helping to provide that service is Kaleigh Walters, senior accountant, who has six years of professional accounting experience and a master's degree in business administration.

Bookkeeper Mary Ann Van Grevenhof has nine years of bookkeeping and payroll experience.

In 2012, Macchietto Roth & Company celebrated its 10th anniversary.

In 2013, Macchietto Roth & Company is taking a new approach to tax season by putting the FUN in ReFUNd. Like the company on Facebook and receive daily tax advice, tidbits, and quizzes for a chance to win discounts on services, a free tax return, or even a Chili's gift card.

Macchietto Roth & Company is also providing a new service in 2013. For a reasonable fee, it is helping small businesses and individuals set up, design, and learn how to maintain their businesses' Facebook pages.

Macchietto Roth & Company has built long-term relationships with more than 90 percent of its clients.

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Helping guests have fun one picture at a time

Photo booth puts a grin on the face of those of any age

All Occasion Photo Booth & Video opened in 2012 to serve the greater Illinois area.

It began with a few weddings on the weekends, and now is booked

through the year for company parties, birthdays, festivals, weddings, corporate events, holiday parties, bar mitzvahs / bat mitzvahs, proms and school dances, Sweet 16 parties, anniversary parties, church events, family reunions, graduation parties, conventions, charity events, retirement parties, and college and education events.

Guests booking a full package with All Occasion will receive four hours of use and one hour of down time; unlimited photos — color or black & white; unlimited video messages; photos customized with name, logo, or theme; touch screen interface; digital copies of all the event photos; a scrapbook containing a copy of each photo strip and personalized message from the guests; props; an on-site attendant; and all photos uploaded to Facebook to tag and share with friends and family.

Since owners Pam and Jeff Simpson began the business, which is managed by Brittney Smith, in 2012, they have updated many features. Each customer receives a personalized layout for the event. Each of these designs is uniquely created for the person(s) booking the photo booth.

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Pam Simpson, right, owner of All Occasion Photo Booth & Video, and a friend try on some props to show how much fun photobooths can be for events and special occasions.

the costumers to be sure the designs are exactly what they are looking for.

The have also added new colored backdrops to the booth to add more of a variety to choose from. Prop choices have multiplied immensely to accommodate everyone's theme, personality, and style. Another great added feature is the ability to print multiple copies of each photo so no one goes home empty handed.

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Most recently, the Simpsons offered all Downtown Morris trick-or-treaters the chance to stop by to receive a free photo to commemorate their night. Even though the weather did not hold, over 100 trick-or-treaters stopped by for their photo.

They also donated the booth for the Grundy County Corn Festival Appreciation Dinner, where many laughs were had.

"The number of laughs and smiles resonating from the booth are always the best part of the booking," said Smith. "We have had all ages in the booth and each comes out with the same grin on their face."

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Morris Mobile Meals

If you live in Morris and find you are no longer able to do meal preparation, Morris Mobile Meals can provide you with hot, nutritious meals delivered to your home on the days you specify.

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"Our most precious, vital resource comes to us via the dedicated, generous volunteers who deliver the meals to your home," said Charlotte Orndorff, the program's coordinator.

Volunteers include representatives of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, First Baptist Church, First Christian Church, First Midwest Bank, First Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church, Friends in Christ Lutheran Church, Grundy Bank, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Morris Community High School, and Morris Hospital.

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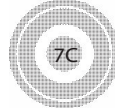
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Local officials, mayors, and government officials and representatives helped pull the rope to unveil the sign at the new Interstate 80 interchange at Brisbin Road on Monday, Oct. 15, 2012.



Grundy Economic Development Council

The Grundy Economic Development Council, formed in 1993, is celebrating 20 years of service to Grundy County and its business community.

With over \$1 billion in new investments and thousands of jobs created since its inception, the GEDC continues to work diligently to attract employment and private investment in the County.

Toward that end, on Oct. 19, 2012, the long-awaited Interstate 80 interchange at Brisbin Road opened. After nearly 11 years of work by local community leaders, the interchange and its nearly 10,000 acres are open for business.

Developers and other prospects continue to investigate the property around the interchange and the existing industries along U.S. 6 were some of the first to use the new I-80 access.

"The interchange is a significant capital project for our county," said Nancy Norton Ammer, CEO of the GEDC. "In addition to alleviating current traffic, this location will serve

as a jobs engine for many years to come."

In addition to benefiting from the Brisbin Road interchange, the village of Minooka and Grundy County are pleased to welcome Trader Joe's East. With construction having been slated to begin in the fourth quarter of 2012, the \$80 million facility will be ready for occupancy in 2013 and will bring 500 jobs to the region.

Trader Joe's long-term commitment to the community, as evidenced by the state-of-the-art building and high employment number, made this project highly sought after in the region.

"We are proud that they chose Minooka after a multi-state search," Dan Duffy, village administrator for the village of Minooka said. "They join the other top-tier companies along Minooka Road, including BMW, Kellogg, and Grainger."

And while the GEDC had these arrivals to celebrate during 2012, it also had

one departure of note to endure.

Robert "Bob" Breisch recently retired from the GEDC board after serving over 20 years. One of the founding members of the GEDC in 1993, he immediately recognized the importance of retaining and attracting quality jobs and worked with other business leaders to establish the GEDC.

Originally a division of the Chamber of Commerce, as the GEDC grew it became a stand-alone organization in 2002. During his many years on the GEDC, Breisch served as chairman, treasurer, business development chair, and many other duties.

He represented the village of Mazon on the county-wide board and always worked tirelessly to encourage new growth and investment in his hometown, Mazon.

"Bob's dedication to Grundy County and its residents will be greatly missed," Ammer said.

For additional information about the GEDC, visit the office at 112 E. Washington Street, Morris; call (815) 942-0163; or log onto the website at www.gedc.com.

Crowberry Creek

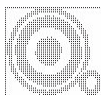
Crowberry Creek is an extraordinary place in that it is housed in a charming 3-level Victorian right on Illinois 47, at Jefferson Street.

Owned by Mike and Jenny Knapp, the store offers a variety of uniquely handcrafted items, as well as antiques, seasonal and everyday home decor, lawn & garden, ladies clothing, and personal accessories such as jewelry, purses and scarves. Right now, it is bursting with Spring decor, ironwork, flowers, garlands, and garden-inspired items that will help you to make your home bloom with color.

There are also handmade potter's benches, birdhouses, garden sculptures and much more available at Crowberry Creek.

"We are an ever-evolving shopping destination in that we are always getting new inspiring product lines in and there is always something new to see every time you stop in," Jenny Knapp said.

The Woelfel House (which houses Crowberry



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Creek) is a treat to see in itself. It dates back to 1898 and is brimming with antiques and woodwork with many original lighting fixtures.

It was home to George Woelfel and his family, who owned the local tannery here in town.

Stop in and see all that Crowberry Creek has to offer. Located at 306 E. Jefferson St., Morris, it is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays (except during January and February, we are closed on Sundays).

To find out more, call (815) 416-1046.



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Budget Blinds

In Minooka, you can buy window coverings from a television star.

Well, he may not be a star, but Keith Bresnahan — who, with his wife, Cathy, owns the Minooka Budget Blinds franchise — did appear in the past year on the TV show "Undercover Boss," during an episode featuring Budget Blinds.

The Bresnans, who are also Minooka residents, opened their Budget Blinds franchise to serve Will and Grundy counties in 2002. A shop-at-home service, the company takes samples to customers' homes and offers free installation.

This year, Budget Blinds will carry a full line of drapery fabrics, providing clients with more than 3,000 choices to meet their needs.

To arrange an in-home appointment, call Budget Blinds at (815) 521-4040.

OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center

OTTAWA, Ill. — Located at 1100 East Norris Dr., in Ottawa, OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center provides residents of La Salle County

and surrounding communities a comprehensive range of health care services, including inpatient and outpatient medical and surgical care, emergency care, pre-natal and post-partum care, physical therapy, behavioral health services, home health and hospice care.

Striving to continually upgrade its programs and services in order to better benefit its patients, OSF Saint Elizabeth also works with some of the finest physicians in the area. Together with their expertise, the hospital prides itself on offering the highest level of health care available locally.

Nearby Ottawa Regional Medical Center, a part of OSF HealthCare, offers board-certified physicians in the specialties of internal medicine, pediatrics, and family medicine. With locations in both Ottawa and Marseilles, they offer comprehensive health care for the entire family, including same-day appointments for immediate care, convenient on-site X-ray services, and an occupational health and wellness program to meet the needs of area employers.



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During the coming year, Washburn said, he plans to continue to offer the highest quality auto body repair service in Grundy County.

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Express Care, a service offered at the Ottawa facility, allows patients to walk in, no appointment necessary, for treatment of acute, non-life threatening illnesses or minor injuries.

In addition to providing expert medical services, OSF Saint Elizabeth also provides valuable community education. A variety of topics for informational and educational presentations are available for community groups, clubs, service organizations, businesses, churches, schools, and the general public. Available topics include disease prevention, mental health, nutrition, personal effectiveness, physical fitness and safety.

Several programs, classes and support groups are also offered throughout the year, often on a monthly basis. These include:

- Alzheimer's Caregivers / Early Stage Dementia Support Groups
- Bereavement and Grief Support Groups
- BLS for Healthcare Providers
- Breaking the Silence... Understanding Postpartum Depression
- Breast Cancer Support Group
- Breastfeeding Support Group
- Cancer Support Group
- Celebrate Health (monthly health lecture open to the public)
- Childbirth Preparation & Refresher Classes
- Child Passenger Seat Check
- Conversations on Diabetes

- COPD Support Group
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- Right from the Start (prenatal care)
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OSF owns an extensive network of home health services in Illinois and Michigan known as OSF Home Care Services and also owns OSF Saint Francis, Inc., comprised of healthcare-related businesses, and OSF HealthCare Foundation, the philanthropic arm of OSF HealthCare System and OSF Home Care.

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Sweet Tooth

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Premium ice cream is hand-dipped all year long, and fresh fudge is cut for each individual.

All of the shelves are filled with gummies, chocolates, sour candies, liquid candies, powdered candies, and much more.

"The best part about coming into Sweet Tooth is being able to buy someone special a personalized gift box or tin put together by our creative staff for any and all occasions," Donna said.

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Hitting all the right notes

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Adam Shay, of Morris, plays La Rejouissance on his violin during a practice session with Colleen Lawrence, owner of Growing-N-Music in downtown Morris. Shay has been a student of Lawrence's for over seven years and they occasionally play weddings together.

Lawrence adds second music school location

Growing-N-Music with Colleen Lawrence, during 2012, grew and offered music. More specifically, the music instruction program run by Colleen Lawrence opened a second location in the summer of 2012 at 316 Liberty St., Morris. It also added a new website, ColleenLawrence.com.

Additionally, the school, which got its start in Verona, Ill., in 2002, can be liked on Facebook at Growing'n Music with Colleen Lawrence.

Lawrence began her musical career at the age of 3 on violin. She graduated from Illinois State University with a bachelor's of music education degree. She earned certification through the American Suzuki Institute in the Suzuki Violin method of teaching.

Lawrence is a regular performer with the Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra.

Growing-N-Music offers group music instruction for children from birth through 5 years of age. String instruction is available for children as young as 3. String instruction includes the violin, viola or cello.

Lawrence is available to play violin at parties, wedding or funerals.

For additional information about Lawrence's availability or Growing-N-Music's classes, call (815) 685-5988.

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Also, Morris Retired Teachers Association, Morris Rotary, Morris Women's Club, New Community Christian Church, Peace Chapel Assembly of God Church, Peace Lutheran Church, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Venturing Crew and retirees.

On occasion, volunteers and clients will discover they are acquainted or related, which leads to reminiscing and reconnection with each other in the future.

On Jan. 7, 2013, a website for Morris Mobile Meals was created, designed and launched on the web by Ann L. Jones, freelance designer/writer(jones4567@sbcglobal.net). You can find it on the web at morrismobilemeals.wordpress.com.

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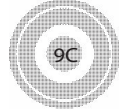
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Improving upon history

Narvick Brothers remodel store that has served area for nearly seven decades

A one-stop shop offering lumber, hardware and, now, rental items, Narvick Brothers Lumber is remodeling the store at 1037 Armstrong St., Morris.

