

THE CHAMBER REVIEW

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Jacksonville Area
Chamber of Commerce

Mission Statement

"To provide leadership in promoting issues and activities which meet members needs. To be the principle representative and a catalyst for the business and professional community's collective efforts to improve the business climate, promote economic development and value diversity while preserving and enhancing the quality of life in the Greater Jacksonville Area."



Vision Statement

"The Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce is the area's center of influence, bringing businesses, organizations and individuals together to develop a vibrant community where all people choose to participate and are inspired to contribute."

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Chamber Dinner Theatre!

Friday, October 26

Join the Chamber on Friday, October 26 at Bogart's Banquet Hall for a fun evening with a three-course meal and a play with an original script written by Allen Stare called "An Honor to Die For!" Doors open at 6:00 p.m., dinner and the show gets underway at 6:30 p.m.

"An Honor to Die For!" is an interactive murder mystery comedy that involves the audience in the performance. Audience members are attending an honorarium dinner for noted industrialist and business magnate Buck Van Monington. Somebody gets killed, somebody did it, and the audience is there throughout, gathering the clues and laughing



along with the suspects.

The cast includes Sean-Edward Hall, "Doc" Holloway, Craig Albers, Donna Stare, Marcy Jones, Katie Phelps, Bruce Allen, and Brad Karr.

Tickets are \$30 each and reservations can be made by calling the Chamber office at 245-2174. Seating is reserved and tables will each seat 8 people.

For more information about the show please visit www.anhonortodiefor.com.

Drawing at Buena Vista Farm's Business After Hours



(Above) Nestor Gutierrez drew TrueLine Communications, Inc., but no one from the business was in attendance. They missed out on \$75.

SEE MORE BUENA VISTA'S BUSINESS AFTER HOURS PHOTOS ON PAGE 4.

(Right) From the Jacksonville Journal-Courier: Bev Rhine, Pam Devlin, Wendy Porch, and Toni Reller.

SEE MORE HOMETOWN PRIDE DAY AT STATE FAIR PHOTOS ON PAGE 5.

Make Nominations for Business of the Year and Circle of Excellence Awards

Inserted in this *Chamber Review* are nomination forms for the 2007 Business of the Year and Circle of Excellence awards that will be presented at the Chamber's Annual Meeting in January. These awards include the Business of the Year with

25 or More Employees, Business of the Year with Under 25 Employees; and Not-For-Profit Business of the Year. The Chamber encourages all its members to look over the forms and make nominations for these prestigious awards. ◆

Planning Conference Friday, November 2

On Friday, November 2 the Chamber will hold its 2008-2011 Planning Conference.

This 4-year planning conference will be held at Sandler Sales Institute, 3024 Happy Landing Drive, Springfield from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Members will carpool over. There is no charge to attend.

Please join us as we do our long-range planning for the Chamber. Call the Chamber, 245-2174, to reserve your spot.

Thanks to sponsors The Farmers State Bank and Trust Company, Passavant Area Hospital and Premier Bank, as well as Sandler Sales Institute. ◆

ISD Superintendent to Speak at October Government Meeting

On October 30 at noon in the Chamber's conference room, ISD Superintendent Marybeth Lauderdale will be the guest speaker for the Chamber's

Government Committee meeting. Everyone is invited to attend. Please call the Chamber office, 245-2174 to make your reservation. Lunch is optional. ◆

Jacksonville Hometown Pride Day at the Illinois State Fair



Be A Chamber 150% Platinum Club Member

Thank you to these MEMBERS of the 150% Platinum Club. The Chamber thanks each business for its great support of the Chamber and its activities:

