

# BUSINESS BRIEFS

**BLESSINGS ON STATE** has been named by BnBFinder as a Guest Favorite for 2012. BnBFinder ([www.BnBFinder.com](http://www.BnBFinder.com)), one of the world's most comprehensive bed and breakfast directories, based the award on independent reviews and guest preferences posted to the site. The Guest Favorite award is the highest distinction awarded by BnBFinder. "Guests at Blessings on State gave it high marks for the exceptional hospitality and attention to detail provided by innkeepers Gwenn & Glenn Eyer," according to Mary White, founder and CEO of BnBFinder. For more information on the local bed & breakfast, go to [www.BlessingsOnState.com](http://www.BlessingsOnState.com).

**HOME INSTEAD SENIOR CARE** announces the success of the "Be a Santa to A Senior" program. This past holiday season Home Instead Senior Care's Jerseyville and Jacksonville offices collected 131 names of seniors in the community who were less fortunate and might not receive a gift. Home Instead Senior Care worked with primarily non-for-profit organizations to collect those names. Cindy Cannon, Home Instead Senior Care community service representative, reported that every senior received a gift. A special thank you goes to families who purchased items for seniors and to the businesses who participated in the program. Those having a "Be a Santa to a Senior" Tree and serving as drop-off locations for gifts included JCH Wellness Center, Mt. Mid-America Credit Union in Jerseyville and

**KELLY ROTHERING** is the new administrator of Prairie Village Healthcare Center. She was born in Alma, Wis. and raised in Winchester, IL. Kelly has been a nurse since 1979, as an LPN and continuing on to graduate from LLCC in 1989 with her RN degree. Kelly has been with Prairie Village Healthcare since 2004 where she has held many positions. Kelly enjoys spending time with her daughter, Kayla and her granddaughter, Myah.



**ROTARY'S** 11th Annual Valentines Dinner/Dance will be Feb. 8. Advanced tickets are \$30/ person. The event includes a full meal and the live band "Big Shake Daddies". Order tickets on line at [www.jacksonvillerotary.org](http://www.jacksonvillerotary.org) or call Nancy Thorsen 217-371-1541.

**THE JACKSONVILLE AREA CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU (JACVB)** recently announced the hire of Mrs. Brittany Henry as its executive director. Mrs. Henry has nearly six years of experience with the bureau, beginning as an intern before becoming an assistant, assistant director and interim executive director. A graduate of Illinois College, Mrs. Henry holds a bachelor's degree in communications. In the past, Mrs. Henry also worked as an Inside Sales Representative for DOT Foods, Inc. A Jacksonville resident, she and her husband, Brett, are the parents of one son, Parker. She has worked part-time at Lonzerotti's Italian Restaurant for ten years. Henry will replace Patty Anderson, who resigned in

**HOBBY HORSE HOUSE CHILD WELFARE** of Jacksonville has announced that Lecie Mann Brannan is the new executive director. She graduated from Illinois College with her BA in sociology & her Master's of Social Work from St. Louis University. Lecie & her husband, Andy, reside in rural Winchester with their two children. Hobby Horse House has also announced several upcoming events as part of its fundraising campaign. On Feb. 1 Hobby Horse House will participate in Imagine Foundation's Downtown Gallery Hop at On the Wall Framing on the southwest corner of the downtown square. Feb. 4 is Pizza Hut's "Help us Raise Some Dough" from 4-8 p.m. with coupons available at Hobby Horse House located at 208 S. Mauvaisterre. March 2 is a bowling tournament at Jacksonville's Bowl Inn beginning at 4:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are available at Hobby Horse House. For more information on these events call 243-7708.

**THE 64TH ANNUAL KIWANIS ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE & SAUSAGE DAY** will be held Monday, March 11, at MacMurray College's McClelland Dining Hall from 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. Express drive-thru service is being offered between 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Those using the drive-through are asked to enter the east drive of Rount Catholic High School with pick-up being on the west side of the Rount Gym. Advance tickets are \$6 and can be purchased at County Market, The Source, and through any Kiwanis member. Tickets are available at the door for \$7. Children 5 and under eat free with a paying adult. For more information or ticket

**MACMURRAY COLLEGE** welcomes Colin Kuchy to its staff as the new admissions counselor. Kuchy earned his bachelor's in sports management and marketing from St. Ambrose University in Davenport, IA, and received his master's in business management from Webster University in Webster Groves, MO. At MacMurray, Kuchy will be responsible for helping determine students' eligibility for entrance to MacMurray College. The Nashville, TN native lives in Winchester with his wife.



**THE SEARCH** is on for Jacksonville's outstanding senior volunteers. The *Salute to Senior Service*™ program, sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care, honors the contributions of adults 65 and older who give at least 15 hours a month of volunteer service to their favorite causes. The Jacksonville Home Instead office is seeking local nominations. Following the nomination phase which runs Feb. 1 - March 13, the public will be invited to vote online for their community honorees. One winner will be selected from each state. Home Instead, Inc. will donate \$500 to each of the state winners' favorite nonprofit organizations and their stories will be posted on the *Salute to Senior Service* Wall of Fame. The winners will be announced in June. For more information visit [www.salutetoseniorservice.com](http://www.salutetoseniorservice.com) or contact the Jacksonville office at (877) 330-9192.

**THE TRI COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE COMMITTEE** is hosting a Cancer Survivor Night