In addition to new displays and new merchandise, owner Barry Narvick and recently retired craftsman Duane Ehrler have loaned the store a collection of antique tools that is being displayed in the showroom.

"Come and see the tools of the past, as well as our complete selection of modern tools that can handle any project," Narvick said.

He noted Ehrler retired from Narvick Brothers after serving 39 years as a carpenter. During those nearly four decades, he worked on several commercial and industrial projects in Grundy County.

A member of Faith Baptist Church who serves on its Building and Grounds Committee, Ehrler helps out at Illinois Valley Industries and has helped with his grandson's Cub Scout Troop when needed.

While Ehrler has retired, managers Sue Ellsworth (hardware) and Shane Sater (lumber) are still there to serve customers, as is Brett Shannon, the lumberyard foreman and a 14-year employee of the business.

Narvick Brothers carries a full line of lumber in popular sizes and vows to continue carrying quality lumber. It also sells windows and doors and has personnel available to help determine the sizes that you need. It is also an Ace Hardware store, so it offers access to



Duane Ehrler, of Morris, arranges a group of old tools along the walls of Narvick Brothers Lumber in Morris for a historical tool display that will decorate the store. Ehrler is volunteering his time and collection to Narvick Brothers, where he worked for almost 40 years.

the full line of Ace products.

The business now also has a rental section offering a variety of tools, including the newest additions — a drywall jack and a drywall carrier. Additional equipment will continue to be added.

"If you have a project that needs a specialized tool but want to avoid the cost of a new item, save money by checking our rental section," Narvick

said.

Having served Morris and Grundy County for over 65 years, Narvick Brothers is a family-operated, locally owned business that continues to cater to the contractor and homeowner.

To find out more about available products and services, call (815) 942-1173 or log onto Narvick Brothers' website at www.narvickbrothers.net.

Minooka Creamery

Minooka Creamery was established in 1987 and has become THE ice cream shop in Minooka.

Since then, it has changed owners four times. It is currently owned by Cathy Blum, who is starting her 15th year of owning the shop, which is located at 111 E. McEvilly Road, Minooka.

A widow of 11 years, Blum has worked previously at Darden restaurants, Consolidated Specialty restaurants, W.C. Flicks and Lockport Street Cafe. She has a married son, with two children and a third due July 4, as well as a 23-year-old son still in college.

A well-known member of the community, Blum was president of the Greater Channahon-Minooka Area Chamber of Commerce for three terms and a board member for seven years.

Assisting Blum in running Minooka Creamery are managers Arlington Hoadley and Maverick Nave.

Hoadley is a college student studying computer technology at Joliet Junior College. Currently serving as general manager for the creamery, he built the store's website and takes care of computer maintenance, as well as attending to his normal duties.

Nave is a senior at Minooka Community High School and will be attending the University of St. Francis in the fall. Nave wants to be a special needs teacher.

"We have worked hard to please even the most discerning customer by offering variety you can't get elsewhere and providing high-quality products,"



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said Blum, who noted there are changes in store at the creamery for this year.

Among them, she said, are the addition of more varieties of shake flavors and soft-serve Italian ice, as well as meal specials for lunch.

"We feature several hard pack flavors; soft-serve, fat-free Italian ice; fat-free yogurt; and strawberry soft-serve ice cream," Blum said. "We also make ice cream cakes in house, so you always know they are fresh. We use only name-brand products - names you know and trust like Sara Lee, Oreo, Hershey and more."

In addition to its menu offerings, Minooka Creamery provides cruise nights for the community, a program now in its fifth year. For information on when these events are occurring, as well as nutritional information about its menu items, check the creamery's website at www.minookacreamery.com.

"We are also on Facebook," said Blum. "This is a great way to get current information to our customers and also allows for communication with them."

You can also communicate with Minooka Creamery by calling (815) 467-9699.

The Office Bar and Grill

Just tell them you are at "The Office."

The Office Bar and Grill, located at the corner of U.S. 6 and Ridge Road, in Channahon, is open daily at 11 a.m. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., while the kitchen is open from dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. This month, the bar and grill also began offering breakfast, beginning at 6 a.m.

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The Office offers daily drink specials and daily lunch specials. Every Monday, you can enjoy \$1 domestic drafts, \$2 burgers and 50-cent wings (dine-in only). Tuesdays feature a delicious four-piece fried chicken dinner, which includes coleslaw and fries, along with 1.50 domestic bottles. You can also try a homemade chicken pot pie.

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On the weekends, Friday and Saturday, The Office offers a shuttle service from your home to the establishment, starting at 8 p.m. The shuttle will take you home when you're ready to go. Every Friday and Saturday, the DJ starts at 9:30 p.m.

If you're up for a quick bite to eat or you want to watch your favorite sports games, or just meet new people, come out to The Office any day of the week. A friendly staff and great patrons make it a fun, upbeat place to hang out.



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The cute little shop in the middle of the block, Ruby Begonia's is a boutique specializing in antiques and garden accents, women's clothing and accessories, and one-of-a-kind, unique "must haves."

Located at 114 W. Washington, Morris, Ruby Begonia's is owned by Monica Spence Vogel, although she notes that "The Ruby Girls" — Jan Hibler, Julie Gerber, Sheila Pearcy and Lorie Birch — are all instrumental in making the shop a success.

After retiring from a visual managers position for Marshall Fields, Vogel realized retail was more of a passion than a career, and knew she had to work at something she loved.

"When we opened our doors in 1999, we set out to be a downtown garden shop, with shabby and chic antiques as display props," she said. "We have changed our merchandise mix and our retail strategies numerous times over the past 14 years, adding home decor and gift merchandise."

Ruby Begonia's has seen a need for unique, boutique label and one-of-a-kind clothing... pieces not found in malls and big box stores. In 2012, the store added numerous clothing lines, specializing in small quantities to make every purchase more special. Available jewelry is often times one-of-a-kind pieces, and Ruby's is pleased to offer sterling accessories by local artisan Jane Davis.

A shop favorite is custom handbags and one-of-a-kind creations by Sassy Sparrow. This group of talented sisters hails from Forrest, Ill., and ranges in age from 10 to 20. Their handbags and totes are truly created with love, and every one is different from the next. They have just added washable tote bags that are great for beach or baby.

With 2013, Vogel has decided to return Ruby Begonia's to some of her original retail philosophies. It will be showcasing more trunk shows and meet-the-artisans events. Seminars and



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classes are being planned for the shop. Plans are to expand the garden area to include more statuary and one-of-a-kind accents, with gardening becoming more leisurely and less of a chore!

The store was recently photographed by Midwest Living Magazine, as part of the Girls Road Trip Getaway Guide, with projected publication for the Fall of 2013.

"Along with six other local businesses, showcasing great getaways for women between Morris and Princeton, Ill., we were delighted to share our charming downtown with readers from across the nation!" Vogel said.

You can always visit Ruby Begonia's at the 3 French Hens French Country Market, held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. the second Saturday of each month from May through October. As one of the organizers of this event, the store is always set-up along the I & M Canal, along with the other two French Hens. Come by and say hello!

"If you haven't stopped by Ruby Begonia's lately, we are sure you'll be delighted with what's in store for you!" said Vogel. "Or visit our webpage, www.rubybegoniastrinkets.blogspot.com or our Ruby Begonia's Facebook page."

Ruby Begonia's is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday unless it is a holiday weekend.

For more information, call (815) 941-0752.



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Dr. Canaan Shores is the newest veterinarian at Animal Care Hospital on Liberty Street in Morris.

Hospital taking on new pet projects

Dr. Shores joins staff, new medical services are offered

Dedicated to providing the Grundy County area with high-quality veterinary medicine with compassion, Animal Care Hospital made additions in 2012 aimed at fulfilling that promise.

Dr. Shores was added to the staff of the veterinary hospital in August 2012, joining owner Dr. Nicolette Polson-Meade and Dr. Tauscher. An additional certified veterinary technician, Shannon Mladucky, as also brought on board in 2012,

joining Matt Johnson, CVT.

Also during the past year, Animal Care Hospital expanded its medical services. It now offers orthopedic knee and hip procedures, and well as physical rehabilitation for recovering, injured or senior patients.

Animal Care Hospital has also



updated its website to include access to pet medical records, an online store for home delivery of pet medications, and access to valuable pet coupons.

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MSA is kicking and trying

Youth soccer program teaching game, attempting to be community involved

The Morris Soccer Association was started in the mid-1990s and has grown over the years in cooperation with the area schools to incorporate several practice venues at local grade schools.

In the early 2000s, MSA built its Pine Bluff Soccer Complex south of Morris. The facility includes area for 10 fields, parking, and concessions. Several Eagle Scout projects have improved the complex over the years.

Through the generosity of local sponsors and volunteers, MSA is able to provide coaching, officiating, and enjoyment of soccer for local youth ranging in age from 4 to 19 years of age.

Last year saw several significant changes for MSA. Seven new board members, all of whom are volunteers from various backgrounds and professions, were introduced. Members of the current board include Brian Stroup, president; Angelo Marino, vice president; Lew Berman, secretary; Matt Cowell, treasurer; and Steve Rain, Kathleen Randall, Heather

Poston, Lorie Shear, Jen Webber, and Tina Gagnon.

MSA's volunteers and board members include individuals who do not even have children in the MSA league. These members freely donate their time and resources to benefit an organization, sport, and community they care deeply about.

Also during 2012, the soccer complex and concession stand were updated, and new staff and management were introduced. Community involvement was improved by finding several new sponsors and fundraising partners.

The summer break brought a new type of 3-on-3 soccer tournament, "Beat The Heat," which was covered by the Morris Daily Herald online and in two printed articles.

MSA volunteers and players worked together to make floats for local parades, winning second place in the Lisbon Parade last fall. The Knights Of Columbus worked with MSA to run a Soccer Challenge during the fall season.



Rebecca Trusheim photo from the Morris Daily Herald files

Riley Kukman, 12, tries to keep possession of the ball and hold off a leaping defender during the Morris Soccer Association's Beat the Heat 3-on-3 Soccer Tournament last summer. Twenty teams participated in the first-ever event, which was held at the Pine Bluff Soccer Complex south of Morris.

The fall tournaments throughout October and into November brought in teams from as far away as Lowell, Ind.

This year, the mostly new board

is looking to make MSA more of a community-involved organization and not just targeted at those in the soccer league. MSA hopes to have events throughout the year

that will be open and inviting to members of the community, not just the league, to enjoy a day of fun and soccer.

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Joliet Junior College Innovation from the Ground Up

Serving Students

- **Students on Campus:** 32,089 students enrolled in credit or non-credit courses in 2012, an increase of almost 26 percent since 2008.
- **Scholarships:** Through the generous support of the JJC Foundation, students receive more than \$750,000 in scholarships annually.
- **Global Perspective:** JJC offers a study abroad program, welcoming students to Austria, Costa Rica, England, France, Ireland, Japan, Jordan and Spain. International students are also welcome at JJC, bringing a larger worldview to all students.

State-of-the-Art Facilities

- **Health Professions:** New Health Professions Center opened in Spring 2013. The 124,000-square-foot Center includes authentic environments to simulate spaces for practical training in nursing, emergency medical, fire science and more. The Center is registered LEED Gold.
- **City Center:** Broke ground on the City Center campus in downtown Joliet in early 2013. Will serve as the new home of our Culinary Arts program, Workforce Development, GED/ESL, and adult education.

- **Natural Sciences Expansion:** Opened in Fall 2012. A 37,000-square-foot addition accompanies a 23,000 square-foot renovation to expand labs and classrooms. Registered LEED Silver.
- **Fine Arts:** Renovation nearly tripled the space provided for fine arts. New areas include an Art Gallery, Black Box Theater and a recording studio with digital capabilities. JJC's music program received a Steinway grand piano, purchased entirely through a fundraising campaign.

Recognition

- **Sustainability:** JJC received an Illinois Campus Sustainability Compact award, the top honor for sustainability from the State of Illinois. The college was one of only eight institutions to earn a gold-level award.
- **Top 100:** JJC was ranked among the top 100 institutions in the U.S. that granted associate degrees in 2011. Community College Week made the designation in June 2012.
- **Distinguished Budget:** The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada presented a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to Joliet Junior College for its annual budget for the year beginning July 2011. JJC has received this award for 10 consecutive years.