American Cancer Society, IL Div., Inc.
Johnson Grain, LLC
Health Alliance Medical Plans
Sablotny Paint & Floors
**Zumbahlen, Eyth, Surratt,
 Foote & Flynn**
Jim Shipp
Passavant Area Hospital
Select Denture Lab
**The Farmers State Bank
 and Trust Company**
Wal-Mart
A. Gaudio & Sons
Passavant Home Care
Lape Family Farm
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First State Bank, Murrayville
Jacksonville Convalescent Center
Jon Ware
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Reese Family Chiropractic
Whalen Trucking Co., Waverly
Massey's, Inc.
4 Counties for Kids
El Rancherito
Land of Lincoln Goodwill
**VFW Post 1379 &
 Marjie's Family Restaurant**

Cody & Son Memorial Home
**Elm City
 Rehabilitation Center**
Chris Reif, State's Attorney
Spradlin Home Sales
Hamilton's "110 North East"
Dr. Susan Weller
First Bank
Hampton Inn
Robert Turner Agency, Inc.
Jacksonville Machine
Little Johnny's
Francis B. Nelson, Jr.
I. Newton Mitchell
Jacksonville Lawn Care
Pactiv
Lincoln Land Community College
Williamson Funeral Home
Sunrise Rotary Club
**Regional Orthopaedic &
 Sports Medicine Center**
Prairie Council on Aging
Adecco
**City of Jacksonville,
 Mayor & City Clerk**
Little Johnny's, Inc.
Prairie Council on Aging
Dr. William Weller
Richard Rawlings
Americall Communications
**Jacksonville Area
 Convention & Visitors Bureau**
John Power
Wireless USA
West Side Auto Parts
Senator Deanna Demuzio

WELCOME BACK to:

Colton, Downey & Associates Agency
Brad Ware

The Chamber's 150% Platinum Club members receive special recognition in the *Chamber Review* and on a plaque in the Chamber office.

RENEWING MEMBERS

Thank you to members who reinvest in the Chamber keeping links between businesses and community strong and growing.

Aflac, April Nuñez
 Agri-Vest
 American Red Cross, Central
 Prairie Chapter
 Anesthesia Care Associates
 Artczar Organization
 Colton, Downey &
 Associates Agency*

D.C. Beckett & Co.
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 Glass Specialty Company
 Harper's "On The Way" Store
 Health Alliance Medical Plans
 J.W. Products
 Jacksonville Airport Authority
 Jacksonville Monument
 Company
 Lawrence Travis & Co., P.C.
 Lonzerotti's Italia Restaurant
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Rid-All Pest Control
 Sablotny Paint & Floors
 T & K Tree Services, Inc.
 Taylor & Coultas, Inc.
 The Nursery School
 Brad Ware*
 Watts Copy Systems
 Wendy's
 Zumbahlen, Eyth & Surratt,
 Foote, & Flynn, Ltd.

(* Platinum Club member)

The Chamber Honors:

New Chamber Members

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 417-505-9195

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RE/MAX RESULTS PLUS, INC.

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 relocation, hunting, and farming sales.
 Sponsor - Staff

Volunteer of the Month Lani Wilson



(Above) Lani Wilson Volunteer of the Month for September, is shown with Chamber Board Chairman Brad Ware.

Lani Wilson, Passavant Area Hospital, was named Volunteer of the Month for September. Lani organized the Fit Park which was held in conjunction with the Chamber's Health Fair. She headed the sub-committee and did an excellent job taking care of all the necessary arrangements. It was a terrific event. Lani is the Community Program Coordinator/Development Associate at Passavant Area Hospital.



Pathway
 Services Unlimited, Inc.



Join us as we celebrate the newest addition
 to Pathway Residential Services

Business After Hours/Open House
Thursday, October 4, 2007
5:00pm-7:00pm

17 Clover Drive (behind Greenbriar Apartments)

Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres & beverages, as well as drawings for door prizes. For more info, call 479-2318.

⇒ **U OF I COACH BRUCE WEBER IS COMING TO JACKSONVILLE!** — Coach Weber will be the special guest at Pathway Services 3rd Annual Gala on Friday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Hamilton's "110 North East." The evening includes an elegant meal, speaker program, and auction by Jess Spradlin. For sponsorship or ticket information, please call Stephanie Baptist at 479-2318.

