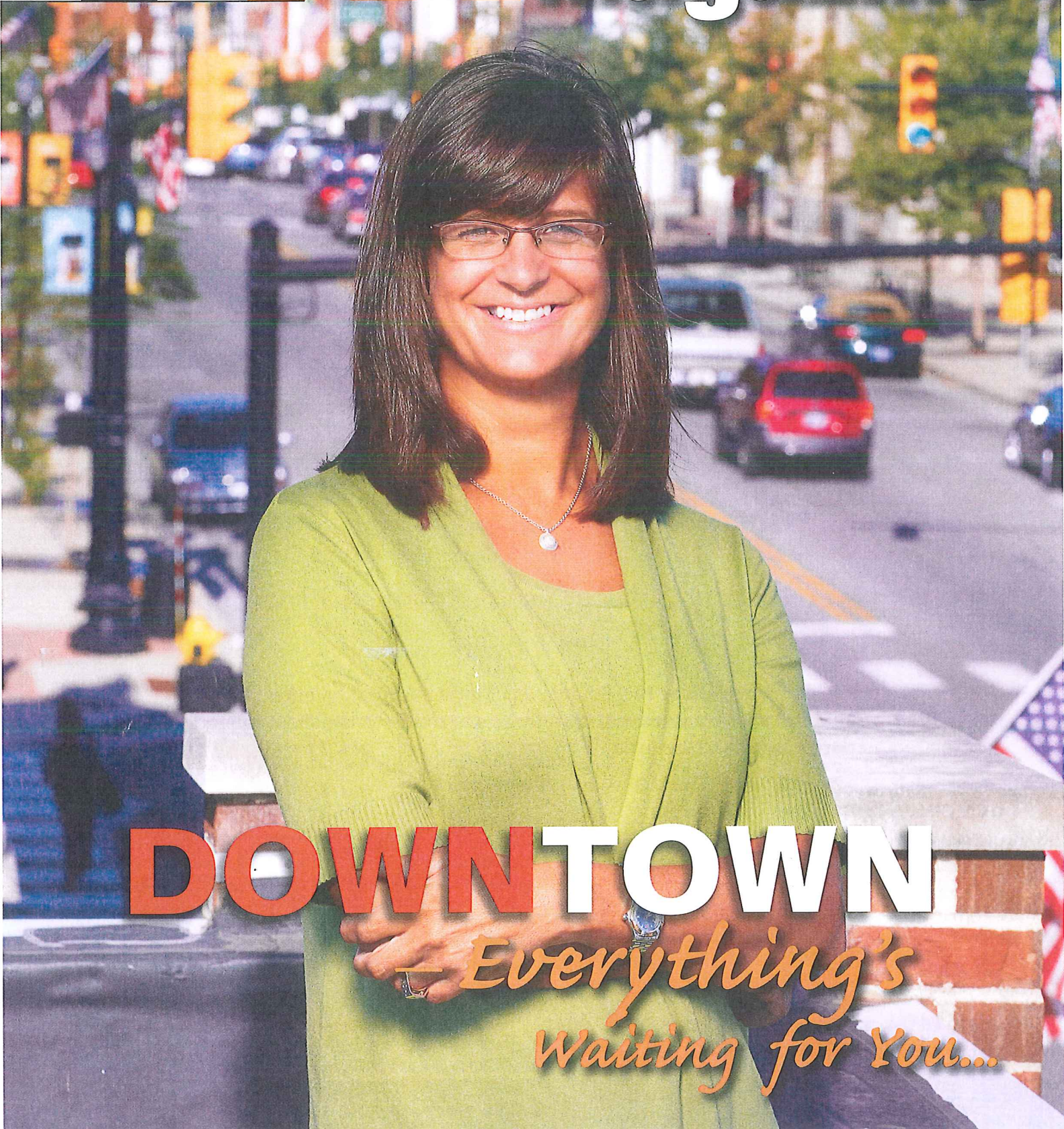


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*— Everything's
Waiting for You...*

Around Town is an important element to the local business coverage of *Valparaiso Magazine*. Submissions by chamber member businesses are given preference. Articles are business announcements – i.e. awards, new additions to staff or promotion of title, and change of business location. Sales promotions, advertisements, or coupon ads may not be accepted. Around Town submissions must be 130 words or less, are subject to approval, and may be edited.

To submit **Around Town** entries, call (219) 462-1105 or send to info@valparaisochamber.org
Attn: Editor.