Community Connection

- **Giving Back:** In May, JJC hosted its 4th Annual 5K to raise funds toward student scholarships, and collected more than \$35,000 for the fund. In April, Joliet Junior College raised more than \$30,000 in its participation in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.
- **Campus Visits:** JJC invited the community to campus for several events throughout 2012, including job fairs, family literacy night, annual College Fair and bi-annual Discover JJC events, fine arts performances, the JJC greenhouse, planetarium presentations and many more.
- **Career Exploration:** Career Services continues to assist students and community residents in finding the right career path, preparing for interviews and meeting with prospective employers.



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Morris Building & Loan

Morris Building & Loan opened its doors in 1917, as a typical savings and loan association. Despite being purchased in 2008 by Harvard Savings Bank, MBL has remained a local, community financial institution.

"We have made a strong effort to support the local community and will continue to do so in 2013," said branch manager Kim Brown, who has been employed by the bank since 1991.

For many years, MBL has been doing "Jeans Fridays." This is when the employees donate money to a local charity and, in return, get to wear jeans on Fridays.

The bank matches the money the employees donate. The employees choose which local charity they will support each month.

Morris Building & Loan has had huge successes with Holiday Troop Drives as well. During the drives, employees collect needed items and money for those serving overseas.

The bank has also teamed up with the Morris Community High School Quarterback Club, paying the boosters group for every touchdown scored at each home football game.

This is their fifth year of participation. For the



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past four years, employees have participated in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake event.

Because it cares about the community's safety, MBL will again provide a free Community Shred Day. This year's event is scheduled for June 22.

Although known for home mortgages, Morris Building and Loan also provides a wide array of other banking products and services.

Those offerings include new WOW rewards checking, interest-bearing checking accounts, tiered money market accounts, IRAs, CDs, Kids Savings Club, Travel Club, online banking and bill pay.

Morris Building & Loan is FDIC insured.

"If you haven't visited us in a while, it's time you stopped in to say hello," Brown said.

MBL is at 211 E. Jefferson St., Morris, and can be reached by telephone at (815) 942-3232.

Bailey Printing

Started by current owner Mitch Bailey's grandfather in 1948, Bailey's Printing — in 2013 — continues to be Grundy County's full-service printer.

Mitch Bailey is the third-generation owner of the family-run business, having worked there since his graduation from high school 39 years ago.

Over the years, the business moved several times before settling into its present location at 273 S. Broadway, Coal City.

"We not only provide high-quality offset printing, but have the latest and most modern digital printing equipment to meet all our customers' printing and copying needs," Bailey said.

In fact, in 2013, Bailey's Printing plans to expand in digital printing equipment in order to offer customers the most modern printing plant in Grundy County and the local area. They will also continue to work closely with customers to make their projects a success.

"Customer service is No. 1 at Bailey Printing," stressed Bailey, who can be contacted at (815) 634-2102 for additional information.

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Main Street amenities

New facility offers modern conveniences, unique opportunities

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Ottawa Pavilion, however, recently built a \$14 million facility on its open land. It also razed the old building for "Phase 2," which will be completed in March of this year. It will include 40 additional beds and a Memory Care Center for Alzheimer's and dementia patients.

A revolutionary new design concept in the new building features a replica of a downtown business district, called "Main Street," in the center of the facility.

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Main Street includes a Sports Lounge featuring HDTVs on which to watch the big game; a Wi-Fi Cafe, offering freshly brewed coffee and a change to surf the web; an Ice Cream Parlor; Beauty & Barber Shop; Gift Shop; and a Private Dining Room for



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Along with the revolutionary design concept of "Main Street," Ottawa Pavilion Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center offers state-of-the-art resources in its physical therapy room.

special family events.

Also offered to residents are buffet style meals in six personal dining rooms, three spas, private and semi-private suites, weekly wine tastings, and a variety of other activities and programs ranging from daily activities

to week excursions into the community to monthly events for friends and family.

Ottawa Pavilion is at 704 E. Glover St., Ottawa.

Call (815) 431-4900 for additional information.

Steve's Flooring & Design

Are you fed up with walking into a big box home improvement store and not being able to find any help when you need it? Or, are you frustrated and confused by looking for home improvement items or ideas on the Internet? If so, you may want to visit Steve's Flooring and Design sometime soon.

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project is big or small, you will be treated with a level of respect that every customer deserves.

Steve Meyer is owner and manager of Steve's Flooring and Design, and is proud to begin his eighth year in business. He is well known in the area for his vast knowledge and experi-

ence with flooring and cabinet design, having been in the business for over 25 years before opening his own store.

Steve's sister-in-law, Janet Meyer, is office manager extraordinaire. Cindy Lamb is an interior decorator specializing in window treatment and fabrics, as well as consulting on home projects. Judy Jones keeps all of the books in tip top shape. Dave Wells and Nick Twait round out the team by running the warehouse, assisting with computer design work, deliveries and even on the sales floor. Everyone works well together to make Steve's Flooring well known in the area as the one-stop-shop

for interior home projects and decorating.

In addition to beautiful carpets and area rugs, hardwood, laminate, tile and sheet vinyl flooring, the staff at Steve's is very excited about a newer type of flooring known as Luxury Vinyl Tile, or LVT for short.

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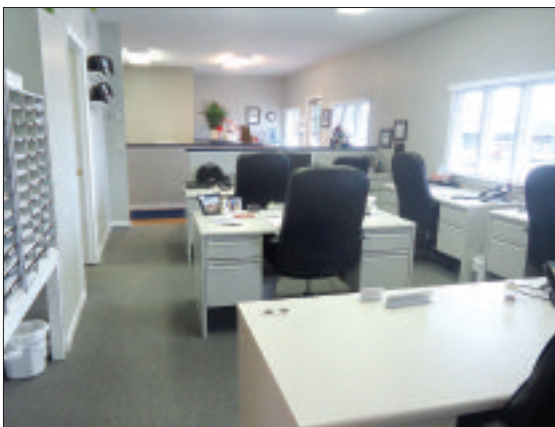


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RE/MAX Top Properties office at 101 Waverly St., Morris, provides visibility for the real estate business and easy access for its clients.

Following their own advice

Prime location spreads message of community's growth, success

RE/MAX Top Properties owners Vicki Geiger and Tana Nordaker have taken the advice they give their clients everyday by purchasing a new location at 101 Waverly St., on the corner of Illinois 47 and Waverly in Morris.

"We love the visibility and easy access for our clients," said Geiger, who serves as managing broker.

She noted the purchase of the building came about because of the current low interest rates and property values, which make this a great time to invest.

"Not only is this a prime location, but it also reinforces to both our community and its visitors that we are experiencing growth and success in Grundy County," Geiger added.

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today's economy."

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The Front Porch

Cathy Fleetwood opened The Front Porch in March 2000 with the idea of having a shop that offered quality merchandise at an affordable price.

She wanted to be sure that the shop in downtown Morris offered a variety of merchandise to satisfy a variety of tastes.

"As cliché as it is," Fleetwood said, "we wanted to strive to be that 'one-stop shop. My beliefs are the same today."

When The Front Porch opened, Fleetwood added, she knew she wanted to bring wine into the store and she did her research in order to do so. In 2003, the store became the first in Morris to ever hold a license for wine sold in a small retail establishment.

After the addition of wine, the store continued to grow, doubling in size in two years. In March 2007, it moved to its current location at 317 Liberty St., and has continued to grow and change, while remaining with the same core beliefs with which the store began.

"I'm very proud to be a part of downtown Morris. It is truly the result of many hard-working owners making Morris a beautiful destination town," Fleetwood

said.

The past year brought about some changes in merchandise carried, including some fresh new additions to the women's corner, home decor lines, gourmet foods, and wine department.

"One of my greatest honors of the year was to have Morris' own Jimmy Stafford of the band Train in the store for a wonderful meet and greet to introduce their very own wine," Fleetwood said. "Jimmy was a pure gentleman and his wines are outstanding."

She continued, "2013 will find us doing what we always do — bringing in the latest trends, searching for unique gifts, and listening always to you, our valued customer, to fulfill your wants and needs."

To find out more about the store, call The Front Porch at (815) 941-2358.

Heartland/NuWay Disposal

Heartland/NuWay Disposal is one of the few remaining independent, family-owned garbage/recycling services in the Chicagoland area.

Heartland Disposal, in 2005, merged with parent company NuWay/Homewood Disposal, which has been family-owned and operated since 1956. In 2012, the company installed a compressed natural gas fueling station at its Park Forest, Ill., location.

It is running 20 compressed natural gas trucks in the area and will continue to switch its entire fleet to CNG over the next few years.

For more information about service from Heartland/NuWay Disposal, call (815) 942-5851.

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Maria's Ristorante, Pizzeria, Banquets & Catering

Owner Ozzie Dzelil and the management and staff at Maria's Ristorante, Pizzeria, Banquets & Catering have a tremendous commitment to bring to their customers quality food at an affordable price.

"We constantly strive to change and improve in order to bring to our customers the quality they have come to expect from Maria's Ristorante & Pizzeria," Dzelil said.

Maria's, in fact, trains its staff to ensure every customer is treated with respect and that their time spent at Maria's is an enjoyable experience. Dzelil and managers Marilyn S. Yuhas and Les Peterson are open to customer suggestions for improvement and employee observations to upgrade services.

"We also added new catering options and, when requested, we send out event planner, Marilyn S. Yuhas, to the event to coordinate the food and decorating of the tables," Dzelil said. "It's our way of providing an additional service so the host can concentrate on their guests."

The beautifully decorated banquet room in the restaurant at 1591 Division St., Morris, is a facility that can serve 35 to 100 people. Maria's has been able to provide the room for business meetings, wedding receptions, and rehearsal dinners, pizza parties and many types of celebrations. The restaurant has even added a breakfast buffet that is perfect for morning



business meetings.

"We have several package deals and will also custom plan your menu," Yuhas said. "Call and talk to me, and I will help plan any event to ensure your complete satisfaction."

Maria's, which has added gluten free pasta and pizza, was voted to have the best pizza in Grundy County. It has also added specialty pizzas, such as the Chicago Deep Dish and Mediterranean, along with Margherita and Chicken Ranch, to name a few.

Chefs at Maria's prepare meals with the freshest of ingredients and prepare nightly specials for the dining pleasure of guests. The generous portions are another reason Maria's Ristorante and Pizzeria is the place to dine.

"We pride ourselves in our commitment to you," Dzelil said.

"We will always do our very best to make sure your dining experience is both memorable and a truly enjoyable experience."

For more information about Maria's, check out the restaurant's website at mariasristorante.net or call (815) 942-3351.



Staff members include, from left to right: Robin Cirrencione, Debbie Plese, Kenna Baskerville, Violette Baskerville, Greg Reeves, Sheila Allen, Matt Baskerville, Tony Boyd, Don Jensen, Karen Reeves, Leo Reeves, Dick Christensen, Ray Baskerville, Ellen Peredetto, Scott Kuriger, Jane Kennedy and Roger Freitag (seated).

Baskerville, funeral homes net top honor

Affiliated facilities provide classic care, variety of new forms of remembrance

Reeves Funeral Home Earns Highest Honor for 5th Consecutive Year

Once again in 2012, for its fifth consecutive year, the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) honored Matthew Baskerville of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. of Morris, Coal City, and Gardner, with its most prestigious recognition, the Pursuit of Excellence Award.

This prestigious recognition, which is the highest commendation in funeral service internationally, was also bestowed for the second time to Freitag-Reeves and Baskerville Funeral Home in Wilmington. Only 147 firms in the world earned this award, placing these funeral homes among the top 2 percent of funeral service providers in the world.

To earn this award, Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd and Freitag-Reeves & Baskerville individually had to demonstrate a commitment to providing exceptional service to grieving families and giving back to their community through unique outreach programs, while adhering to the highest ethical and professional standards.

"We are thrilled to be among an elite group of funeral service professionals, and are two firms out of five in the state of Illinois to receive this award. We are very proud to be a progressive and innovative leader in funeral and cremation services," Baskerville said.

"Locally, we are remind-

ed everyday how grateful family members are for the compassion and care they receive from us at their most difficult times.