⇒ **NORTH MORGAN WATER CO-OP BEGINS WATER SERVICE ON SEPTEMBER 4** — Chamber member Hembrough Tree and Lawn Service was the first North Morgan Water Co-op member to be connected and begin receiving water from the new rural water system. Installation began on 83 miles of water mains costing approximately \$4.3 million on September 5, 2006. This system will deliver treated water to more than 550 rural residents, churches and businesses. Planning for this project began in 2000 by a group of Morgan County rural residents determined to provide a very much needed, dependable source of good water for rural residents, businesses and farms. Water is purchased from the City of Jacksonville. Benton & Associates provided engineering services. Rammelkamp Bradney provided legal services. The general contractor is Followell Construction Co. from Marion, IL. Construction financing was provided by the First National Bank of South Jacksonville with participation by Jacksonville Savings Bank. A loan of approximately \$2.5 million with a \$1.7 million grant from the U S Department of Agriculture Rural Development provides permanent financing. This project will certainly have a significant impact on the quality of life for rural residents. While this project is not yet fully complete, planning for expansion has started.

⇒ **ILLINOIS APPOINTMENTS INAUGUST** — Robert E. Bradney of the Rammelkamp Bradney law firm has been named a Pillar of the Bar in the Seventh Circuit by the Illinois Bar Foundation. He was recognized for his distinguished practice of law in addition

to his professional and community activities. Bradney and the 2007 Class of the Pillars of the Bar were recognized for their achievements September 10th at Illini Country Club in Springfield.

"We're very happy for the recognition that Bob has received, and we're also quite honored to be associated with him," said Richard Freeman, president of the firm. "Bob's accolade from the Illinois Bar Foundation is just the latest in a distinguished career. He certainly is a source of inspiration and leadership for the members of our firm."

Bradney is 'of counsel' to the firm. His background includes degrees from Illinois College and Harvard Law School. He was employed by the firm in 1950, became a partner in 1953, and was actively engaged in the practice until 1990. Presently, he works closely with the active lawyers in the firm offering assistance with ongoing cases. Bradney was also active in the Illinois State Bar Association and served by appointment on the Illinois Supreme Court's Character and Fitness Committee. In 1999, he was named to the first class of Laureates by the Illinois State Bar Association and was the first recipient of the Illinois State Bar Association's Board of Governors Award.

Rammelkamp Bradney is now in its 112th year of practicing law in central Illinois. The firm is recognized as one of the state's most versatile, long-standing law practices encompassing an extensive list of specialty areas. Rammelkamp Bradney is based in Jacksonville with offices in Springfield and Winchester. Attorneys for the firm are Larry D. Kuster, Forrest G. Keaton, Barbara Fritsche, Richard R. Freeman, Maria M. Gonzalez, Gary L. Cline, H. Allen Yow, Bradley W. Wilson, Amy L. Jackson, Anthony J. DelGiorno, and J. Andrew Merriman. Of counsel members are Robert E. Bradney and Richard E. Mann.

⇒ **PASSAVANT ANNUAL BAZAAR NOVEMBER 9 - 10** — The 2007 Annual Passavant Bazaar theme is "Celebrate Together Family Traditions." The Bazaar begins Friday, November 9

from 2 - 7 p.m. and continues on Saturday, November 10 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturdays activities include the Children's Breakfast with Santa at 9 a.m. (reservation required); the Holiday Luncheon with 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. servings (reservation required); and Raffles and Quilt, winners announced 3 p.m.

Celebrate both days with the: Deaconess Tea (served with delectable cookies); Frozen Foods (homemade foods prepared and frozen for your convenience); Gifts Under the Tree (Eli Ferris Wheel hand-painted ornaments, gift baskets, holiday decor, quilts, wood crafts, wreaths, & more); Miniatures (Central Christian Church & Big Eli Ferris Wheel); Mom's Kitchen (fresh-baked goods); and Raffles (10 packages, chances @ \$1 each)

⇒ **IMAGINE FOUNDATION ADDS ART AND DRINKS** — Art and Drinks is offered for Tuesday, October 25, 5 to 6:30 p.m. For \$10 per person, mingle with your friends over Lonzerotti's delicious appetizers and pick your favorite martini at the sampling table!

