Welcome To Our Newest Members

Midland Davis Corporation
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Rikki Wallace, office manager
Business hours: Monday - Friday 7:30am - 4:00pm, Saturday 7:30am - 12:00pm

Midland Davis Corporation is a recycling center that meets a variety of needs for businesses and the community. They offer buyback services, confidential shredding, resale, and curbside recycling. Also, for local businesses, Midland offers a one time, ongoing, or on call business recycling and office "de-clutter" services. Midland is currently processing the City of Pekin Curbside Recycling Program. This and many other recycling services are offered at Midland Davis Corporation.

Gateway Foundation,
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(309) 346-7800
www.recovergateway.org
Drey Church, clinical supervisor

Gateway Foundation is the largest provider of drug rehab and alcohol treatment in Illinois. The dedicated staff will be with you throughout drug rehab and treatment. You and your family will receive the guidance and support necessary for lasting recovery.

Business After Hours Held

Herget Bank was the host of the November Business After Hours. A huge crowd of chamber members and their guests showed up at their downtown Pekin office to enjoy their hospitality.

You can see pix of these and other chamber events at: picasaweb.google.com/PekinChamber
Chamber Calendar of Events

Chamber events calendar and committee meeting schedules are online:

Visit our website @ www.pekinchamber.com

Use the drop down box for Chamber Resources

Click the Calendar

December 14 – Puttin’ on Pekin
December 19 – Ambassador’s Meeting
December 24 – Christmas Eve (Chamber Closed)
December 25 – Christmas Day (Chamber Closed)
December 26,27,28 – Limited Chamber Office Hours
December 31 – New Year’s Eve (Chamber Closed)
January 1 – New Year’s Day (Chamber Closed)

December 5 – Pekin 1st Committee
December 5 – Executive Board Meeting
December 6 – Business After Hours
December 12 – Member Promotion Committee
December 12 – Transportation Committee
December 13 – Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Past Presidents Christmas Party

Reservations Appreciated
346-2106 or email us at info@pekinchamber.com

Don’t miss this opportunity to network with fellow chamber members and community leaders. You’ll also enjoy refreshments, door prizes and tours or information from our hosts.

The Grand Victorian
2700 S. 14th
Pekin, IL

Business After Hours
December 6th
4:30 - 6:00 pm
The Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce announces the 15th annual R. David Tebben Community Leadership Academy for future leaders in the Pekin Area. The mission of the Academy is “To identify, inform and educate existing and emerging leaders of the local community, and to motivate them toward leadership responsibilities by exposing them to the realities, opportunities and challenges of the local community.” Features of this year’s Academy include:

- Thought-provoking discussions led by Pekin leaders
- Informative field trip and tours
- Networking opportunities

Here’s why employers keep sending their employees...

The Chamber does a great job of scheduling speakers, field trips, & projects so that my employee’s knowledge about what is happening in the community is expanded and better applied here at work. By choosing to attend or send an employee through the Leadership Academy, you will be surprised at how much new information and the number of great ideas they will bring back to your business. And perhaps the greatest benefit is the networking opportunity that presents itself by just attending the academy. — Skip Schermerhorn—President & CEO of Herget Bank

The leadership academy has been a very positive experience for our family and staff. Not only have the classes and tours provided an interesting behind the scenes look at the major businesses and community organizations in Pekin, but our leadership academy involvement has been a catalyst to involving our staff in community projects and concerns. With many new friendships made along the way, it’s a win/win for both the employee and the employer. — D. Neale “Buster” Hanley—Director Preston Hanley-Funeral Homes & Crematory, LLC

Here’s what recent graduates said about their experience...