This too, is wonderful being recognized by our peers internationally. We pledge to continue to operate and dedicate ourselves to only the highest ethical standards while

providing meaningful, first-class service to each family.

Also in 2012, Matthew Baskerville earned his Certified Funeral Service Practitioner (CFSP) designation from the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice.

To earn this distinction, a funeral professional must meet certification requirements related to funeral service in four well-rounded categories: Academic, Professional, Public Education and Service, and Career Review.

This special designation distinguishes those who offer more than what is expected of them.

When you see the CFSP credential next to a name, you know right away that you are working with a highly self-motivated person with a driven desire to learn, grow and achieve. Baskerville is the only funeral director in the county and it's surrounding communities to earn this designation.

Additionally in 2012, Tony Boyd was designated as a Certified Crematory Operator (CCO), as well as a Certified Prearrangement

Consultant (CPC), joining Violette Baskerville, designated in CPC 2011 by the National Funeral Director's Association.

Only a select few have distinguished themselves among their peers within the funeral service profession as they continue their education to exceed the highest standards of care. These designations are notable because Matt, Violette and Tony have voluntarily elected to participate in quality educational and service opportunities that far surpass what the funeral service standards require. They are committed to a program of lifelong learning to serve our communities with only the highest level of expertise.

In October of 2012, Matt Baskerville attended the National Funeral Directors Association International Convention and Expo, which was held in Charlotte, N.C. This included more than 14 hours of continuing education seminars in funeral service, as well as introduced hundred's of new funeral service products, services and resources. It also provided for networking among funeral directors across the country and the world.

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Ortiz Eye Associates and Hearing Center

From the moment you awake in the morning until you sleep at night, your vision and hearing are involved in everything you do. Ninety-five percent of what we experience in the world is channeled through vision and hearing. In adults age 40-60, symptoms of many eye diseases may begin to emerge.

Ortiz Eye Associates has a nearly 50 year history of providing legendary patient service and cutting edge eye care to families in the Grundy County area. Doctors Tim Ortiz and Angelo Marino are now seeing 4th and 5th generations of families who continue to trust Ortiz Eye and Hearing Associates with their eye and hearing health care.

Ortiz Eye Associates was founded in 1964 in a tiny 900 sq. ft. building by Philip A. Ortiz, O.D. Since that time, the practice has gone through 3 major building renovations and now totals 9,000 sq. ft. There have been many other additions, including Timothy P. Ortiz, O.D. in 1991, Angelo Marino, O.D. in 1995 and audiologist, Steve Gannaway in 2007.

"The roots of Ortiz Eye Associates go deeper than that," says Dr. Tim Ortiz. My grandfather, Jerome Horna, O.D., practiced optometry in Sandwich, Illinois, for over 50 years.

"So the Ortiz tradition of eye care actually started when Dr. Horna graduated from optometry school in 1935." Ortiz Eye Associates' guide philosophy for the past 49 years has been to care for patients as if they were family members.

Dr. Timothy Ortiz joined the practice in 1991 after training in Portland, Oregon and enjoyed comprehensive optometry with a special interest in diabetic and retinal care. Dr. Angelo Marino joined the practice in 1995 and is an expert in comprehensive and pediatric eye care. Both Dr. Tim Ortiz and Dr. Angelo Marino are on staff at Morris Hospital, which is a distinction shared by less than 10% of optometrists nationwide.

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Crossroads Counseling Services

Crossroads Counseling Services, LLC — a private practice licensed by the state of Illinois to offer individual, couples, family and group counseling services in the areas of mental health and substance abuse — specializes in providing direction for clients at a crossroads in their lives.

Crossroads is owned and operated by Angela Solis, a licensed clinical professional counselor and certified alcohol and drug counselor, and Dr. Jeanne Decker, a licensed clinical psychologist.

"Crossroads is committed to presenting the highest level of quality care and professional services," says co-owner and counselor Angela Solis. "Our practice is also dedicated to preserving client rights, dignity and patient confidentiality."

Crossroads Medical Director is Dr. Mark A. McVay, a licensed physician who is certified in addiction medicine.

"Our mission is to build resilience and support recovery to a state of well-being for individuals," Dr. McVay said. "Toward that end, clients will experience a reduction of symptomatic behavior, and enjoy the benefits of improved levels of functioning, improved relationships, and overall restored balance in their lives."

Crossroads has three office locations in Grundy and La Salle counties. They include 649 W. Mondamin St., Minooka (which opened in April, 2007); 1802 N. Division St., Suite 604, Morris (opened in October 2008); and 601 W. Norris Dr., Suite B, Ottawa (May, 2010).

Convenient day, evening or weekend appointments can be obtained for any Crossroads office location by calling (815) 941-3882.

Crossroads' team of 18 addictionologists, psychologists, social workers, licensed clinical professional counselors, substance abuse counselors and licensed massage therapists offer comprehensive treatment for children, adolescents and adults.

"We use evidence-based therapies which have been proven effective in helping our clients reach individual goals and personal wellness," says co-owner and psychologist, Dr. Jeanne Decker.

According to Crossroads owners, psychotherapy (counseling) is intended to help people cope with everyday mental health issues and can be used to help those suffering from deep psychological pain.

In addition, psychotherapy may help a person:

- Make well-informed decisions on careers, relationships and other major



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life choices.

- Manage stressful situations of life transition.
- Recover from the loss of a loved one or a significant relationship.
- Overcome feelings of anxiety and depression.
- Make better use of natural abilities.
- Gain greater freedom in making decisions and working through stressful situations.

"Frequently, clients find their nervousness subsides during the initial session when they find the therapist treats their concerns with respect, seriousness and compassion," says Decker.

"Our goal here is to help people restore balance in their lives."

Crossroads' current treatment program roster include All Ages Therapy, Couples and Marital Counseling, Group Therapy, Family Counseling, Licensed Massage Therapy, Divorce Mediation, Children First Divorced Parenting Education Program, Bariatric Evaluations, and Medication Management.

"Helping people live happier, healthier lives is our goal," Decker said.

Crossroads substance abuse programs include DASA-approved DUI Services, Substance Abuse Treatment, Outpatient Opiate Detox (Suboxone) Services and Anger Management.

"Our substance abuse services include a comprehensive bio-psycho-social evaluation to determine the level of involvement with legal and/or illegal drugs or medications," Solis said. "We can offer early intervention education, and skills development, even if drug or alcohol use is only suspected or minimally impacting an individual of any age."

Crossroads expanded its Minooka office treatment services in 2012 with the addition of Richelle Peterson, LMT, NCBT, a licensed massage therapist who is nationally certified in therapeutic massage. Peterson, a graduate of Cortiva School of Massage Therapy, specializes in sports massage, therapeutic deep tissue massage, Myofascial Release Therapy, Trigger Point Therapy and Craniosacral Therapy.

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TNT Dance Company members dressed for their Katy Perry Production pose backstage at Joliet Junior College's auditorium at this year's Company Showcase.

Exploding onto the scene

Dancers perform frequently, make noise at competitions during latest season

TNT Dance Studio has been serving the Morris area since 1977. Formerly Carolyn's Toe & Tap (under director Carolyn Fabian), the studio is now owned and directed by Cindy Olznoi.

The studio offers a complete program of dance education beginning with preschool classes and progressing through the advanced level. TNT offers training in ballet, pointe, jazz, tap, acrobatics, lyrical/contemporary and hip hop.

The faculty includes Olznoi, who began dancing at the age of 4 at Kelly's School of Dance in Joliet (now BDA). She continued to dance there throughout high school, as well as taking classes at River North Dance Studio in Chicago. She teaches ballet/pointe and jazz.

The acrobatic instructor is Ashley Tondini. Ashley studied dance and acrobatics at Carolyn's Toe & Tap. She was an assistant teacher under Carolyn and eventually began teaching her own classes. Her style of acrobatics includes flexibility and control tricks.

Laura LaPoint graduated from SIUE with a bachelor's degree in theater and dance, with a dance emphasis. Laura teaches lyrical/contemporary and jazz.

Taylor Andjeski trained under Carolyn and Cindy and now teaches jazz at the studio. Taylor recently auditioned for and became a member of The Chicago

Steam Dance Team and will be traveling to China to perform this spring.

The newest faculty member is Alex Ader. Alex came to TNT when she was 14 and continued to dance and compete with TNT through high school. She then went to Columbia College to study dance. She is now a member of the Chicago Hip Hop Connection Dance Company. She teaches hip hop at TNT.

The TNT Dancers have been busy with many community performances this season.

In September the dancers performed four times in the Grundy County Corn Festival. They danced in the Talent Show, Spotlight On Dance, out in front of the studio, as well as the parade.

December began with a performance at Coal City's Festival of Trees. A week later, the dancers visited the Park Pointe Nursing Home to perform for its residents. Also in December, the senior dancers were invited to perform in the First Christian Church's Christmas musical.

This was the studio's sixth year being invited to perform in the show. Performing this year were Brooke Bardash, Emily Burich, Mary Bush, Madeline Funk, Blair Thompson, Kaitlin Verchimak and Kayla Zelko.

The TNT Dance Company was formed in the early 1990s by Cindy Olznoi. It is a hand-

picked group of dancers who travel and compete in dance.

The company's first performance this year was on Jan. 26, when they teamed up with BDA's Company for a dance showcase at JJC. This was a fundraiser for both companies. It included performances of all their new competition routines as well as raffles and door prizes.

The company's competition season was to kick off this month in Davenport, Iowa, with the Platinum Dance Competition. They will continue to compete monthly until June when

they will attend Platinum Nationals in Myrtle Beach.

This year's company members are Jenna Baker, Brooke Bardash, Kenna Borton, Emily Burich, Mary Bush, Alaina Coop, Alexa Edwards, Sunshine Farmer, Abbi Fritchnitch, Isabelle Hess, Chloe Jany, Emily Lindenborn, Madeline Luke, Morgan Mettelle, Mariah McPherson, Maisie Olznoi, Jacinda Smith, Jenika Smith, Blair Thompson, Kaitlin Verchimak, Sarah Virgo and Kiara Wesshe.

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TNT

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The senior tap company won first place small group at Platinum Dance Competition last February for the second year in a row. Blair Thompson received a scholarship to Millenium Dance in Los Angeles. Kayla Zelko, Jacinda Smith and Isabelle Hess received a scholarship to DanceRogue in Detroit, where they had a wonderful weekend full of inspiring classes.

TNT mini company won first overall group at Talent On Parade Competition.

Receiving scholarships there were Mary Bush, Blair Thompson and Kaitlin Verchimak. Maiese Olznoi traveled to Wichita, Kan., where she modeled for and is in the costume catalog for Pumpers Dancewear. Brooke Bardash and Maiese modeled for Pumpers at the UDMA show in Chicago this fall.

The TNT Dancers will again perform in the Easter Seals Telethon to be held this April.

All dancers and faculty are busy preparing for this year's annual dance recital to be held this June.

Crossroads

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Peterson is also highly experienced in providing therapeutic massage therapy for clients with ADD/ADHD and autism.

"Through touch we can heal and be healed," Peterson said. "I'm passionate about building a partnership for better health with my clients by educating and empowering them to take control of their health and well-being. I'm focused on finding the root causes of clients' pain so I'm able to help bring the body and mind into balance."

Crossroads demonstrated its dedication to community service by hosting its first-ever "Race Away The Stigma" Inaugural 5K Run/Walk on May 5, 2012.

In honor of May being Mental Health Awareness Month, funds raised from the event were donated to help serve those in the community with mental health needs.

The 2nd annual "Race Away The Stigma" 5K Run/Walk is scheduled for Saturday, May 4.

"Mental health still has so much stigma attached to it," Solis said. "Nobody wants to step up and say, 'I'm struggling with depression, or bipolar, or any other kind of disorder.' There's a lot of judgment placed on that. The idea for the Race Away The

Stigma 5K Run/Walk is to combat that shame, encourage people to seek help if they need it, and to assist those that may not be able to afford the mental health services they need."

Crossroads works closely with area schools and the juvenile criminal justice system. It also accepts most private insurance, as well as Medicare, cash and credit/debit cards.

Crossroads staff currently consists of:

Owners: Angela C. Solis, LCPC, CADC, Jeanne M. Decker, Psy.D. Medical Director: Mark A. McVay, DO.