⇒ **JACKSONVILLE AIRPORT FLY-IN** — The Jacksonville (IJX) Fly-In will be held on October 13 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. This event presented by Illinois Pilot's Association and the Jacksonville Municipal Airport will include: classic automobile displays, airplane displays, aviation vendors, civil air patrol displays, airplane rides, local entertainment, local interest displays, Cool 101.9 music and food.

⇒ **PRECIOUS JEWELERS NEW ADDRESS** — Precious Jewelers has moved and is now located at 104 East Vandalia.

⇒ **STRAWN ART GALLERY SEASON** — The 2007-2008 Gallery Season has begun. Following are the season dates: October 6-28 - Tony Long - "Impressions of Provence" Mixed Media; November 3-22 - Kirby Drennan - Traditional Pottery, Rick Zimmerman - Traditional Pottery; December 1-22 - "Holiday Showcase" - Beaded Jewelry, Glass Jewelry, PaperCut

Colleges/Sculptures; January 5-7 - Roger Dewitt - Prairie Paintings; February 2-30 - Pat Damsgaard - Watercolors; March 1-30 - District 117 Student Show; April 5-27 - Judith Moore - Oil Paintings; and May 3-25 - Cheryl Hochberg and Andrew Brehm - Mixed Media Sculpture Show.

⇒ **GOLDEN APPLE FOUNDATION PROGRAM** — The Golden Apple Foundation Teacher Recognition Program which has flourished in the Chicagoland area for the last 22 years has announced a similar program to be initiated for 18 counties in Central Illinois. Nominations for this coveted award started being accepted on September 1, 2007.

Ten full-time teachers will be selected through a rigorous application and classroom observation process. The applications and the follow-up observations will be conducted by a cadre of peer teachers. The ten finalists will receive a free sabbatical at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, \$3,000 in cash, an IBM computer and will be featured in a one-hour television program in the spring '08.

Nomination forms can be secured via the web site, www.goldenappleCI.org or by calling 1-866-921-4394. Due to distance and logistics limitations this new program will be limited to full-time teachers in the following counties: Champaign, Christian, Coles, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Ford, Livingston, Logan, Macon, McLean, Morgan, Moultrie, Peoria, Piatt, Sangamon, Tazewell and Vermilion.

⇒ **MURRAYVILLE-WOODSON BUSINESS EDUCATION PARTNER GIFTS DICTIONARIES TO STUDENTS** — The third grade students at Murrayville-Woodson received a handy educational gift from the First State Bank of Winchester. Every student received a classroom dictionary to use on various assignments and classwork. Vice President of the bank, Harold Gates, presented the dictionaries to the students. Murrayville-Woodson Principal, Matt Rhodes was very thankful for their efforts and appreciates the strong business partnership they have with the school.

⇒ **VETERANS DAY PARADE ON NOVEMBER 10** — The 2007 Veterans Day Parade will take place on Saturday, November 10. If you would like to enter a float, contact WJIL/WJVO Radio with the name of your unit, mailing address, e-mail address, contact person, telephone number, and the type of entry (band, float, decorated vehicle, etc.) prior to the parade date.

Check-in the morning of the parade is at 9:30 a.m. at Dewey Park in South Jacksonville. The parade starts at 10 a.m. The parade route will be north on South Main Street to the main entrance of Community Park (West Superior entrance), it will proceed to the Korean Memorial where the Veterans Day Ceremony will be conducted by the Jacksonville Amvets Post 100. For more information call WJIL/WJVO Radio at 245-5119. ◆

Educator Resource Directory

The Chamber of Commerce is updating its Educator Resource Directory. This directory is a comprehensive listing of programs, speakers, tours, job shadowing and other teaching aids available through businesses within the Jacksonville area. This is a wonderful opportunity to promote your business and offer learning opportunities

for students in the Jacksonville area.

