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Women

IN BUSINESS

Robin Heldman

DIRECT CONNECT PRINTING & DIGITAL SERVICES
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Direct Connect Printing & Digital Services is locally owned and operated by Robin and Roger Heldman. A full-service printing company, Direct Connect Printing has been providing continued service to Greater Indianapolis for more than 44 years.

The company's services include offset and digital printing, color copying, large format printing, graphic design, binding/finishing, promotional products and apparel.

"Our goal is to be your one-stop shop for design, print and finishing services and promotional marketing products," Robin said. "We work with every customer to help them identify the need for their business and create a solution that is effective and economical."

With more than 61 years of combined experience between the staff, Direct Connect Printing has the knowledge and capability to help your business with any printing project or promotional need.

Robin said the key elements to Direct Connect's continued success are the dedication, pride and commitment of the staff. "We are here to serve and provide the best customer service to each client."

Roger and Robin not only work side by side in the daily operations of their business, but they are involved in several community events. Robin is on the board of directors and marketing committee chairwoman of Fletcher Place Community Center. She and Roger have a strong faith in the vision of Fletcher Place and take great pride in helping promote that mission while assisting with its annual fundraiser, The Culinary Collage, which will take place May 20 at the University of Indianapolis.

Robin serves on the Gateway Community Alliance board of directors and volunteers on the Solndy Madison Avenue Corridor Team. Robin and Roger are also members of the Greater Southport Business Alliance.

"Please stop by or visit Direct Connect Printing online and see what we have to offer in the area of print solutions," Robin said.



Dawn Whalen

WHALEN REALTY GROUP

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Dawn Whalen (front) is seen with (from left) Annette Reynolds, Samantha Evans and Karen Greathouse-Heinzelman.

Dawn Whalen, a Realtor for more than 10 years, runs her independent real estate company. Dawn said she loves to assist people who are looking to buy, sell or build a home. "I offer consultations on buying and selling, and I help clients determine what will work best for their situations," said Dawn, who has added three ladies to her team. "I have a passion for helping others, and I am always up for a challenge."

When not working, she can be found spending time with her grandson. She also likes to travel.

Dawn said she believes in always being the best she can be and working hard to accomplish her goals.

"I am a strong believer in the golden rule, and I feel that it is important to treat everyone the same."

Kim Hightower

KIM'S KAKERY, BAKERY & CAFE
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Kim's Kakery employees include (from left) Melody Houpt, team leader; Genesis Ortiz, cake supervisor; Kim Hightower, owner; and Tracy Whitaker, cake consultant and supervisor.

Kim's Kakery, Bakery & Cafe is a full-service bakery founded on quality and customer service. We offer a diverse daily menu of cakes, cupcakes, pastries, cookies, muffins, cake truffles, bread and a lunch menu that features from-scratch soups and sandwiches built on our fresh bread.

During the holidays we introduce seasonal favorites; in the fall we offer pumpkin rolls, pies and coffee cakes in the case and for special orders. We specialize in custom decorated cakes for all occasions and designs for any budget, from simple to lavish. If you are looking for fresh, artisan dinner rolls, pies, breads and desserts for the holidays, make sure to call and place your orders soon.

One of the core tenets of our business is community outreach. Since opening seven years ago we have made it a point to get involved with as much of the community as we can. One of the biggest priorities each year is our giving tree during the holidays. Our staff and customers pull together donations - ranging from toys to clothing to grocery gift cards - to help ensure holiday meals for needy families. We sponsor a number of families each year and love sharing the joy of the season with them.

Our business has received a number of awards, including Best in Indy for eclairs in 2013 and Best Taste at the 2015 Indianapolis Art Center ArtSparkle event. We are also the premiere cake vendor for The Sanctuary on Penn and the Blitwell Event Center.

We want to thank all of our regular customers for the giving that they do during the holiday season and for your continued support of our business.



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Kridan Business Equipment and Hartman Janitorial Supply have been serving area businesses, churches and schools for more than 43 years and have called 824 E. Troy Ave. home for the same amount of time.

Kridan Business Equipment is a distributor for Royal Copystar digital copiers and Lexmark machines. Kridan's service department repairs most copiers and even typewriters, as well as fax machines.

Hartman Janitorial Supply provides quality rest room, janitorial, paper and floor care products and equipment.

The staff prides itself with prompt and courteous service and strives to ensure that customers' office products and janitorial supplies are of top quality and delivered on time at a more-than-fair price.



The friendly staff includes (from left) customer service representatives Nancy Bacon, Rhonda Rutledge and Norma Snyder and Caity Locander, office manager.

Teresa Black & Melissa Hettinger

SLEEPY HOLLOW PET RANCH

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Teresa Black has owned and operated Sleepy Hollow Pet Ranch since 1986 and is a graduate of the University of Indianapolis.

Melissa Hettinger, operations manager, has associates degrees in marketing and business. She has trained dogs for more than 30 years.

Emily Black Morning, daughter of Teresa, is a certified feline master groomer (one of only three in Indiana) and a graduate of Roncalli and the National Cat Groomers Institute of America.

Jamie Fleener is our Pet Care Supervisor. Her background in nursing helps identify and quickly solve any problems that may arise. Her compassion makes her the perfect fit for our Sleepy Hollow family.



Operations Manager Melissa Hettinger, Owner Teresa Black and Pet Care Supervisor Jamie Fleener. Not pictured: Emily Black Morning.