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Therapists: Donna M. Cassella-Johnson, Mary C. Karalis, Kristie L. Polk, Carrie A. Skubic and Linda C. Weyer.

Licensed Massage Therapist: Michelle Peterson.

Tammy Partridge is the marketing specialist.

Office hours can be conveniently scheduled, and are available days, evenings and weekends by calling (815) 941-3882.

Additional information is available at www.Crossroads-Helps.com.

Ortiz

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In 1995 the Ortiz Hearing Center was established after Dr. Philip Ortiz felt it was a natural fit between vision and hearing care. Today, Steve Gannaway is the guiding force for our patients.

With nearly 40 years experience in the hearing field, Steve is a licensed audiologist which allows him to provide the highest standards of medical hearing care.

Ortiz Eye Associates provides the most thorough eye exam a patient could ever receive. Doctors Tim Ortiz and Angelo Marino understand how important a lifetime of eye care is to patients. In school age children it is important for their academic success. In the working years, it is important to maintain good eye health to avoid work-related stress with computers and other technology in the workplace.

Eye diseases can develop without any symptoms at all. It is crucial for adults with no symptoms to receive a baseline eye examination at age 40. In older adults, eye disease affects virtually everyone and expert medical and surgical eye care is needed.

Ortiz Eye Associates utilizes the Epic automated refractive system which insures the most accurate spectacle prescriptions possible. The Optomap Retinal Imaging system provides a 270 degree field of view of the retina for the most thorough retinal exam possible. The Optovue OCT scans the retina with MRI-like precision and allows for diagnosis and treatment of severe retinal diseases such as diabetic retinopathy and macular degeneration.

Ortiz Eye & Hearing Associates' front desk, optical dispensing lab and contact lens departments consist of trained professionals who are known for their courtesy and helpfulness. They are here to assist you with insurance questions and guidance in other areas. Ortiz Eye Associates are providers with Medicare and Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

All frames and lenses are warranted and a variety of package pricing options are available. Many of the lenses are molded on site for improved accuracy and efficiency. Only the industry's leading brands of contact lenses are used, such as Ciba and CooperVision.

"Our guiding philosophy for the past 49 years has been to treat our patients as if they were our family," says Dr. Tim Ortiz. When a problem develops with your eyes or hearing, most of your life will be affected in one way or another. It pays to take care of your vision and hearing."

"A yearly dilated eye exam is very important," says Dr. Tim Ortiz. "In so many cases, eye disease can be detected before the symptoms begin."



Rebecca Trusheim photo from Morris Daily Herald file

Luke Eisha, 10, of Peotone, dribbles during the Beat the Heat 3-on-3 Soccer Tournament. Feedback from the 2012 event will be used by the Morris Soccer Association to make this summer's event even better.

MSA

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The mission of MSA is to provide a means for the youth of the community, regardless of their background, the opportunity to stay active, build new relationships, learn a sport and, be a part of a team.

MSA is re-introducing the Under 6 program for very young players to the spring season, as well as lowering the participation age for that division. The feedback from the first "Beat the Heat" tournament will be used to make this summer's event even better.

MSA is partnering with the Chicago Fire (Major League Soccer) team to develop and put on camps and clinics for the benefit of Morris and surrounding communities. MSA is still holding its own training this spring for referees and coaches, as well as soccer clinics for beginners. The association is also continuing to host summer soccer camps run by Challenger British Soccer Camps.

Plans are to set up more alternatives for those wishing to improve their soccer skills and knowledge in the off season, as well.

Steve's

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Steve's Flooring has completed many kitchen and bath remodels in Morris and the surrounding areas. The store carries five lines of cabinetry and has an extensive line of cabinet hardware on display. They also carry many lines and varieties of countertops, plumbing fixtures and lighting. Contractors are available through the store to carry out remodeling projects.

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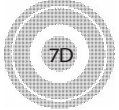
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Morris Downtown Development Partnership

On Aug. 26, 2012, Morris Downtown Development Partnership Executive Director Julie Applegate and Board President Cheryl Tesdal had the pleasure of presenting more than \$5,000 to 10 local volunteer groups for their work at the 2012 Gus Macker 3-on-3 basketball tournament. The check presentations brought the 10-year total of contributions given to community organizations to \$97,370.

In light of the success the tournament has enjoyed over the past decade, the MDDP board voted unanimously to bring the 11th annual Gus Macker 3-on-3 basketball tournament back on June 1 and 2, 2013. The local organizing committee is planning to capitalize on what has worked well for the tournament over the past 10 years and hopes to attract even more local players of all ages this year.

Also returning to downtown Morris for another year will be "Liberty Days." This celebration of America's Independence will be June 27 through June 29 in 2013. Activities planned include a trolley tour of the downtown Morris Historic District and homes, an antique auto show, pet parade, concerts, children's activities, a crackerbox derby, food and other new and exciting activities.

The MDDP has been working with the Grundy County Farm Bureau Foundation to bring back the Liberty 5K Run/Walk to downtown Morris. This year's run will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 3.

With support from the City of Morris, the MDDP and Grundy County Farm Bureau Foundation "Run 4 Morris" was introduced in 2012. Those who participated in four of Morris's 5Ks received a Run 4 Morris sweatshirt and were eligible for prizes. The MDDP and Farm Bureau hope to bring the program back in 2013.

Home for the Holidays will return to downtown Morris the weekend of November 29-30. This festive holiday event serves as the official beginning of the holiday season in Downtown Morris. The committee is actively making plans for this year's events, including its signature Holiday Housewalk. Proceeds from the committee's housewalk are redirected into the community through donations to Grundy Community Volunteer Hospice, scholarships at Morris Community

High School, and an annual downtown Morris beautification project.

Community members interested in being involved in any of the events or activities of the Morris Downtown Development Partnership, Inc. are encouraged to call the office at (815) 941-0245 or e-mail mddp@downtown-morris.com.

Organized in 1994, the MDDP has strived to improve downtown Morris on many levels. Under the direction of a study conducted in 1995 by the consulting firm of Hyett/Palma, the organization identified the areas that needed to be worked on and formed the following committees to address these concerns: Physical Improvements & Parking, Marketing & Events, Historical Preservation, and an Executive Committee, which oversees the long-term planning for the organization.

Since 1995, MDDP has been integral in the following improvements: street scape, physical improvements to buildings, beautification projects and way finding signs for the downtown district.

The MDDP offers a facade improvement program for downtown businesses that are considering remodeling their storefronts. Assistance for architectural consulting services that would provide sketches of proposed changes is available to members.

Downtown maps and brochures are available at the MDDP office, 105 E. Main Street, Suite 201, Morris, and at other locations in Morris and the surrounding area. The MDDP also serves as a resource for downtown merchants to purchase the dark green Nostalgic Downtown Morris shopping bags. The MDDP works with tour groups to coordinate activities while visiting downtown Morris.

The current board of the MDDP consists of 20 members, including Nancy Ammer, Steve Barr, Jim Baum, Kristi Bennington, Lonnie Booker, Scott Breslar, Ken Goodwin, Mike Harrington, Julian Houston, Theresa Lamb, Donna Matteson, Kevin Olson, Caroline Portlock, John and Mary Beth, Steve Shay, Cheryl Tesdal, Bob Wall and Kyla Waltermire. The officers currently are Cheryl Tesdal, president; Steve Barr, vice president; and Jim Baum, secretary/treasurer. Julie Applegate serves as executive director.

Reeves

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It was at the convention and during the All-Star Recognition Reception, that Matt Baskerville was presented with the Pursuit of Excellence Eagle Awards for both Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. and Freitag-Reeves & Baskerville.

Reeves Funeral Home in Coal City is the oldest business in the community—originating in 1924, when it was established by Wilfred and Anna Reeves.

Since then, the Reeves family of funeral homes has continued to be innovative and offer more options to families than one might expect from a funeral home or life celebration provider.

Reeves' specialty services, such as Journey of Remembrance Video Tributes and Memorial Websites, as well as web-casting, have set a standard in funeral and memorial services locally. It also provides offerings of unique memorial products such as Thumbies®, which is keepsake jewelry that captures the finger prints of loved ones; Life Gems®, which are diamonds created individually from a loved one's unique carbon source; and Life Journey Celebration Stationary products, which are truly personal and customized keepsakes to honor each individual exclusively.

Reeves and Freitag-Reeves and Baskerville also have become the only local authorized representative of Tribute Scan™, which is a service that allows families to extend a loved one's tribute into an interactive website, through use of a QR (Quick Response) Code, as well as an NFC (Near Field Communication) Chip. This is the newest and most innovative technology, currently available to be integrated with memorial printing and cemetery memorials, among many other distinctive memorial and keepsake products.

Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. and Freitag-Reeves & Baskerville's Facebook page has continued to grow. It was created to provide inspirational thoughts and sentiments, as well as inform those individuals who choose to "Like" the page of the funeral homes' involvement with the communities they serve, as well as events on-going.

"It is our desire to not only provide the services that we have established our reputation on over the past eight decades, but grow as resource centers available to each of our communi-

ties," Baskerville said.

"Our entire family of staff understands relationships and grief. They possess years of experience, skill, and knowledge to compassionately help survivors through the many areas of decision that occur at a time of loss, and can sensibly guide individuals at a time of pre-planning needs, as well.

A funeral is a significant life event that requires responsible planning, much like a birth, wedding, graduation, anniversary or retirement. Many individuals command their best planning effort to ensure success for such an event. Often times, however, one may neglect planning for a funeral or end of life celebration. And, the consequences can be devastating to those left behind.

Reeves offers pre-planning options for every individual and budget and can meet in your home or theirs, seven days a week, with no obligation. The funeral homes are the only local funeral service providers in the area that have their own pre-arrangement staff - with the National Funeral Directors Association designation of being Certified Prearrangement Consultants (CPC). Matt and Violette Baskerville are also both Licensed Life Insurance Producers by the state of Illinois Department of Insurance. With such a license, they can offer more choices and options for families who wish to make pre-arranged, prepaid funeral plans with one of the funeral homes.

"It is our mission, passion and purpose, to provide a personal, meaningful, and healing funeral or memorial experience for every family," Matt Baskerville said. "We strive to be innovative, progressive, and proactive in designing a tribute to a life lived, and to accomplish this within the framework of one's individual faith, traditions, and customs. "But the caring doesn't stop there — our services do not conclude at the completion of the funeral service. We offer Grief Support Services, Aftercare, Care Notes and Memory Tree Living Memorials, as well as 24 hour support from our

own full-time funeral home family."

All of the locations are overseen and directed by Matthew R. Baskerville, CFSP, CPC, CFC, a graduate of Wilmington High School, who attended Joliet Junior College and earned his diploma from Wortham College of Mortuary Science. He continued his education at Northwestern University and National Louis University in Evanston for his under graduate degree in Behavioral Science. He has been associated in assisting the Reeves family since the age of 12.

After college, Matt completed his apprenticeship and funeral directed on the North Shore of Chicago prior to returning to his home area in 1999. Matt is assisted and mentored by funeral directors Leo Reeves and Roger Freitag, who also are both graduates of Wortham College of Mortuary Science. Leo and Roger, along with Matt, carry nearly 100 years of combined experience in funeral service.

In September of 2012, Tony Boyd joined the funeral home family after graduating at the top of his class at Wortham College of Mortuary Science.

Tony is currently serving as a licensed funeral director and embalmer apprentice.

The funeral homes rely on a great support staff, which includes full time business manager and family service coordinator Violette Baskerville, CPC, CFC, who is also an on-staff Certified Funeral Celebrant, as well as Sheila Allen, full-time office administrator and family service coordinator.

Those attending visitations and services at the funeral homes are greeted by visitation and funeral assistants Richard "Doc" Christensen, Robin Cirrone, Scott Kuriger, Gregory Reeves, Debbie Plese and Jane Kennedy. Grounds and facilities are meticulously maintained by Ellen Peredetto, Ray Baskerville and Don Jensen.

Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. and Freitag-Reeves & Baskerville Funeral Home, remain committed to the local community at each

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In several of the communities they serve, funeral homes in the Reeves family are the only full time, fully staffed funeral service provider.

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Reeves Funeral Home, 408 E. Washington St., Morris, was established by Jim and Sylvia Reeves in 1957, as a branch location of Reeves Funeral Home in Coal City.