If you are interested in being a part of this directory or would like to update your previous information, please fill out the insert located within the centerfold and fax it to the Chamber of Commerce at 217-245-0661. We look forward to hearing from you. ◆

President's Report



by **Ginny Fanning**
President
Jacksonville Area
Chamber of Commerce

We are looking for all good visionaries and leaders to join us as we determine the Chamber's path for 2008 through 2011. On November 2, we will gather at Sandler Sales Institute in Springfield to chart the course. In order to be a vital part of this area, the Chamber must develop a plan of work that will be for the betterment of the business and professional community as well as our economic development and the general quality of life. We must envision a future different than the past or the present. Please come and share your ideas with us.

The Government Division is setting up a series of meetings with the directors of our four state institutions in order to get an accurate sense of what needs

they may have and what trends may be taking place at each facility. In September, we met with Michael Hurt, Executive Director of the Jacksonville Developmental Center. ISD Superintendent Marybeth Lauderdale will be here on Oct. 30 and ISVI Acting Superintendent Joan Forney will meet with us on Nov. 27. A meeting will also be scheduled with the Jacksonville Correctional Center Warden. Since these four institutions are major employers, the Chamber feels we need to be aware of how we can be of help and to establish a firm partnership with all of them. Even if you can only attend one meeting, still come. You will learn more about what is taking place in our community and be better informed.

If you are looking for a fun night, be sure to attend the Dinner Theatre on October 26. "An Honor to Die For!" is written and directed by Allen Stare. You will know many of the cast members. We look forward to a sold out performance.

Thanks to each of you for the time and interest, support and involvement you have given and continue to give to the Chamber. We are fortunate to get to work with the best people in the community. ♦

The following businesses are celebrating milestone anniversaries with the Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce this month. It is their support and that of our 570+ businesses that enable us to provide services to all our Chamber members.

-----26+ YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Cody & Son Memorial Home	1976
A. Gaudio & Sons	1977
Dr. O.C. Zink	1977
Howe Electric Co.	1977
Jacksonville Developmental Center	1977
Jacksonville Floor Covering	1977
JW Products	1977
Nestlé Beverage Company	1977
Pennell Roofing & Sheet Metal Co.	1977
R & D Pharmacy	1977
Rid-All Pest Control Co.	1977
Morgan County Housing Authority	1979

-----25 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Colton, Downey, & Associates Agency.

-----10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Godfather's Pizza
Laborers Home Development, Inc

Aflac Ribbon Cutting Celebrates Opening of Jacksonville District Office



(Left) Aflac, 1001 W. Morton, Suite G., held a ribbon cutting ceremony to announce its new Jacksonville District Office. Left to right: Scott Ingram, Chamber Board Representative David Heitbrink, Chance Stille, Andrew Crawford, Amber Blackley, Ron Lindsey, April Nuñez, Theresa Scott, Chamber Contact Club representative Jess Spradlin, Chamber President Ginny Fanning and City Clerk Andy Ezard.

Buena Vista Farms Business After Hours

(Below) Tom Burrus, Burrus Seed Farms; Nestor Gutierrez, owner of Buena Vista Farms; and John Eyth, Zumbahlen, Eyth, Surratt, Foote, & Flynn, Ltd.



(Above) Bill Leinberger and Tracy Cody, Jacksonville Journal-Courier; Cheryl Kelly, Cheryl Kelly Photography; David Heitbrink, Linsco/Private Ledger; and Pat Kelly, Turner Junior High School.



(Above) Dave Dokka, For Your Floor & More; Chuck Krell, Krell's QuickPrint; Maria Phillips and Jeff Phillips, Pactiv Corporation.



(Above) Luke and Debbie Fry, American Rental; Tony Gaudio, A. Gaudio & Sons; and Larry Speakman, Aire Serv Heating & A/C.