I was impressed with the format, speakers and variety of topics foundational to successful community service and leadership. Through this program, I gained understanding of my community that simply would not be experienced without enrolling in the R. David Tebben Community Leadership Academy. — Melanie Long, Class of 2012, McDaniels Marketing

The Leadership Academy exceeded my expectations. I learned a great deal about the city of Pekin, but more importantly, I learned what leadership means and what type of leader I wanted to be. — Chip Hill, Class of 2011, South Side Trust & Savings Bank

Although I don’t live in Pekin, the Leadership Academy helped me build a sense of pride in the community that I work in. It was wonderful to see such strong businesses with very dedicated, diverse leaders. It’s an opportunity I’m glad I took advantage of and would recommend it to anyone living or working in the Pekin community. — Brent Morgan, Class of 2010, Timbercreek Rehab and Health Care

The Leadership Academy was a great experience for me. Having grown up in Pekin, it was eye-opening to see how diverse the local economy in Pekin truly is. It was a great networking opportunity and gave me an idea of what is possible in our area. — Scott Kriegsman. Class of 2010, Elliff, Keyser, Oberle & Dancey, PC

The Academy will be held for 10 consecutive weeks, usually on Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 7am til 9am. Academy runs January 10th to March 21st. Call the Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce, 346-2106 for an application. Enrollment is limited to 24 participants. Application deadline is December 7th.
Christmas On Court
November 30, 2012

Tis The Season

Christmas Extravaganza
2012

You Could Win $150 In Gift Certificates!

Nov. 16th 4-8 p.m.; Nov. 17th 10-6 p.m.; Nov. 18th 12-4 p.m.

Door Prizes!

The Kountry Nook
Gifts & Craft Mall
212 N. Capitol
(309) 353-9009

Spirits of the Past Antiques
215 N. 5th St.
366-7600

Speakeasy Art Center
333 Court St.
(309) 267-2058

Artistic Flowers
1712 Court St.
353-4120

AJ’s Resell & Gift Shop
712 Dairy St.
(309) 642-5161

PEEK IN POTTERY
433 Court St.
(309) 642-6035

Pick up your card at your 1st shop and have it punched at each shop. After you get it punched at all 6 shops, leave it at your final shop. Your card will be entered into a drawing to be held on Sunday for a $150 in gift cards. ($25 from each shop)

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Pekin’s sales tax disbursement received from the state in November was 15.3% more than November of 2011.

Pekin’s sales tax disbursements received from the state for the last 3 months were 5.9% greater than the same three months in 2011.

The other three large communities on the east side of the Illinois River showed mixed results in sales tax disbursements received in November, compared to November of 2011: Morton (-7.4%), East Peoria (+1.8%), and Washington (+5.1%)

For the 12-months ending in November, all four communities showed an increase in sales tax receipts from the state, compared to the 12-months ending in November of 2011: East Peoria (+13.3%), Pekin (+5.9%), Morton (+4.6%), and Washington (+3.1%)

The number of residential units sold in the 61554 zip code in the first 10 months of 2012 was 3.3% greater than the same period in 2011.

The other large Tazewell County communities are showing large increases in residential unit sales for the first ten months of 2012, compared to 2011: East Peoria (+40.0%), Washington (+30.8%), and Morton (+26.6%)

The average sales price of residential units in the 61554 zip code for the first ten months of 2012 is $108,030. That is a 3.3% increase over the same period in 2011.

The average sales price of residential units in the other large Tazewell communities is also up compared to the first ten months of 2011: Morton (+11.8%), East Peoria (+3.7%), and Washington (+2.7%).

The unemployment rate in Pekin in October fell to 8.2%, which is down slightly from 8.3% in September of 2012 and 9.6% in October of 2011.

The October unemployment rate in the Peoria region stood at 7.7%, down from October 2011’s rate of 8.3%.

The number of people employed in Pekin in October was 16,494, which is 107 (-0.6%) less than the employment level in October of 2011.

Nationally, the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 7.9% at the end of October. Total nonfarm employment increase by 171,000, mostly in professional and business services, health care, and retail trade.

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.1 percent in October on a seasonally adjusted basis. Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 2.2 percent before seasonal adjustment.

McDaniels Healthcare Marketing Group, a marketing firm headquartered in Pekin, Ill., recently received four Pinnacle Awards as part of the annual conference for the Illinois Society for Healthcare Marketing and Public Relations (ISHMPR). Randall McDaniels, president, and Lynda Senkpiel, marketing and public relations specialist, accepted the awards on behalf of the agency’s clients and creative/public relations team.