Reeves Funeral Home in Coal City, 75 N. Broadway, Coal City, is the oldest business in the community — originating in 1924 when established by Wilfred and Anna Reeves.

Reeves Funeral Home in Gardner, 203 Liberty st., Gardner, which was reopened in 2007 after a complete renovation, dates back to the mid 1880s, when the furniture store and undertaking services were begun by the Hansen family of Gardner.

Freitag-Reeves & Baskerville Funeral Home, located at 700 E. Kahler Road, Wilmington, is the newest acquisition of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd., of Coal City, Gardner and Morris. It dates back to 1924, when it was established by Mr. Adelman.

Through the years, it changed hands under the direction of Bud DesRocher and then Roger Freitag. Today, the funeral home maintains the longest established history of funeral service in Wilmington.

The websites serving the funeral homes are www.ReevesFuneral.com and www.FRBfuneral.com.

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While 90 minutes or less is the recommended door-to-balloon time, the average at Morris Hospital is 57 minutes. Prior to Dec. 19, the hospital's record was 23 minutes.

Going hand in hand with this achievement was one of the highlights of the past year — the completion of a \$1.2 million replacement cardiac cath lab to assure continued excellence for patients needing angioplasty and stents, pacemakers, defibrillators, angiography and interventional radiology procedures.

Nearly \$500,000 of the project was funded with community support via the Morris Hospital Auxiliary and Foundation.

Morris Hospital also began offering breast MRI and MRI-guided breast biopsies in 2012, and obtained its own stereotactic breast biopsy technology. A Medication Dispensing Program was introduced to assist individuals with complicated medication schedules, along with a new Pulmonary Rehabilitation program aimed at improving the well-being and

overall quality of life for people with chronic breathing problems.

In 2012, Morris Hospital received national recognition for outstanding patient safety by being named on Consumer Reports Top 10 list for patient safety and by receiving an "A" rating on Leapfrog Group's Hospital Safety Score report.

Early in 2013, Morris Hospital will have three CT scanners for the first time, with locations at the hospital in Morris and the Ridge Road Campus in Channahon.

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and Jackson streets in downtown Morris, less than one mile from the present day hospital.

By 1910, the new Morris Hospital opened at the site of Wauponsee and High Streets, where it continues to this day under the leadership of President and CEO Mark Steadham.

Dr. Douglas Toussaint is the president of the Morris Hospital Medical Staff for the 2012-2013 term. He is a board certified obstetrician/gynecologist who has been on the medical staff since 1995.

Dr. Toussaint says he is very happy to practice at Morris Hospital, where he has the support of outstanding physician colleagues on the Morris Hospital medical staff and access to advanced medical services for his obstetrical and gynecological patients, including a Level II perinatal care unit for premature babies born as young as 32 weeks; 24 hour anesthesia services so his patients can count on having pain relief any time of day or night; board certified pediatricians who care for the babies he delivers; and outstanding one-on-one nursing care for his patients during labor.

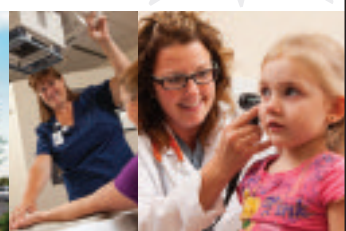
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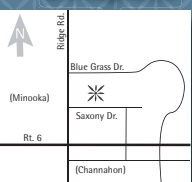


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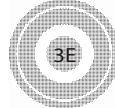


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Chapin's Restaurant

Chapin's Restaurant in quaint downtown Morris opened on Nov. 1, 2004, and has continued to operate with the vision of "high-quality food, great service, and a warm home-like atmosphere."

Owners Dianne and Scott Breslar make every effort to purchase produce, meat and poultry from local producers. The restaurant's wine list is always kept interesting and fresh. Draft beers have been added this year to round out a large beer inventory.

Lots of special things are going on in the food department at Chapin's as well. Tuesday nights are "Fried Chicken" nights, when great fried chicken is offered with great family pricing.

A southern-style Shrimp Boil is offered every Thursday night. It is fabulous, a great value, and customers who come from New Orleans tell the Breslars it takes them "back home" when they are here.

Chapin's also offers great wine and liquor specials throughout the week. Take a look at the website www.chapinrestaurant.us for more information.

The restaurant is also proud to host Rotary the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m., and Kiwanis every Wednesday at noon.

The vision that is obvious at Chapin's Restaurant also expands to its other two locations.

"The Pub" & Chapin's North for Banquets, located at the Quality Inn Hotel on Gore Road, Morris, serves dinner Monday through Saturday.

Chapin's East, Banquets & Catering, along with the attached The Twin Rail Pub, is a lovely banquet facility located on Twin Rail Drive in Minooka. The "Pub Lounge" serves lunch & dinner Tuesday through Saturday.

Both banquet facilities offer high-quality banquet options and both pubs offer high-end "pub grub" for casual dining. Approximately 200 guests can be seated at the Chapin's North location, while approximately 450 can be accommodated at the Chapin's East location.

Music and entertainment are provided at all three locations, as are a variety of special options, such as themed par-

ties, special fundraising events for local charities and organizations, and holiday events.

In 2012, Chapin's three locations enjoyed such events as:

- Christmas Concert at Chapin's with Tony Kidonakis. Two seatings... lots of fun.
- Dueling Pianos featuring Tony Kidonakis and Tony DeBois (a musical savant) to raise funds for Special Connections, coordinated by Jen Price.
- Special wine dinners and wine tastings.
- Grundy County Corn Festival entertainment each night on the patio.
- The "House Band" Acoustic Avenue at Chapin's each Wednesday evening.

• Various talented artists every Friday night at Chapin's.

• Entertainment every Saturday at both "The Pub" (Morris) and The Twin Rail Pub (Minooka) featuring Patrick (Katfish) Boulanger.

• Mall in the Hall with over 250 attendees, featuring local retailers to provide one-stop shopping before Christmas. The Breslars intend to offer this quarterly at Chapin's East.

• Mother's Day and Easter Brunches at Chapin's.

Added to these types of special events will be some theater events during the first quarter of 2013. The Breslars intend to offer "some exciting productions."

Watch Chapin's website and like their Facebook page for information on everything that is happening each week.

Special events, parties, banquets, weddings, funeral luncheons, showers, christenings can be booked at all three locations by calling Chapin's Restaurant, Morris, at (815) 942-0900; Chapin's North & "The Pub," Morris, at (815) 942-4200; or Chapin's East & Twin Rail Pub, Minooka, at (815) 942-4000 or (815) 735-9250. Chapin's tailors parties to fit your needs... not the other way around!

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A group of dancers from Pam's Academy of Dance poses for a photo at the dance studio.

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Celebrating a milestone

Twenty years later,
focus remains on
students, community

Pam's Academy of Dance is now an official Angelina Ballerina Dance Academy!

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"In this economy, we need to be very selective when choosing our children's music activities," said Pam Simpson, owner/director of Pam's Academy of Dance. "We need quality!"

"I have traveled all over the country this year researching a dozen preschool music programs, observing classes, reading curriculums (if one was available) and testing the learning materials. Without question, Music Fun Time is the most structured, engaging and educational... and the kids had the most fun in this class!"

"This STRUCTURED small group class (not to exceed 6 students) is truly amazing! This is not a play group, but an actual class with a thoroughly tested curriculum specifically for the young child," Simpson added.

Simpson, who received her bachelor's degree from Illinois State University, enjoys working with students of all ages. She enjoys being part of the community and volunteers for several local organizations.

Each year, Pam Simpson works hard to give back to her community in several ways. This year she, along with the academy, adopted three families at Christmas time. One family was through We Care.

Additionally, PAD hosted World Hula Hoop Day at the studio in December, on 12-12-12, and donated \$12 for every child that hooped 12 minutes to the World Hula Hoop fund, which supports underprivileged kids, camps, schools and orphanages. They also held the Gift Mart drive at the studio for the community Christian Church Gift Mart in December. They collected more than 75 gifts that were donated to the drive.

At Easter time, Pam's Academy of Dance, also did an Easter Basket drive that brought in several items. This October, it also offered free photos during the downtown Trick-Or-Treat event at the studio for anyone that was downtown in costume.

Hundreds of families, despite the rain, came to have their photo taken in the photo booth that we had at the academy, which was donated by All Occasion Photo Booth and Video of Morris.

One of the biggest ways Pam's has given back to the community is its Corn Dog Stand. All of the proceeds from the corn dog stand benefit the dance company Forte.

This is something that is near and dear to Pam's heart, as well as to her father Jewel Buttry, who along with Pam's husband, Jeff Simpson, manages the corn dog stand. This was something that Pam and her dad came up with over 18 years ago to help families afford to send their kids to competition and on performance trips.

They saw the need to help raise money for families so that the kids

could afford to experience these opportunities and have been doing it ever since.

Pam is also a board member of Jorstop Chicago, where she volunteers her time and talents to help support this tap company, as well as raise awareness of tap dance.

She has received many awards over the years for her choreography, but it is her love for dance and her students that are her motivation.

Pam's Academy of Dance opened in 1993 in a one-room studio on Liberty Street, in downtown Morris and has grown into the largest studio in the area with two locations and five dance rooms. Over the years, the academy has increased in enrollment,

staff and in class offerings to help better serve the community.

PAD is celebrating its 20th season this year.

"We are very proud to have been part of this community for 20 years," Simpson said. "We have several fun activities planned for our students and families to celebrate this milestone."

"Our year-end recital will be one of our biggest celebrations. The recital is held at the Rialto Square Theatre in Joliet. The academy has had the annual recital at the Rialto for 20 years. This historic theater is the perfect setting for a dance recital. The parents are able to watch in style in this 2,000-seat, air-conditioned theatre, while the children are able to perform on a stage that thousands of stars have performed on. This theatre is rich in history and beauty and makes everyone's evening even more special."

With studios at 719 Liberty St., Morris, and 24805 S. Tryon St., Channahon, Pam's Academy of Dance offers classes for all ages and levels, from age 18 months through adult. Pam's offers classes for the beginner and takes special attention to make sure that everyone's experience is special.

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Quality Home Health, which is working to expand its service area, is also working in collaboration with Morris Hospital to reduce hospitalizations by having a representative serve on the Post Acute Care Team.

Fritz Luz is president of the agency, with Debra Triolo acting as its vice president of operations. During 2012, Quality Home Health was identified as a "Top Patient Satisfaction Provider." It is among the top 20 percent of home-care agencies that continually provide the highest level of satisfaction from a patient's point of view.

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PAD also offers an online customer portal for its clients. They are able to see their accounts 24 hours a day online. This center lists their class schedules, notes from the office, as well as provides a full transaction screen so parents are aware of all of their transactions.

"We also pride ourselves in being upfront and forthcoming with all of our information to our families. There are no hidden fees or surprises on their bills at any time," Simpson said. "We offer excellent customer service and use automated systems to make things easier for our families. We know that everyone is busy and having things automated helps keep everyone organized. We use online resources to keep everyone informed and feeling part of our family."

She continued, "We have a friendly, family atmosphere in our school and truly love what we do. Our teachers have degrees in dance, as well as professional performing experience, which we pass on to our students. We are the only school in the area with degreed teachers and performing professionals. We also bring in guest teachers throughout the year to work with our students."

Pam's also offers a competitive program that is very successful; the company is nationally ranked and well respected in the competition community.

PAD's dance company consists of 112 dancers ranging in age from 6 to 18. While the academy does auditions for placement into the company, it welcome with open arms dancers of all levels to be part of the program.

"We value the audition process as it teaches dancers how to pick up choreography and present themselves in a strong way," Simpson said. "The audition process prepares dancers not only for upcoming auditions at conventions or for college, it also gives them the confidence they need to do many other things that are not related to dance, such as give a speech at school, run for student council, join clubs and organizations."

"Our company has three levels, which is based on the individual commitment level of each dancer. There is truly something for everyone within our company. Some of our members take three classes a week, while others take up to 16 hours a week. Teamwork, respect, dedication, responsibility and sportsmanship are some of the most important lessons PAD teaches its dancers. Not only do instructors want them to become great dancers, they want them to become great people."

Pam's Academy of Dance

has been the recipient of the sportsmanship award both at the regional level and national level of competition. This is something that Simpson and her staff are very proud of as they really value sportsmanship, as well as an overall friendly atmosphere.