(Right) Marsha and Doug Awe, Arends-Awe, Inc; Teriann Gutierrez, owner of Buena Vista Farms; and Patty Anderson, Jacksonville Convention & Visitors Bureau.



Papa Murphy's Pizza Ribbon Cutting



(Above) *Papa Murphy's Pizza*, 1119 W. Morton, held a new owner ribbon cutting: Contact Club Representatives Bob Barber and Tom Grojean, Chamber Board Representative David Heitbrink, new Owner Eric Hautala, Chamber President Ginny Fanning, City Treasurer Ron Smiljanich, and City Clerk Andy Ezard.

Jacksonville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau

— Convention and Visitors Bureau —



Patty Anderson
CVB Executive Director

EXCITEMENT IS IN THE FALL AIR - THE GOVERNOR DUNCAN ASSOCIATION PRESENTS THE 3RD ANNUAL FINE ANTIQUE SHOW AND SALE

If you have not seen the Governor Joseph Duncan Mansion lately, you are in for a big surprise! The Governor Duncan Association and the Revered James Caldwell Chapter of the DAR have had

their hands full raising funds for the renovations that have saved Jacksonville's most historic treasure. These efforts have paid off with renovations to the Mansion's foundation, a new roof, side porch and a lot of paint and wallpaper, to mention a few. What a great beginning!

One of the main fund-raising events for the renovation of the mansion is the Governor Duncan Association's Fine Antique Show located at Memorial Gymnasium on the beautiful Illinois College campus. Over thirty quality antique dealers will gather displaying their exquisite wares including fine china, jewelry, sterling silver, rare pottery, fine art, Depression glass and furniture.

This year's event has a few new surprises. Not only will there be an old-fashioned red trolley available to pick you up from the parking lot and delivery you to your destination, there will also be a host of antique & collectable seminars throughout the weekend. These include: Technological changes on society arising from the Civil War, White Hall Pottery, collecting, using, and

preserving antique tools, and 19th Century Flow Blue China.

Horse drawn trolley rides will again be available from Illinois College through historic Jacksonville to the Governor's Mansion. There, the Governor's staff will greet you and provide a delightful tour of his home. Do not miss this opportunity to see what is new, in the old way, at the Mansion!

Plan to have lunch at the show. Illinois College's very own old fashion "Victorian Garden Tea Room" will be conveniently located inside Memorial Gymnasium with a wide variety of delicious soups, sandwiches, salads and amazing desserts that can be topped off with a hot cup of Starbucks Coffee!

Enjoy this fall fling Saturday, October 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Sunday, October 7, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5 (children under 13 free) includes a tour of the Governor Duncan Mansion. For more information and listing of events, contact the Jacksonville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau 243-5678. ♦

Hometown Pride Day at the Illinois State Fair

(Right) *Mike Anderson's Dulcimer Kids* performed at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Thanks to the parents who drove their children over to Springfield in a storm in order for them to participate. David Kuhn portrayed General Grierson at 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. and educated and entertained fair goers with his Civil War stories.



(Right) *Prairieland United Way Executive Director Lori Hall* is handing out information to fair goers.



(Left) *The entire group of Jacksonville participants including left to right: DAR, JREDC, UGRR, Pathway, Jacksonville Convention and Visitors Bureau, MacMurray College, Passavant Area Hospital, Illinois College, Elm City Center, Village of South Jacksonville, Jacksonville Journal-Courier, Capitel Communications, ISD, ISVI, and the Prairieland United Way. Also having exhibits were Prairie Village and Jacksonville Main Street.*

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"Old Things in a Pleasant Atmosphere"

Sun Loan Company and Tax Service Ribbon Cutting



(Above) Sun Loan Company and Tax Service, 901 W. Morton Avenue, Unit 122 B, held a ribbon cutting ceremony. Company services include: small investment loans (\$100 to \$1500), usually 30 minute service, credit bureau reporting, and free tax estimates. Left to right are: City Clerk Andy Ezard, City Treasurer Ron Smiljanich, Assistant Manager Amanda Arnold, Area Supervisor Tamara Chenault, Manager Cathy Reichert, Assistant Manager Crystal Thomas, Chamber President Ginny Fanning and Chamber Representative David Heitbrink.