Alzheimer’s Association Support Group will meet from 2:30-4 p.m. on Tuesdays from Dec. 4 – Feb. 12 at the Alzheimer’s Association-Central Illinois Chapter office, 606 W. Glen Ave., Peoria. The deadline to register is Dec. 3.

The Alzheimer’s Association-Central Illinois Chapter is proud to announce that its 2012 Chapter Ornament is now available. These limited edited, blown glass ornaments are handcrafted by Peoria artist Hiram Toraason.

Focus Forward CI is a top-down/bottom-up asset-based economic development strategy designed to engage all populations in a regional effort to transform mindset, economic performance, environment and leadership in Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford and Mason Counties. You can learn more about this process by visiting: http://www.focusforwardci.com/

The Peoria Rivermen have announced the Holiday Pack for the 2012-13 season! This year’s package includes 10 undated vouchers good for any game in the 2012-13 regular season, and an autographed Rivermen puck! Purchase before the end of November and receive two free tickets to our Fan Appreciation Night on Saturday, April 20th game vs. Charlotte Checkers!

Mashie’s Pub and Eatery invites you to plan your next holiday event with them. Mashie’s offers various menu selections and venues for hosting your party. With the holiday season right around the corner, call today to reserve a date and time for your event.

Ribbon Cuttings Successful

Infinite Success and Coffee Beans and Cuisine recently took advantage of their Chamber membership and had ribbon cutting ceremonies to celebrate their openings. Infinite Success was born out of a call for something more than the normal networking group that provides an opportunity to deliver business cards and elevator speeches. Coffee Beans & Cuisine is located in the "coffee hut" in the Food Depot parking lot, close to the intersection of Court & Parkway. They are a small drive-through that offers a large menu, with outdoor seating offered when the weather is nice.
MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Thanks to the following members who recently renewed their investment in the Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce:

Acorn Properties and Investments LLC ~ Allen & Associates
Baumgarten Distributors ~ Beck’s Convenience Store
The Harvest Café ~ Illinois Corn Processing ~ Jake’s Place
Jost, Becker & Jost ~ KCB Information Services
Lewis Industries ~ Lloyd Orrick ~ Pekin Lions Club
San Juan Pools & Spas ~ Schwartz Electric Company
Security Finance ~ Sun Valley Subdivision
The Unique Twist ~ Wal-Mart
Whiz Kidz Academy - Childcare & Preschool Center
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Skip Schermerhorn, Herget Bank

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- Daryl Dagit, Savant Capital Management
- Amy Darling, Pekin Insurance
- Paula Davis, Pekin Community High School District #303
- John Dennison, Ray Dennison Chevrolet
- Greg Henderson, Henderson Funeral Home
- Scott Kriegsman, Elliff, Dancey & Bosich, PC
- Andrew Lockwood, Pekin Community Bank
- Courtney Moessner, Tazewell County
- Brent Morgan, Timbercreek Rehab & Health Care
- Tee Rynerson, Jim Maloof Realtor
- Becky Saban, BodyWealth Massage
- Paul Scherer, Heartland Bank and Trust Company
- Mark VanderLinden, Pekin Hospital
- Laurie Barra, Mayor, City of Pekin

AMBASSADORS
- John Abel, Preston Hanley Funeral Homes and Crematory
- Angie Atherton, McDaniels Marketing Communications
- Daryl Dagit, Savant Capital Management
- Amy Darling, Pekin Insurance
- Brittany Dorf, Pekin Community Bank
- Zak Ehrmantraut, Springleaf Financial Services
- Arlene Heine-Meyer, World Wide Travel
- Chip Hill, South Side Bank
- Cathy Lusch, Herget Bank
- Stacey Mutchler, Harbor Light Hospice
- Christie Perry, Pekin Hospital
- Amanda Rogy, Amanda’s Closet
- Les Rosiere, Individual Member
- Becky Saban, BodyWealth Massage
- Paul Scherer, Heartland Bank and Trust Company
- Joe Shehorn, Unland Companies
- Robin Thomas, Chemtura Agrosolutions
- Teresa Ann Tucker, Individual Member
- David Vaupel, Preston Hanley Funeral Homes and Crematory
- Milissa Welborn, Busey Bank
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