This year, faculty and staff member Brittney Smith of Morris was invited to be part of Jorstad Chicago. This is an all-female tap company that is based out of Chicago. The director, Kendra Jorstad, is originally from Lisbon and is a former PAD student and faculty member.

This company had its first performance in October and is gearing up for its next show, which will be April 12-14 in Chicago.

"We are very proud of Brittney for her accomplishments and are happy to have her on our faculty," Simpson said.

In June of 2012, Pam's took a group of dancers and their families to Walt DisneyWorld. Around 250 people joined in on this adventure. The dancers performed at Downtown Disney in front of hundreds of people. The families were also able to spend free time at the parks and everyone had a fantastic time.

"We had a pizza pool party and planned a few group activities as well while we were on the trip," Simpson said. "It was a truly magical experience for everyone involved."

Erin Strle, a faculty member was the trip director and handled all of the travel plans and kept all of the details organized for the group. Many of the families had never been to DisneyWorld before, so having their child perform at Disney made the trip even more special.

One family celebrated the 40th wedding anniversary of the grandparents and several people celebrated their birthdays while on the trip. The dancers each received a tote bag and a special pin from Walt DisneyWorld.

Each year, Pam's holds a dance convention at the Chamlin location in September. This convention is taught by teachers from all over the country. This year, the teachers included Michael Taylor, who is now from Florida. Michael was a professional dancer with Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago. He also worked with Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines for several years casting and choreographing their shows. Michael was motivating and inspiring to all of the dancers and left them ready to work hard.

Sam Litvak from New Jersey was also a teacher for the second year at the convention. Sam is a professional tap dancer who brings joy and excitement to the classroom. All of the students love Sam and can't wait to show her what they have been practicing each time they hear her.

The third teacher was Alex Blittstein. Alex is from California, where he works as a professional dancer and choreographer. Alex has been to the last two conventions as well as having come in to rehearse with the company before the competition season. Alex pushes the kids to be their best and reach their full potential. He makes them want to be better dancers with his special touch.

Each year at the Remix Convention, the teachers award scholarships to students. This year, Haley Nystedt, Amanda Sherry, Chloe Hansen, and Marissa Olson received scholarships for a Free Solo at Tribute National Talent. Alyssa Bulin, Ashley Egizio, and Marissa Wandless received scholarships for half off 24 SEVEN convention.

Claire Simpson, Hannah Kitchell and Abby Powers received full scholarships to attend 24 SEVEN convention. Olivia Drumm and Rachel Shipman received full Remix Scholarships. Caitlyn Schultz and Cameron Schultz won scholarships for 12 of Remix Convention. Morgan Powers and Mackenzie Eber received scholarships for 12 off Adrenaline convention. Gianna Scorzio received a full Adrenaline Scholarship. Adi Beeler won a free private lesson with Alex Blittstein.

So far this season, the DCF Crew dancers have attended two conventions. The first one was 24 seven convention. This was the very first event for this organization in November, and Pam's students were honored to be part of their first event. Forty-five crew members attended this event, as did alumni dancers Caitlyn Simpson and Caitlin Kitchell and the five competitive teachers, Pam Simpson, Janell Larson, Megan Wollgast, Erin Strle and Brittney Smith.

The dancers took classes on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and competed on Saturday evening. The classes were taught by this all-star cast — Sonya Teyha, Twitch, Francisco Gella, Peter Chu, Brook Pierotti, Anthony Russo, Jess Hendricks, and Lauren Adams.

The dancers competed several brand new numbers and placed very well, receiving high gold awards and several in the top 5. The Jr. Crew Line received a special award, called the "11 O'clock Number," which is the most entertaining of the event. It was invited to perform in the closing show on Sunday.

Several dancers received scholarships, including, Olivia Drumm, Gianna Scorzio, Abby Powers, Sean Dudson, Adi Beeler, Emily Mephram, Delany Roots, and Scarlett Nash.

The next convention the DCF Crew attended was Adrenaline Dance in January. Forty crew members, alumni Caitlyn Simpson, and five faculty members attended this convention. The dancers took classes on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and competed on Saturday night.

The classes were taught by Chris Jacobsen, Caroline Lewis-Jones, Justin Giles, Nick Bass, Nick Dinicolangelo, and Paula Morgan. The dancers received high gold awards and were invited to perform three numbers in the Best of Show on Sunday.

Performing in the Best of Show was The Empire, which is PAD's crew line; Home, the junior lyrical small group; and Forever Young, petite lyrical small

group. Forever Young won the Best of Show in the Mini Category.

Dancers received scholarships at this event as well. Those dancers are Lili Nash, Scarlett Nash, Sarah Piper, Mackenzie Eber and Haley Rogers. An AdrenalineJunkie Scholarship went to Caitlyn Simpson. ADC CrewScholarships went to Alyssa Bulin, Marissa Wandless and Michaela Kuehni.

The ADC Scholarship is full tuition to Adrenaline Nationals, \$250 off a summer event and a scholarship to Pacific Coast Dance Fest. The group also won three free group entries at Nationals and \$100 technique award.

Jaqueline Terando, a nine year student of PAD, recently submitted an essay to the Tribute National Talent Essay contest, called "A Tribute To My Parents." Her essay was very moving and inspirational to everyone. She is the 2013 recipient of this award, along with her grandparents, Carolyn and David Stapleton of Morris.

The essay was read on stage to the audience at competition this January and there was not a dry in the house. When it was read, there was a standing ovation both on stage and in the audience for this family.

"We are very proud of Jax and her family and are so happy that they are a part of our family at PAD," Simpson said.

Faculty member Janell Larson received numerous choreography awards in 2012. Her outstanding numbers placed in the top 5, as well as several placing 1st overall. Her innovative and

creative style is truly amazing.

The junior lyrical dance "Bigger Than Love" was a beautiful number that received many overall awards.

Erin Strle also won several choreography awards and overall awards this season. She has many special talents including choreography. Her musical theater line, "Be Our Guest," won most entertaining award several times.

Megan Wollgast is also an outstanding choreographer that received numerous choreography and overall awards. Wollgast's modern dance, "Petty Thieves," won a choreography award at every competition last year. Megan is a gifted teacher and choreographer.

Wollgast, alongside Simpson, choreographed "The Meltdown," which was 1st overall several times. This number also received an award for articulate staging, most entertaining, and the 11 O'Clock number award.

Brittney Smith has a new approach to teaching and put together some amazing numbers this season. Her petite tap, "Bushel & A Peck," received 1st overall.

The studio was named Top OVation Level Studio, as well as Top First Call Studio, at Applause Talent this year.

They also won Top Production with their tribute to all of the great dance movies in "The Dance Movie Marathon."

This routine was choreographed by Pam Simpson, Janell Larson, Megan Wollgast, Erin Strle, Brittney Smith and Emily Weber.

For more information about Pam's Academy of Dance, call either (815) 941-4680 or (815) 521-0744, or log onto www.pamsacademyofdance.net.

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After earning his auctioneer's license in 2012, Erik Olson, left, joined his father, Richard Olson, in Richard A. Olson & Associates, Inc. Erik's participation in the auction business makes it a third-generation agency, the business having been founded by Dick's father, Butch, in 1950.

A bid for longevity

Family-owned auction agency adds third generation

Dick and Janet Olson of Richard A. Olson & Associates, Inc. in Morris, are proud to welcome their son, Erik, into the business, making this a third-generation auction agency. Erik earned his auctioneer's license in March of 2012. Dick's father, Butch Olson, started the auction business in 1950. Dick joined in 1968, and Erik in 2012. Erik graduated from Reppert Auction School in Indiana — the same school as his father and grandfather.

Erik is married to Stacey Olson,

and together they own Lola's on E. Washington Street. They have four children.

Beginning in March, Erik will hold auctions on the first and third Thursdays of each month at Lola's.

Richard A. Olson & Associates is a full-service auction and real estate brokerage office that specializes in land and machinery sales.

They conducted over 50 auc-

tions of all types in 2012. Richard has sold over 35,000 acres of land over the past several years.

Richard A. Olson & Associates, Inc. is located at 531 W. Bedford Road, Morris.

To contact Dick or Erik, you can call (815) 942-4266 or visit the auction company's website at richardaolson.com



Heritage Woods of Dwight

In November of 2009, Heritage Woods of Dwight opened their affordable assisted life-style community for seniors 65 and older.

Located at 701 E. Mazon Ave., Dwight, Heritage Woods features private one-bedroom and studio apartments and provides an extensive array of amenities. This community affords seniors their independence, while caring for their health.

Each apartment features a kitchenette, as well as walk-in showers and emergency response systems. Three restaurant-style meals are served daily in the dining room and healthy snacks are always available.

In addition, weekly housekeeping and laundry services are included, as is assistance with daily living requirements.

On-going health monitoring, medication assistance and 24-hour staffing provide residents with the security of knowing someone is always there for them and that their health is of utmost concern.

Heritage Woods of Dwight also strives to provide a host of social opportunities, such as daily activities, monthly outings, theme meals and area entertainers who come in to perform for the residents. There is always something happening at "The Woods."

Everyone is welcome to stop in and visit or come by for the entertainment. To arrange a private tour, contact Peg Spear, sales and marketing director, at (815) 685-4333.



United Way of Grundy County

In 2012, due to the generous support of many individuals, businesses, corporations and their employees, the United Way of Grundy County exceeded its campaign goal by \$60,000.

"It is because of the caring community that we were able to impact the lives of so many individuals, children and families in Grundy County," said Karen Nall, executive director.

United Way of Grundy County, as a result, awarded 18 not-for-profit agencies with special one-time mini grants totaling more than \$40,000 to enhance their programs. This amount is in addition to the \$330,000 already invested in the community through supporting more than 27 community partner agencies.

Founded in 1946 as "Community

Chest," the organization changed its name to Grundy County United Fund. In 2002, it changed its name to United Way of Grundy County and is a member of the United Way of Illinois and the United Way Worldwide.

Members of the staff, which, in addition to Nall, includes Associate Director Cindy Perryman, serve on the Behavioral Health Alliance of Grundy County, Grundy Partnership for Children, and the Grundy County Back to School Fair committees.

The organization's board of directors includes Dan Duffy, president; John Roundtree, vice president; Scott Shannon, treasurer; Paula Pfeiffer, secretary; Megan Barchers; Mike Carey; Christina Chapman; Van Yperen; Darrel Dolmage; Mike Hayworth; Jeff Heap; Heidi

Lawton; Lon Lovellette; Tawnya Mack; Randy Matravers; Paul Nordstrom; Chris Spencer; and Steve Wyman. Caroline Portlock is an advisory member.

Under the board's direction, the United Way of Grundy County recently established and invested in an Emergency Disaster Relief Fund. In light of disasters that happened in other states, the board of directors voted to establish the emergency fund to assist with the recovery efforts should a disaster happen in Grundy County.

This fund gives donors an additional option for donating money to a specific cause.

To find out more about ways to donate to the United Way of Grundy County, visit the office at 1802 N. Division St., Suite 500, Morris, or call (815) 942-4430.

John Adler, AFLAC

Most people have seen the commercials and know the duck, but don't know what AFLAC does.

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AFLAC was founded in 1955 and is the number one supplier of supplemental insurance in the world.

"The major change going forward is of course health care reform — the ugly word that no one really understands," Adler said.

"I am able to assist employees from the smallest to the largest in trying to make decisions that will help employees and their



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families in the future."

Adler is resident of Morris and serves as the chair for the Grundy County Chamber of Commerce. In addition, he is also an Ambassador for the Chamber and previously served six years on the board for the Joliet Area Community Hospice.

He is also a member of the Morris Community High School Band Boosters and volunteers as often as possible.

Adler's business is located at 1818 Charles St., Morris, and can be reached at (815) 922-3200.

Better Health & Wellness

Dr. Daniel Beal opened Better Health and Wellness in January 2011.

Beal is a 1996 graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. He also has a master's degree in nutrition from the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut, and has done many post-graduate seminars on weight loss.

Dr. Beal began his career in California, where he grew up. He serves on the board of the California Chiropractic Association as the vice president of the Sacramento region.