Jacksonville Business Index

City of Jacksonville

Total Building Permits Issued 8/1 - 8/31**

'06	'07
88	84

Total August 2007 Reported Construction - \$5,340,168.41

*Source - Dept. of Zoning, Inspec. & Code Enf.

REAL ESTATE*

Number of Units Closed

<u>June '06</u>	<u>June '07</u>
36	41

*Source - Jacksonville Area Association of Realtors

Local Area Unemployment Status: (LAUS)

Illinois Monthly Labor Force Report -

Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

JACKSONVILLE, IL MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

June 2007	Unemployed	Labor	Unemployed
Labor Force	Number	Rate	Force
21,603	1,062	4.9	21,707
			1,075
			5.0

Business Division Offering Co-Op Advertising to Chamber Members

The Chamber's Business Division is offering the exciting opportunity of co-op advertising to Chamber members.

The Division is offering four ads each quarter. These quarter-page ads are inserted into the *Jacksonville Journal-Courier* on Sunday and another day (the advertising business's choice) during the week. This is an inexpensive way to advertise for our members. The co-op advertisements are between the Chamber, *Jacksonville Journal-Courier* and the business. Watch for these ads in November!

If you are interested in signing up or would like more information about this opportunity, call the Chamber at 217-245-2174. Co-op ads are available for November. ♦

JOIN A CHAMBER COMMITTEE!

Network, Help Your Business Community and Have Fun!

Simmetry Communications cordially invites you to attend...



BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Thursday, October 18, 2007

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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Joe Jacksonville Local Products Display!

Remember you can have the Joe Jacksonville Local Products Display at your business. Just call the Chamber, 245-2174, to reserve your date today! The display is available by the month.

Watch For Steak Fry Pictures in November

Watch the November Chamber Review for Steak Fry pictures and our thanks and appreciation to our many Chamber members and Sponsors that made it a successful event.

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Downtown Jacksonville

Business Education Partnership Kickoff Luncheon



(Left) LuAnn Kelker, U.S. Bank with BEP Partner Principal David Miller, South Elementary School, Principal Matt Fraas, Lincoln Elementary School, with BEP Partner Diane Rawlings, The Farmers State Bank & Trust Company.

(Right) BEP Partners Andy Applebee and Don Middendorf with Jacksonville Savings Bank and Principal Mary Camerer, Washington Elementary School.



(Left) Kiwanians Harry Coop, Diana McCutcheon, Bob Large, Jim Murphy, North School Principal Lezlie Fuhr, and Kiwanian June Beard. The North School/Kiwanis Partnership gave a presentation on their BEP activities.

(Right) BEP Partners Hillary Estes, Nestlé; Tina Hungerford, ISD; Aaron LeGars, Nestlé; Brian Alexander, Nestlé; and Michelle Black, Marybeth Lauderdale, and Jill Whitmore from ISD. Thanks to Nestlé for sponsoring the wonderful BEP Kickoff Luncheon.



Health Fair In Conjunction With Fit Park



(Above) Bill Loveland, Mental Health Centers of Central Illinois, visits with a Health Fair visitor.

(Below) Diana Olinger, Passavant Area Hospital, Glenn Olinger, SCORE member, visit with Jan Williams, Big Brother/Big Sister.



(Above) Right to left: Tom and Darlene Ling with Air-Evac Lifeteam talk with two ladies at the fair.



(Above) Many prizes were handed out including bikes donated by Alterna-Care. Shown in picture are Emily Hillis and Jacob Combs, lucky winners of bikes from Rachel Walden and Joe Sgro with Alterna-Care.