Wendi Cambridge & Nikki Phillips
CAMBRIDGE TRANSMISSIONS

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Nikki Phillips (left) and Wendi Cambridge. Misty Supple is not pictured.

"We work on just about anything with a transmission: cars, vans, heavy- and light-duty trucks, motor homes, off-road and industrial equipment, backhoes, loaders, etc," Wendi Cambridge said. "We also specialize in Allison and PTO changeovers and much more."

Wendi says she loves working with her family and dad. "It is a great experience to see long-time customers and meet new ones. Since we moved to this location on Kopetsky Drive, we have made a lot of new and hopefully long-term customers. It's just fun to be here. On weekends I love to relax by fishing and spending times outdoors."

Nikki Phillips, who echoes Wendi's thoughts about the business, loves motorcycling, the outdoors and spending time with her grandchildren.

Misty Supple handles the advertising and marketing aspects of the business.



Nan Ruark

Alpha Records & Music

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Nan Ruark has been a music collector since the 1940s, a resident of Perry Township since 1935, an educator in Perry Township Schools for 20 years and a homeowner in Perry Manor since 1959.

Nan and her husband, Gerald, started promoting music collectors shows in 1983 and operated the Alpha Records Music Store at Madison Avenue and Southport Road in the 1990s.

Alpha Records & Music promotes six shows a year at La Quinta Inn on Victory Drive, where music lovers can find - in addition to recorded music in all formats - books, magazines, posters and other related items. The next show runs from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19.

Nan and Gerald also promote shows in four other Midwestern cities. In addition, Alpha has a significant presence on www.discogs.com, where LPs, CDs and other music items are listed for sale.



Nan Ruark with her husband, Gerald.

Kathy Bunch

GLAMOUR PETS GROOMING SALON
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Glamour Pets Grooming Salon is owned by Kathy Bunch and her husband, Gary, who celebrated their 23rd year in business in April.

The couple have been married for 30 years and launched their business behind Long's Bakery in 1994, before moving to their present site at 5201 Madison Ave.

Complete grooming services are offered, including a bath and nails or nails only. "If you drop your dog off here, it will be treated to a special spa day," Kathy and Gary said.

Once a dog has been groomed, it's not put in a cage. Instead, it's leashed to its private sofa. And all dogs get bandanas with matching bows.

The salon is open until 7 p.m. to accommodate dog owners who work late.



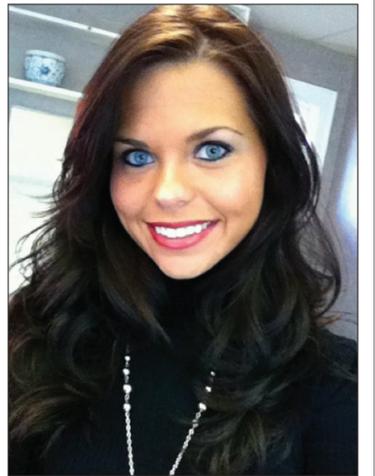
Owner Kathy Bunch with her dog, Coco.

Rikki Atwood

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As executive assistant and monument specialist at G.H. Herrmann Funeral homes, things can get pretty busy at our three locations. I spend a lot of my time behind a desk working on our advertising, fielding calls and keeping our pre-need accounts up-to-date, among a variety of other things.

The most rewarding part of my job is helping families design headstones for themselves or loved ones. This can be such a personal and emotional time in one's life, and it's an honor to help them with their lasting memorial.

After graduating in 2009 from Ohio University with a degree in communication sciences and a minor in psychology, I never pictured myself working in the funeral home industry, but it isn't a decision I regret. From clients who have become friends to co-workers who are like family, I truly love my job.

Kelly Sawyers, Denise Summers & Barbie Overbeck

SOUTHSIDER VOICE NEWSPAPER

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Owned since February 2009 by Publisher Kelly Sawyers, *The Southsider Voice* is a weekly newspaper that covers local sports, education, community news and events while featuring human interest stories and columns like "Kelly's Korner," "Car Nutz," Fred Shonk's "Personal Recollections" and B. Scott Mohr's "Reminiscing," which takes readers back in time.

"Because the paper is filled with such positive news, the biggest problem we have is keeping the shelves full at our 400-plus dropoff locations, Kelly said. "But that's a good problem to have."

She extends a gracious thanks to her staff and contributors for helping with the magic each week.

The *Voice* is home to the Car Nutz cruise-ins, which are held the first Fridays of May through October. The shows have become a popular event, and they attract car enthusiasts from all over. Sponsors provide food for the guests, and a disc jockey plays fun music.

When Editor Denise Summers retired, the reins were turned over to B. Scott Mohr, who has worked with Kelly for more than 25 years. Denise has returned one day a week as a graphic artist and helps with special projects.

Barbie Overbeck stepped in when her mom, Robin Graves, retired last November.

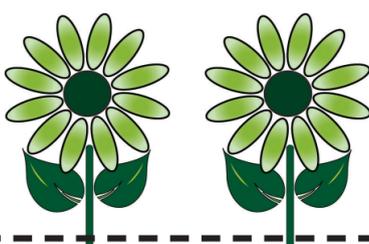


The gals at The Voice include Barbie Overbeck (sitting), Kelly Sawyers (left) and Denise Summers.



Kelly, pictured with Robin Graves prior to her retirement.

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