Located at 310 E. High St.,

Morris, Better Health and Wellness has, since its opening, added low back rehabilitation equipment. This equipment helps strengthen and stabilize

problems in the low back associated with disc injuries.

"2013 is expected to be an exciting year for Better Health and Wellness," Beal said. "We are planning to add a new treatment for peripheral neuropathy and migraines. We are also planning to add the services of a nurse practitioner."

Better Health and Wellness also offers a decompression/traction system that is a great treatment for bulging and degenerate discs, neck and low back pain, and sciatica. It also offers effective weight loss programs, gentle chiropractic care, muscle stimulation, trigger point therapy, and muscle rehabilitation.

For additional information or an appointment, call (815) 941-2044

Dimensions Barbers & Salon

MINOOKA - Nancy Bajt, owner of Dimensions Barbers & Salon, has been a licensed barber for 21 years. She started her career at an upscale salon in Naperville, where she had the opportunity to work on some celebrity hair.

She came to Minooka in 2000, and in 2006, she purchased the salon at 408 Mondamin St., Minooka, and changed its name to Dimensions. Although the name is relatively new, the salon itself has been in business for over 20 years.

The family hair care salon offers clipper cutting, including military cuts; neck shaves;

color; perming; natural nail care; straightenings; extension; and make-up.

Bajt is also trained in Paul Mitchell product and color care. "I really enjoy my work," Bajt said. "Not everyone can say that, but making people feel good about themselves is rewarding."

During the coming year, Dimensions plans to continue to offer quality services at affordable prices, and hopes to begin doing hair extensions and extensions for people with thinning hair.

Call (815) 467-4368 for an appointment.

Riverside Chiropractic Center

There is more to Riverside Chiropractic Center than just chiropractic care.

In fact, Dr. Christa Velus and Dr. Sean Gibbs, with the rest of their staff, aim to integrate different aspects of health and wellness. All are provided in a friendly, comfortable, intimate setting where doctors, massage therapists, and personal trainers all work as a team.

It is not a building of independent contractors. It is, however, a relatively new building.

Riverside Chiropractic Center moved into the facility at 260 S. Main St., Seneca, in 2011. It added a second massage suite and a fitness studio.

In the fitness studio, the center offers several fitness classes, as well as personal training for people who need/prefer one-on-one training.

The trainer, Abbey Musser, B.S., has been training people from 7 years old to in their 80s, from high school athletes to people fighting obesity. She has a degree in kinesiology.

Last year, the center started a FitCard program for the fitness

center. This program allows clients to purchase a punchcard for 10 classes, at a cost of \$70, and then attend any classes that fit their schedules. The class schedule is posted online at www.riversidechiro.com.

Providing massage therapy at the center are Jessica Berklund LMT and Jenny Dickens LMT. Berklund has been with Riverside Chiropractic for 10 years and has a lot of experience working with injuries and providing pre-natal massage. Dickens has been with the center for about one year, but has several years' experience as a deep tissue massage specialist.

Dr. Sean Gibbs offers family practice, with special interest in sports injuries, as well as a love for working with the senior population.

Dr. Velus is also a family practitioner who specializes (and is board certified) in chiropractic pediatrics and pregnancy.

The office is managed by Jen Grath, who can be reached by phone at (815) 357-6858 if additional information or an appointment is needed.



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Owners Randy and Dana Weese discuss flooring with Cheryl Tesdal and Terri Gilmore.

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■ **OWNERS:** Randy and Dana Weese
■ **EMPLOYEES:** 2
■ **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Former Bailey's Carpet One employees now starting their own flooring store in the Morris Plaza, next to Lindy-Gerties restaurant

■ **WHAT IS YOUR SPECIALTY?** All varieties of flooring — carpet, vinyl, tile, wood, and laminate; professional installation

■ **WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO TELL OUR READERS ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS?**

Dandy Floor Covering is a new flooring store with a 3,000-square-foot showroom that opened on Jan. 2, 2013. Locally owned and specializing in professional installations, it is a full-service floor covering store with brand name recognition like Shaw, Mannington, Armstrong, American, Olean Tile, and Dal-tile.

Offering great service and great pricing, Dandy Floor Covering offers a warranty on installation for the life of the carpet. Building pricing is offered.



■ **WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE?** To grow the business and expand with more employees to help grow the local economy.

■ **WHAT OTHER INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT TO TELL OUR READERS?**

Owners Randy and Dana Weese reside in Morris, support local businesses, and are members of the Grundy County Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Rick's RV Center

Since 1984, Rick's RV Center has been specializing in Jayco and Starcraft pop-ups, travel trailers, fifth wheels and motorhomes. This line of RV's has a long-standing tradition of Amish craftsmanship combined with affordability.

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Rick's RV Center offers customers the comfort of a 5,000-square-foot indoor showroom, in addition to a 3,000-square-foot accessories store and a 10-bay, 8,000-square-foot service center with full-time parts, service and warranty personnel.

Rick's has consistently won awards from Jayco and the recreational vehicle industry for its dedication to customer service, professionalism and overall business operations. That is why, when you visit the dealership, you are always met by a friendly face waiting to greet you when you walk through the doors.

Rick employs over 30 people and is joined by his three nephews, Jeff, Mike and Brian, each being an integral part of the business, from sales to service to overseeing every aspect of the operation. You can rest assured that Rick's will do everything they can to be sure you are delighted with your RV purchase.

Be sure to visit the facility at Interstate 55 and U.S. 52 in Joliet or on the web at www.ricksrv.com. Also, check them out on Facebook for products and events happening at Rick's RV Center.

The Feed Loft

The Feed Loft Inc. is a family-run business that treats its customers like family.

"Our personalized service is commented on by many customers," notes Marianne Brown, who, with her husband, Greg, owns the full-line pet shop. Established in 1985, the business, in 1990, built its existing building at 23930 S. Northern Illinois Dr., Channahon.

Marianne attends conventions regularly throughout the year to stay updated in the pet industry. The store also updates its inventory regularly. In fact, it does so on a weekly basis.

During the past year, the store also updated its staff, adding Elaine Huff to the management team. Huff brings 20 years management experience with her and looks forward to implementing higher store growth.

For additional information about The Feed Loft, call (815) 467-9040.

LivFit Studio

Greg and Lanette Lewis opened LivFit Studio in December 2008.

"We are truly blessed to call LivFit Studio our second home and our clients and instructors our second family," said Lanette, who fell in love with the world of fitness when Greg encouraged her to take a Spinning class in January of 2008.

Like many, she was very intimidated but attended and fell in love immediately. By May 2008, Lanette became certified as a Spinning instructor. In February 2009, she completed her certification as an ACE certified personal trainer.

After 11 years of nursing, Lanette resigned from the Morris Hospital ICU in order to focus full time on the modern boutique fitness studio that focuses on providing clients a fitness and wellness experience above and beyond the average health

club.

Greg is a devoted physician and is a senior partner at Advanced Urology Associates. Outside of medicine, he is an avid cyclist. Greg has been attending Spinning classes for more than 10 years and became a certified instructor in December 2008.

Both Greg and Lanette are currently Star Level 3 Spinning instructors.

All of the instructors at LivFit Studio, which is located at 109 E. Jefferson St., Morris, are certified. The studio currently have nine Spinning instructors, three yoga instructors, and two Pilates instructors. This offers a variety for students as everyone has their own teaching style. More information and a class schedule can be found at www.LivFitStudio.com or by calling (815) 416-1146.



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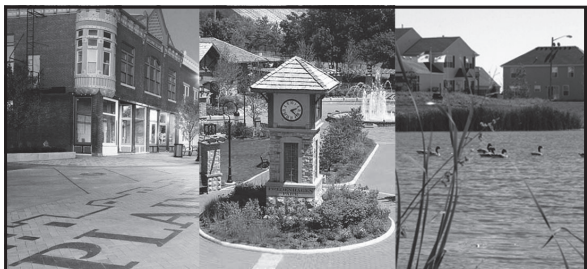
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Roebuck

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ObamaCare, Roebuck notes, is supposed to be up and running by Jan. 1, 2014.

"Although we don't know everything that it will cover, it definitely will cover children's vision care, and children's medical eye care, by optometrists," he said. "Since our children are our future, this administration has taken a stand on making sure that our kids can see at school, and learn everything that they possibly can."

Another trend that has become evident, Roebuck said, is that 3D is not as popular as it was two years ago.

"The movies cost a few bucks more to see," he noted, "and people don't like wearing those 3D glasses when they watch TV at home."

Companies that made 3D glasses are literally giving them away, and newer TVs are coming out that don't require the glasses. Moviegoers, however, still need the little black glasses.

Five to 10 percent of the population can't even see 3D at the movies. This is usually due to needing eyeglasses or having a "lazy" or crossed eye.

The American Optometric Association has taken the lead to explain 3D and some common myths. Watching a 3D TV show or movie cannot hurt or run anyone's eyes, but if it causes eyestrain, or if one gets a headache after seeing a 3D movie, they he or she should see an optometrist and probably needs eyeglasses.

Another reason to visit your optometrist, Roebuck suggests, is macular degeneration, which is the #1 cause of blindness in people over 60 years of age. It is estimated that 8.5 million Americans suffer with it today, and by the year 2020, it will be up to 12 million as our population ages.

A new, easy-to-do genetic test has been developed to test whether patients have the bad genes that lead to advanced macular degeneration.

"No needles are involved," Roebuck said. "We can just swab your cheek inside your mouth with a Q-Tip, mail it in to the lab, and, in

3 weeks, we get the results."

Those who are receiving the "shot-in-the-eye," or have a relative who is doing so, for macular degeneration will be glad to hear about the new EYELEA shots that last as long as the regular shots.

Several new drugs are being tested by the FDA, and the results look very impressive so far.

Also impressive is the amount of daily disposable contact wearers in other countries.

"In Europe, 50 percent of all contact wearers throw away their contacts every night, and put in a new, fresh pair every day," Roebuck said.

In America, however, such lenses are just starting to catch on. Last year, use hit 10 percent and, with rebates and discounts from manufacturers, it is predicted to reach 20 percent in the next two years.

"If you want really comfortable contacts, try the one days, but understand they are new and not available in every prescription," Roebuck said.

Dr. Roebuck also noted other trends from 2012, including the fact LASIK laser eye surgery, which had almost disappeared during the last recession, is now bouncing back with even better techniques and better results than five years ago.

Latise, he said, is the eye drop that makes your eyeglasses grow out long and pretty. "But since insurance doesn't cover it, it's not selling real well in the Midwest," he said.

For patients with scarred corneas, or eye diseases like Keratoconus, that deform the front of the eye, giant-size, rigid, gas-permeable contacts are making a comeback. Even though they are still as big as a quarter, and are made out of a hard plastic, they are very comfortable and can restore vision when other things aren't working.

"If you haven't see your optometrist lately, make an appointment," urges Roebuck. "It's still much better to catch something early, and treat it before it becomes a big deal. And with new treatments, eye care gets better every year."

If you don't already have an optometrist, contact Roebuck's office — which is managed by Debbie Roebuck — at (815) 942-1951 for an appointment.

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Area residents need not go far to find a "peace-filled, Christ-centered retreat from the daily stresses."

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A registered yoga teacher and certified Christian yoga teacher, Thompson offers inspirational yoga in a beautiful, private studio on a lakefront just off of Interstate 80 in Minooka. As an ordained Interfaith minister, Thompson also offers relationship and grief counseling, as well as joy restoration coaching.

Healing Waters offers morning classes at 9:15 a.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and at 8:30 a.m. on Saturdays. Evening classes are held at 6:15 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, as well as 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

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Gilmore, whose office is at 401 N. Liberty St., Morris, is a life-long Grundy County resident with 29 years of industry experience.

An Ambassador for the Grundy County Chamber of Commerce and Industry, she is also a member of the Morris Hospital Foundation Board.

Professionally, she holds the designations of Life Underwriters Training Council Fellow

(LUTCF), Registered Financial Consultant (RFC) and Financial Services Specialist (FSS).

Assisting Gilmore are Paula Kowalewski, production assistant, and GeorgeAnn Harrington, service assistant.

During 2012, an additional part-time service assistant was added, and Gilmore continued to work toward her Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) designation.

During the year, Gilmore points out, her office also "continued to provide the best in client services, to go above and beyond to provide financial security to our clients."

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