CHAMBER'S WEB SITE & E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Check out the Chamber's website at:

www.jacksonvilleareachamber.org

The Chamber staff e-mail addresses:

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Marsha Nelson - chamber2@jacksonvilleareachamber.org

Kathy Rider - chamber3@jacksonvilleareachamber.org

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Insert

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Move Life Forward



Chamber Calendar - OCTOBER

(All meetings held in the Chamber Conference Room unless otherwise stated.)

- 2 Business Division – noon
 3 Health & Community Agencies Division – noon
 3 Education Division - 4 p.m.
 4 **BUSINESS AFTER HOURS, Pathway Services, Ltd. (17 Clover Drive, behind Greenbriar Apartments) - 5 - 7 p.m.**
 8 **COLUMBUS DAY, Chamber Office Closed**
 9 Membership Division - noon
 10 Young Professionals Network Division – noon
 10 Executive Committee - 4 p.m.
 13 Re-Discover Jacksonville Display at Illinois College Homecoming (*in the lobby outside the book store*) - noon to 5 p.m.
 15 “How to Start a Small Business,” by Lincoln Land Small Business Development Center, 9-11 a.m. Reservations required. Individual appointments following the workshop may be made in advance.
 15 Discover Jacksonville Task Force – noon
 16 Board of Directors – noon
 18 **BUSINESS AFTER HOURS, Simmetry Communications (908 West Morton) - 5 - 7 p.m.**
 20 Re-Discover Jacksonville Display at MacMurray College Homecoming (*in the hospitality tent at the corner of Lurton & Beecher*) -10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 26 “An Honor to Die For!” A New Murder Mystery Comedy Dinner Show, *Bogart’s Banquet Hall* - Doors open - 6 p.m., Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Reservations must be made in advance at the Chamber.

Community Calendar - OCTOBER

(Courtesy of the Jacksonville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau - please contact CVB for more details at 217-243-5678)

- 3 **Fall Salad Luncheon, Bazaar & Bake Sale, Fellowship Hall at Centenary United Methodist Church, 331 E. State St.** - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 5-7 **JHS Class of 1947, 60th Class Reunion, Elks**
 5 **Downtown Gallery Hop, sponsored by the Imagine Foundation** - 5-9 p.m.
 6 & 7 **Governor Duncan Association Fine Antique Show, Illinois College Memorial Gymnasium** - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday & 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday.
 6-28 “Impressions of Provence”, by **Toni Long, Strawn Art Gallery, 331 W. College.**
 11 “Warning Signs of Potentially Dangerous Behavior in Children,” *Hamilton’s “110 North East”* - 4:30-8:00 p.m.
 13 & 14 **Illinois College Homecoming Weekend**, parade starts Saturday at 10 a.m..
 13 **Main Street Market, Downtown Jacksonville**, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 14 **Faith in Action Sunday.** Members and friends of First Baptist Church will be out in the community putting their faith in action by serving others in place of regular services.
 18-20 **Imagine Foundation Stomp Music Camp!** Participants from 6th to 10th grade, Thursday 5 p.m. - 8 p.m., Friday 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday 3 p.m. to 2 p.m.
 18 **Art and Dine**, the Imagine Foundation and Lonzerotti’s Italia Restaurant present an exhibit by a local or visiting artist and a special four course dinner including wine.
 19-21 **MacMurray College Homecoming**, parade starts Saturday at 10 a.m.
 19-20 **Quincy Notre Dame Raiders Volleyball Classic, Illinois College - Bruner Fitness Center.**
 20 **Heart of Jacksonville Porky Days & Applefest.**
 20 **8th Annual Illinois Valley Relay**, starts in Winchester & passes through Glasgow, Patterson, White Hall & Roodhouse before returning to Winchester to finish near the square. Total distance of the course is 62.2 miles broken into 18 segments.
 22 **JACIL Night at El Rancherito**, 5-9 p.m.
 25 **WJIL/WJVO Safe Halloween for Kids, the Hampton Inn** - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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Friday, October 26 Doors open 6 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

2008-2011 PLANNING CONFERENCE
Friday, November 2 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
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