James P. Anton, of Anton Insurance Agency, Inc., was honored by Certified Risk Managers (CRM) International for leadership and professionalism in the field of risk management. Anton was awarded a certificate of achievement recognizing five consecutive years of active affiliation. The CRM designation requires an annual continuing education update in order to maintain the designation signifying Anton's commitment to advanced knowledge and professional development. **VM**

her clients' objectives, while maintaining a keen understanding of the local market. **VM**

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's Porter County office is pleased to announce Dawn Bernhardt as the Top Selling and Top Volume Sales Associate; and Tami Bianco, Nick Landers, & Melissa Osika as the Top Listing Sales Associates for the

month of August. To contact any of these top producing agents, call (219) 464-3531 or visit the Coldwell Banker sales office at 2110 N. Calumet Ave. **VM**



Bartholomew & Son, Inc., a third-generation family-owned business, is celebrating their 70th year in business serving the commercial, home, auto, life and health insurance needs of clients in Northwest Indiana. Jeffrey A. Bartholomew, CIC, CPCU and President, attributes the company's success to the many loyal clients and the many fine employees it's had over the years. For additional information about Bartholomew & Son services, visit www.bartholomew-insurance.com or call (219) 462-0558. **VM**

The Grossbauer Group is pleased to announce the addition of its newest team member, Alexandra "Alex" Hayes. Alex hails from the Atlanta area, where she graduated cum laude from the Savannah College of Arts and Design. Hayes has established herself as a world class graphic designer while working with corporate clients in the Atlanta area to support branding, marketing, and advertising initiatives. She will be responsible for graphic design elements of a multitude of projects for both print and web applications. Hayes may be reached at alex@ggnet.net or by calling 926-1000 x-211. **VM**



Housing Opportunities, Inc. recently recognized Amanda Gano and Cindy Standiford with Porter-Starke's Patient Care & Advocacy Awards for their work with the families of Spring Valley Shelter. Valpo-based nonprofit Housing Opportunities serves both the homeless and those at-risk of homelessness. Housing Opportunities, along with Porter-Starke Services, has been managing the Spring Valley Shelter since August 1 and hopes to purchase



Linda M. Zyla, sales professional with **Century 21 Alliance Group,** was recently awarded the "Century 21 Pacesetter Gold" Award for outstanding sales achievement and performance. This national award honors individual sales associates for their mid-year accomplishments. According to Broker Jeanne Sommer, Zyla is an important part of the company's success by working hard to achieve

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the facility once owned by Christian Community Action. For more information on Housing Opportunities, please contact Kevin Feldman, Director of Resource Development at (219) 548-2800, ext. 305. **VM**



The Alliance for Affordable Services has named Porter County agent Trish Ramirez with **Inspire Insurance Solutions** one of its Top 150 representatives for the second quarter of 2010. The Alliance leverages the strength of numbers to help self-employed small business owners, individuals and families save money on health, business and personal benefits. For additional information, contact Ramirez at (219) 246-7369. **VM**

Marc T. Nielsen Interiors is proud to announce the addition of Tiffany Reppen as Operations Manager. Reppen, who has over eight years of business management experience, manages the daily operations, focusing on building client relationships and working with the Marc T. Nielsen team on project management. To learn more about Marc T. Nielsen Interiors and the services offered, please visit www.marctnielseninteriors.com or call (219) 462-9812. **VM**



Bill Trowbridge has been named President/CEO of **Opportunity Enterprises (OE)**. Trowbridge joins OE with seven years experience in the banking industry, including three years as Vice President of the Personal Asset Management Group at 1st



Source Bank Valparaiso. He also worked for four years as a Gift Planning Officer for Valparaiso University, and has served on the OE Board of Directors since 2005. A licensed attorney, Trowbridge has a law degree from Valparaiso University School of Law, and an MBA from Purdue University. He also served in the United States Marine Corps for four years. Trowbridge's work will focus largely on

maintaining the agency's high standards for quality, and continuing its history of innovation and growth. Trowbridge resides with his wife Melanie and two young sons in Valparaiso. **VM**

The Indiana Association of Homes & Services for the Aging (IAHSA) presented **Pines Village Retirement Communities** with two Excellence Awards at the annual state conference held in Indianapolis. The Excellence Awards celebrate dedicated individuals and organizations who have improved the quality of life for older Hoosiers. Pines Village received the "Excellence in Service" Award recognizing the organization for programs and services that are models of innovation and excellence and that contribute significantly to the quality of life of the residents and the quality of work life of the employees. The "Excellence in Care" Award was presented to Pines Village employee, Joel Fabugais, in honor of his caring commitment to preserving the dignity, well-being and independence of residents and his contributions that have enhanced the workplace. **VM**



ServiceMaster by Monroe Restoration announces



Steve Willis as their new General Manager. He brings 18 years of experience in fire and water restoration, disaster recovery, indoor air quality and HVAC ventilation system inspection and cleaning. Of note is Steve's experience in 14 major catastrophe events that include the Oklahoma City bombing recovery, 9/11, and Hurricane Katrina where he worked on a FEMA joint task force. He is certified by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and FEMA and has performed training and presented to IFMA, BOMA, ASHRAE, IAQA, and NADCA. He has published articles on property disaster recovery and indoor air quality, and is the national certification instructor for the National Air Duct Cleaners Association. **VM >>**